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ABSTRACT

This study investigates the use of digital multimodal composing (DMC) in an English as a Foreign Language (EFL) classroom at a secondary school in Malang, Indonesia. The research explores how the teacher integrates DMC to enhance his teaching instruction and finds out the benefits as well as the challenges faced when integrating DMC into his EFL classroom. Employing a qualitative case study design, the study collected data through classroom observations, document analysis of lesson plans and modules, and semi-structured interviews with the teacher. Utilizing Dilgard & Si's (2022) DMC framework to evaluate dimensions of multimodal composing integration, the findings reveal that the teacher integrated DMC through various instructional practices, aligