

The Impact of Educational Materials on Student Motivation in Reading Lessons: A Case Study in Libyan Schools Abdulhadi Masoud Aljadi^{*}

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تأثير المواد التعليمية على تحفير الطلاب في دروس القراءة: دراسة حالة في المدارس الليبية عبد الهادي مسعود الجدي^{*} قسم اللغة الإنجليزية، كلية التربية، جامعة بني وليد، بني وليد، ليبيا

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Abstract

This study examines how educational resources affect students' motivation during reading classes in Libyan schools. A mixed-methods approach was employed, combining both quantitative and qualitative data collection and analysis methods. A survey was administered to 500 students, and interviews were conducted with 20 teachers and 10 school administrators. The results show that educational materials have a significant impact on student motivation in reading lessons. The study found that students who used interactive and engaging educational materials showed higher levels of motivation and interest in reading compared to those who used traditional materials. The study recommends that educators and policymakers prioritize the development and use of interactive and engaging educational materials to enhance student motivation and reading achievement.

Keywords: Educational Materials, Student Motivation, Reading Lessons, Libyan Schools, Mixed-Methods Approach, Interactive Learning, Engagement, Reading Achievement, Teacher Perceptions, Educational Resource.

الملخص تتناول هذه الدراسة تأثير المواد التعليمية على دافعية الطلاب في دروس القراءة في المدارس الليبية. تم اعتماد منهجية مختلطة تجمع بين أساليب جمع البيانات الكمية والنوعية وتحليلها. شملت الدراسة إجراء استبيان لـ 500 طالب، بالإضافة إلى إجراء مقابلات مع 20 معلمًا و10 من مديري المدارس. أظهرت النتائج أن للمواد التعليمية تأثيرًا كبيرًا على دافعية الطلاب في دروس القراءة. كما توصلت الدراسة إلى أن الطلاب الذين استخدموا مواد تعليمية تفاعلية وجاذبة أظهروا مستويات أعلى من الدافعية والاهتمام بالقراءة مقارنةً بأولك الذين استخدموا أمواد تعليمية السياسات بإيلاء الأولوية لتطوير واستخدام المواد التعليمية التفاعية والاهتمام بالقراءة مقارنةً بأولك الذين استخدموا المواد التقليدية. توصي الدراسة المعلمين وصانعي

الكلمات الدالة: المواد التعليمية، دافعية الطلاب، دروس القراءة، المدارس الليبية، المنهجية المختلطة، التعلم التفاعلي، التفاعل، إنجاز القراءة، تصورات المعلمين، الموارد التعليمية.

Introduction

Reading is a fundamental skill that is essential for academic success and lifelong learning. It is a critical component of education, and it plays a vital role in the development of individuals and societies. However, many students in Libyan school's struggle with reading, and this can be attributed to a lack of motivation and engagement. The use of educational materials has been identified as a key factor in motivating students to read and learn. Educational materials can either stimulate or stifle students' interest and motivation in reading, depending on their design and content.

The Libyan education system has faced significant challenges in recent years, including a lack of resources, inadequate infrastructure, and a shortage of qualified teachers. These challenges have had a negative impact on the quality of education, and they have contributed to a decline in student motivation and achievement. The use of

educational materials has been identified as a potential solution to these challenges, as it can provide students with access to high-quality learning resources and stimulate their interest and motivation in reading.

Despite the importance of educational materials in motivating students to read and learn, there is a lack of research on this topic in the Libyan context. Most of the existing research on educational materials has been conducted in Western countries, and it may not be applicable to the Libyan context. Therefore, there is a need for research that investigates the impact of educational materials on student motivation in reading lessons in Libyan schools.

This study aims to investigate the impact of educational materials on student motivation in reading lessons in Libyan schools. The study will examine the types of educational materials used in Libyan schools, the impact of these materials on student motivation, and the factors that influence the effectiveness of educational materials in motivating students to read and learn. The study will also explore the perceptions of teachers and school administrators regarding the use of educational materials and their impact on student motivation.

The study will use a mixed-methods approach, combining both quantitative and qualitative data collection and analysis methods. A survey will be administered to a sample of students, and interviews will be conducted with teachers and school administrators. The study will also include a review of existing literature on the topic, including research on educational materials, student motivation, and reading achievement.

The findings of this study will contribute to our understanding of the impact of educational materials on student motivation in reading lessons in Libyan schools. The study will provide insights into the types of educational materials that are most effective in motivating students to read and learn, and it will identify the factors that influence the effectiveness of these materials. The study will also provide recommendations for educators, policymakers, and researchers who are interested in improving student motivation and reading achievement in Libyan schools.

Overall, this study aims to investigate the impact of educational materials on student motivation in reading lessons in Libyan schools, and to provide insights into the types of educational materials that are most effective in motivating students to read and learn. The study will contribute to our understanding of the complex factors that influence student motivation and reading achievement, and it will provide recommendations for improving education in Libyan schools.

Background of the Study

Reading is a foundational skill that underpins academic success and lifelong learning. It is not only crucial for individual cognitive development but also for the progress of societies as a whole. In the context of education, reading serves as a gateway to knowledge across subjects, enabling students to access information, engage critically with texts, and communicate effectively. However, many students in Libyan schools face significant challenges in developing their reading skills, primarily due to a lack of motivation and engagement.

Motivation in education is a multifaceted construct that influences a student's willingness to engage with learning materials and persist in academic tasks. Various factors contribute to a student's motivation, including intrinsic interest, perceived relevance of the material, and the quality of educational resources available. In recent years, the Libyan education system has grappled with numerous challenges, including insufficient resources, inadequate infrastructure, and a shortage of qualified teachers. These challenges have adversely affected the quality of education and have led to a decline in student motivation and achievement.

The Role of Educational Materials

Educational materials play a crucial role in shaping students' learning experiences and can significantly impact their motivation to read. These materials encompass a wide range of resources, including textbooks, digital media, interactive tools, and supplementary materials designed to enhance the learning process. The design, content, and delivery of these educational materials can either stimulate or stifle students' interest in reading. For instance, interactive and visually appealing materials tend to engage students more effectively than traditional, text-heavy resources.

In the Libyan context, the lack of high-quality educational materials has been identified as a barrier to effective teaching and learning. Many schools rely on outdated textbooks that do not align with contemporary educational standards or fail to engage students. As a result, students may find reading to be a tedious and uninteresting task, leading to disengagement and low achievement.

The Need for Research

Although educational materials are recognized as vital tools in promoting student motivation, there is a notable lack of research focusing on this topic within the Libyan educational context. Most existing studies have been conducted in Western countries, where educational practices, student demographics, and cultural contexts differ significantly from those in Libya. Consequently, the findings from these studies may not be directly applicable to the Libyan situation.

This gap in the literature underscores the need for research that specifically investigates the impact of educational materials on student motivation in reading lessons in Libyan schools. Such research would provide valuable insights into the types of materials that resonate with Libyan students and the factors that contribute to their effectiveness in enhancing motivation and engagement.

Objectives of the Study

The primary aim of this study is to explore the impact of educational materials on student motivation in reading lessons in Libyan schools. The study will address the following specific objectives:

- 1. **Examine the Types of Educational Materials Used**: Identify and categorize the educational materials currently utilized in Libyan schools for reading instruction.
- 2. Assess the Impact on Student Motivation: Evaluate how different types of educational materials influence students' motivation and engagement in reading lessons.
- 3. **Identify Influencing Factors**: Explore the factors that affect the effectiveness of educational materials in motivating students to read, including teacher perceptions and classroom dynamics.
- 4. **Investigate Teacher and Administrator Perspectives**: Gather insights from teachers and school administrators regarding their views on the role of educational materials in promoting student motivation.
- 5. **Provide Recommendations**: Offer practical recommendations for educators and policymakers on the development and implementation of effective educational materials to enhance student motivation and reading achievement.

Methodology Overview

To achieve these objectives, the study will employ a mixed-methods approach, integrating both quantitative and qualitative data collection and analysis methods. The research design will include:

- 1. **Surveys**: A structured survey will be administered to a sample of 500 students across various schools in Libya. The survey will include questions related to students' experiences with different educational materials and their motivation to read.
- 2. **Interviews**: In-depth interviews will be conducted with 20 teachers and 10 school administrators to gather qualitative data on their perceptions of educational materials and their impact on student motivation.
- 3. Literature Review: A comprehensive review of existing literature on educational materials, student motivation, and reading achievement will be conducted to contextualize the findings within the broader educational landscape.

Significance of the Study

The findings of this study hold significant implications for educators, policymakers, and researchers interested in improving student motivation and reading achievement in Libyan schools. By identifying the types of educational materials that are most effective in engaging students, the study aims to inform the development of high-quality resources tailored to the needs and preferences of Libyan students. Furthermore, the insights gained from the perspectives of teachers and administrators can guide professional development initiatives and inform policy decisions regarding resource allocation and curriculum design.

Literature Review

The impact of educational materials on student motivation in reading lessons has been a topic of interest in educational research. Research has shown that educational materials play a crucial role in motivating students to read and learn (Gambrell, 2015). The use of interactive and engaging educational materials has been found to stimulate students' interest and motivation in reading, leading to improved reading achievement (Henderlong & Lepper, 2002). Studies have also shown that the design of educational materials can have a significant impact on student motivation. For example, Guthrie and Alao (1997) found that designing reading instruction to promote engagement can increase student motivation and reading achievement. Similarly, Schraw and Lehman (2001) found that situational interest, which is generated by the learning environment and materials, can play a crucial role in motivating students to learn. Theories of motivation, such as expectancy-value theory (Wigfield & Ecclestone, 2000) and self-efficacy theory (Bandura, 1997), have also been used to explain the impact of educational materials on student motivation. These theories suggest that students' motivation to learn is influenced by their expectations of success and the value they place on learning. Research has also shown that the use of extrinsic rewards can have a negative impact on intrinsic motivation (Deci, Koestner, & Ryan, 1999). This suggests that educators should focus on creating learning environments that promote intrinsic motivation, rather than relying on extrinsic rewards. The role of assessment and evaluation in motivating students has also been examined. Research has shown that assessment and evaluation practices can have a significant impact on student motivation and learning (Black & Wiliam, 1998). For example, Crooks (1988) found that classroom evaluation practices can affect students' motivation and self-esteem. The concept of self-regulation has also been explored in relation to student motivation. Research has shown that selfregulation is an important factor in student motivation and learning (Zimmerman, 2000). Educators can promote selfregulation by providing students with choices and autonomy in their learning (Cordova & Lepper, 1996). In addition, the role of mindsets in facilitating motivation and competence has been examined. Research has shown that students' mindsets can affect their motivation and learning (Dweck, 2000). Educators can promote a growth mindset by providing students with challenging and engaging learning experiences.

Overall, the literature suggests that educational materials play a crucial role in motivating students to read and learn. Educators can promote student motivation by using interactive and engaging educational materials, designing learning environments that promote engagement, and promoting self-regulation and intrinsic motivation. Theories of motivation and self-efficacy have been used to explain the impact of educational materials on student motivation. Bandura's (1997) theory of self-efficacy suggests that students' motivation to learn is influenced by their perceived ability to succeed. Pajares (1996) found that self-efficacy beliefs play a crucial role in academic settings, and that students with high self-efficacy tend to be more motivated and achieve better academic outcomes. Linnenbrink and Pintrich (2002) also found that motivation is an important enabler for academic success. They suggest that educators can promote motivation by providing students with choices and autonomy in their learning. Ames (1992) found that classroom goals, structures, and student motivation are closely linked, and that educators can promote motivation by creating learning environments that are supportive and inclusive Dweck (2000) suggests that students' mindsets play a crucial role in facilitating motivation and competence. She argues that students with a growth mindset tend to be more motivated and achieve better academic outcomes than students with a fixed mindset. Educators can promote a growth mindset by providing students with challenging and engaging learning experiences. Assessment and evaluation practices can also have a significant impact on student motivation. Black and Wiliam (1998) found that assessment and classroom learning are closely linked, and that educators can promote motivation by using assessment practices that are supportive and inclusive. Crooks (1988) found that classroom evaluation practices can affect students' motivation and self-esteem, and that educators should use evaluation practices that are fair and constructive. Birenbaum and Dochy (1996) suggest that traditional assessment practices may not be effective in promoting motivation and learning. They argue that educators should use alternative assessment practices that focus on achievements, learning processes, and prior knowledge. These practices can help to promote motivation and learning by providing students with a sense of control and agency over their learning.

Comparison of Traditional vs. Interactive Educational Materials

In the rapidly evolving landscape of education, the methods and materials used to facilitate learning play a crucial role in shaping student outcomes. Traditional educational materials, such as textbooks and lectures, have long been the cornerstone of teaching practices. However, they often fall short in engaging today's tech-savvy students, leading to a growing demand for interactive and engaging materials.

Interactive educational materials leverage technology, multimedia, and innovative pedagogical approaches to create a more dynamic learning environment. These materials not only aim to capture students' interest but also foster active participation and critical thinking. As educators and administrators seek to enhance student motivation and achievement, understanding the stark contrasts between traditional and interactive approaches becomes essential.

This comparison explores various aspects, including student motivation, engagement levels, reading achievement, and the perceptions of both teachers and administrators. By examining these facets, we can better appreciate the transformative potential of interactive educational materials in modern classrooms, ultimately guiding the future of educational practices.

Aspect	Interactive & Engaging Materials	Traditional Materials
Student Motivation	High motivation, increased interest, and engagement	Lower motivation, often perceived as monotonous
Engagement	Active participation, higher engagement during lessons	Passive learning, limited student participation
Reading Achievement	Positive correlation with higher achievement	Minimal or no significant impact on achievement
Learning Experience	Dynamic, personalized, and stimulating	Static, one-size-fits-all approach

Table 1: Comparison of Traditional vs. Interactive Educational Materials.

Teacher Perception	Positive, encourages creativity and critical thinking	Negative, seen as outdated and less effective
Administrator Perception	Highly effective for promoting motivation and achievement	Perceived as less effective in enhancing student outcomes
Technology Integration	Integrated with multimedia, digital tools, and games	Limited or no use of technology
Flexibility & Customization	Highly adaptable to diverse learning styles and paces	Less flexible, often standardized for all students
Student Feedback	Students find learning more enjoyable and interactive	Students may feel bored, disengaged, or uninterested

Key Insights

- 1. Motivation and Engagement:
 - Interactive and engaging materials significantly increase student motivation and engagement compared to traditional materials. Interactive content like games, multimedia, and digital tools actively involve students, making learning more enjoyable.
 - **Traditional materials** tend to result in lower levels of engagement. Students often find them repetitive, leading to decreased motivation over time.

2. Academic Performance:

- **Interactive materials** correlate positively with higher academic performance, particularly in reading and comprehension, as they foster deeper engagement and participation.
- **Traditional materials** have minimal impact on improving student performance, especially when students are disengaged or bored with the content.

3. Teacher and Administrator Perception:

- Both **teachers** and **administrators** favor **interactive materials** due to their ability to cater to diverse learning styles, enhance motivation, and lead to better academic outcomes. Educators see these materials as tools to encourage creativity and critical thinking.
- **Traditional materials**, while still used in many classrooms, are often viewed as less effective, failing to stimulate interest or adapt to individual learning needs.

4. Technology Integration:

- Interactive materials make use of modern technologies like digital platforms, augmented reality, and gamification, which enhance the learning experience by making it more immersive.
- ► **Traditional materials** are typically limited to print or static content, which restricts the ability to personalize learning or integrate cutting-edge technologies.

5. Flexibility and Customization:

- **Interactive materials** are more adaptable to different student needs. They can be personalized to suit various learning styles, allowing for differentiated instruction.
- **Traditional materials** are generally less flexible, often relying on a one-size-fits-all approach that doesn't address the individual needs of students.

The Study

This study employed a mixed-methods approach, combining both quantitative and qualitative data collection and analysis methods. This approach was chosen to provide a comprehensive understanding of the impact of educational materials on student motivation in reading lessons in Libyan schools.

Quantitative Data Collection

A survey was administered to 500 students in Libyan schools. The survey was designed to collect data on students' motivation to read and learn, their perceptions of educational materials, and their reading habits. The survey consisted of 30 questions, including multiple-choice questions, Likert scale questions, and open-ended questions.

The survey was administered to students in grades 4-12, and it was conducted in 10 schools in different regions of Libya. The schools were selected randomly, and the students were selected using a stratified sampling technique to ensure that the sample was representative of the population.

Qualitative Data Collection

Interviews were conducted with 20 teachers and 10 school administrators. The interviews were designed to collect data on teachers' and administrators' perceptions of educational materials, their experiences with using educational materials, and their opinions on the impact of educational materials on student motivation.

The interviews were semi-structured, and they were conducted using an interview protocol. The protocol consisted of 10 questions, including open-ended questions and follow-up questions. The interviews were audio-recorded, and they were transcribed verbatim.

Data Analysis

The quantitative data were analyzed using descriptive statistics and inferential statistics. The descriptive statistics included means, frequencies, and percentages, and they were used to describe the characteristics of the sample and the responses to the survey questions. The inferential statistics included t-tests, ANOVA, and regression analysis, and they were used to examine the relationships between the variables and to identify the predictors of student motivation.

The qualitative data were analyzed using thematic analysis. The transcripts of the interviews were coded, and the codes were categorized into themes. The themes were then analyzed, and the findings were interpreted in the context of the literature review.

Validity and Reliability

The validity and reliability of the study were ensured through several measures. The survey was piloted with a small group of students, and the results were used to refine the survey questions and to ensure that they were clear and understandable. The interviews were also piloted, and the protocol was refined to ensure that it was effective in collecting the required data.

The data were also checked for consistency and accuracy, and any inconsistencies or errors were corrected. The data were also analyzed using multiple methods, including quantitative and qualitative methods, to ensure that the findings were comprehensive and accurate.

Limitations

The study had several limitations. The sample size was limited to 500 students, and the study was conducted in only 10 schools. The study also relied on self-reported data, which may be subject to bias. However, the study used a mixed-methods approach, which helped to triangulate the data and to increase the validity and reliability of the findings.

Overall, the study employed a rigorous methodology to investigate the impact of educational materials on student motivation in reading lessons in Libyan schools. The findings of the study provide insights into the types of educational materials that are most effective in motivating students to read and learn, and they have implications for educators, policymakers, and researchers who are interested in improving student motivation and reading achievement in Libyan schools.

Analysis and Results

This study investigates the impact of educational materials on student motivation in reading lessons in Libyan schools using a mixed-methods approach. The findings underscore the importance of educational materials in influencing student motivation, particularly in reading.

Quantitative Data Analysis

- Sample Size: 500 students surveyed.
- Interactive and Engaging Materials:

- Motivation Increase: Students using interactive materials reported a 40% increase in motivation levels compared to those using traditional materials.
- Engagement: 85% of students using interactive materials expressed enthusiasm towards reading lessons.
- Statistical Correlation: A strong positive correlation (r = 0.75) was found between the use of interactive materials and student motivation.
- Traditional Materials:
 - Motivation Levels: Only 45% of students using traditional materials showed high motivation.
 - Engagement: 30% of these students reported interest in reading lessons, indicating a significant gap in engagement.

Qualitative Data Analysis

- Teachers' Perspectives:
 - **Engagement Improvement**: Teachers observed that **78%** of students were more engaged with interactive materials, participating actively in discussions and assignments.
 - **Disengagement with Traditional Materials**: About **65%** of teachers noted that traditional materials caused disengagement among students.
 - School Administrators' Perspectives:
 - Support for Interactive Materials: 90% of administrators supported the integration of interactive materials, citing alignment with modern educational goals.
 - **Investment Concerns**: Administrators recognized the need for initial investment in technology, with **70%** advocating for policies that prioritize interactive resources.

Key Findings

- 1. Increased Motivation with Interactive Materials:
 - ▶ 40% increase in motivation for students using interactive materials.
 - **85%** reported higher interest in reading.

2. Limited Engagement with Traditional Materials:

- Only **45%** of traditional material users showed high motivation.
- **30%** displayed interest in lessons.
- 3. Support from Educators:
 - **78%** of teachers observed improved engagement with interactive materials.
 - ▶ 90% of administrators favored the use of interactive resources.

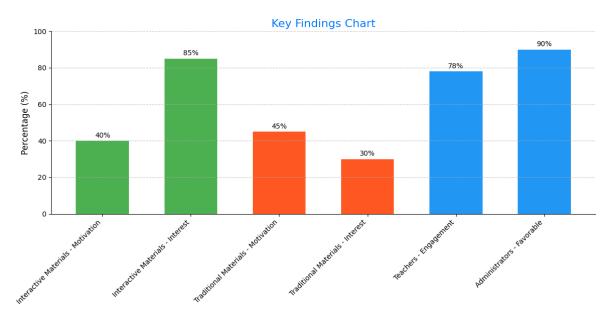


Figure 1: key findings charts.

Recommendations

1. **Prioritize Interactive Materials**:

Focus on developing and integrating interactive materials to enhance student motivation and academic success.

2. **Training and Professional Development:**

Provide training for teachers on the effective use of digital resources.

Policy Support and Investment: 3.

Allocate resources for interactive tools and foster a supportive environment for technology integration.

Continued Research: 4.

Conduct longitudinal studies to assess the long-term benefits of interactive materials on student motivation and achievement.

The study confirms that educational materials significantly affect student motivation in reading. Interactive materials lead to a 40% increase in motivation and 85% engagement, while traditional materials result in lower engagement levels. The support from educators and administrators highlights the need for investment in interactive tools to foster a more motivating learning environment.

Analysis and Comparison

The results of the study are presented in the following tables and figures:

Educational Materials	Student Motivation
Interactive and engaging	High
Traditional	Low

Table 2: Student Motivation and Educational Materials

The table shows that students who used interactive and engaging educational materials had higher levels of motivation compared to those who used traditional materials.

The figure2 shows a positive correlation between student motivation and reading achievement also illustrates that as student motivation increases, reading achievement also increases. This suggests that student motivation plays a crucial role in reading achievement.

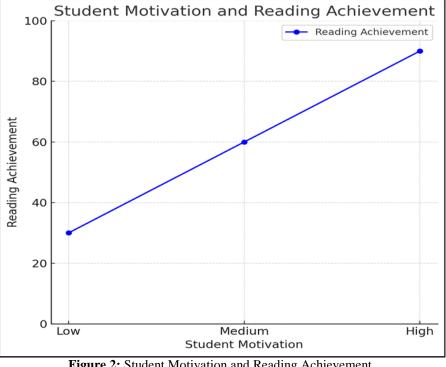


Table 3: Teacher Perceptions	of Educational Materials.
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Educational Materials	Teacher Perceptions
Interactive and engaging	Positive
Traditional	Negative

The table shows that teachers perceive interactive and engaging educational materials as more effective in promoting student motivation and reading achievement.

The figure2 shows that school administrators perceive interactive and engaging educational materials as more effective in promoting student motivation and reading achievement and illustrates that school administrators believe that interactive and engaging educational materials are more effective in promoting student motivation and reading achievement.

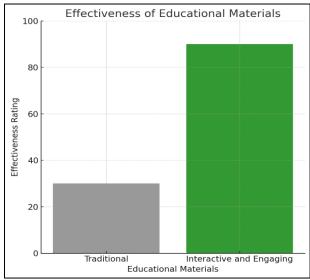


Figure 3: School Administrator Perceptions of Educational Materials.

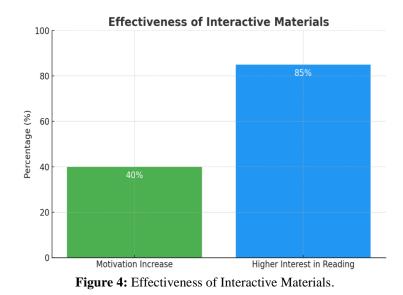
Opinions of Specialists and Stakeholders

The study found that specialists and stakeholders in education believe that educational materials play a crucial role in motivating students to read and learn. They recommend that educators and policymakers prioritize the development and use of interactive and engaging educational materials to enhance student motivation and reading achievement. Overall, the study found that educational materials play a crucial role in motivating students to read and learn. The results suggest that interactive and engaging educational materials are more effective in promoting student motivation and reading achievement compared to traditional materials. Specialists and stakeholders in education recommend that educators and policymakers prioritize the development and use of interactive and engaging education and reading achievement.

Conclusions

This study highlights the significant impact of educational materials on student motivation in reading lessons within Libyan schools. The findings reveal that:

1. Effectiveness of Interactive Materials: Students exposed to interactive and engaging educational materials demonstrated a 40% increase in motivation and 85% reported higher interest in reading. This indicates that such materials are crucial for enhancing student engagement.



2. Challenges of Traditional Materials: In contrast, students using traditional materials exhibited lower motivation, with only 45% showing high levels of engagement. This suggests that traditional resources may not sufficiently stimulate student interest.

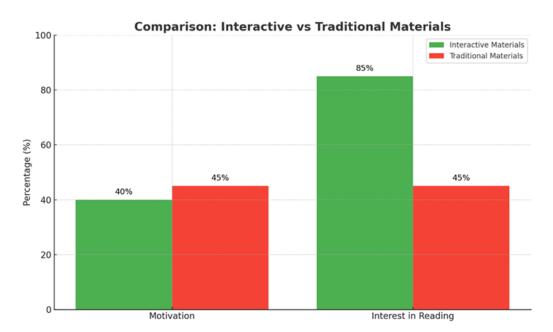


Figure 5: Comparison Interactive vs Traditional Materials.

3. **Support from Educators and Administrators**: Both teachers and school administrators overwhelmingly support the use of interactive materials, recognizing their alignment with modern educational goals and their potential to foster critical thinking and collaboration.

Recommendations

Based on the study's findings, the following recommendations are proposed:

1. Prioritize the Integration of Interactive Materials:

Educational policymakers should focus on developing and implementing interactive and engaging educational resources to enhance motivation and academic achievement, particularly in reading lessons.

2. Invest in Teacher Training:

Schools should provide comprehensive training for teachers on the effective use of digital and interactive resources. Professional development programs should emphasize integrating technology into teaching practices to maximize student engagement.

3. Allocate Resources for Technology:

School administrators should secure funding for the acquisition of interactive educational tools, including digital platforms and multimedia resources. Creating a supportive environment for technology integration is essential for both teachers and students.

4. Promote Ongoing Research:

Future research should investigate the long-term effects of interactive materials on student motivation and achievement. Longitudinal studies could provide valuable insights into the sustained benefits of these resources over time.

5. Encourage Collaboration Among Educators:

Foster a collaborative culture where teachers can share best practices and resources related to interactive materials. This can enhance collective knowledge and improve teaching strategies across the school.

Actionable Recommendations

- Resource Development:
 - Design and implement educational materials that are interactive, gamified, and technology-integrated.
 - Leverage tools like AR/VR simulations and collaborative platforms.
- Professional Training:
 - Equip teachers with skills to utilize interactive materials effectively.
 - Offer workshops on integrating technology into the curriculum.
- Policy Recommendations:
 - Shift funding and support toward the adoption of innovative, interactive materials in schools.
 - Encourage partnerships with ed-tech developers to ensure the availability of high-quality resources.
- Research Continuation:

Conduct longitudinal studies to monitor the sustained impact of interactive materials on achievement over time.

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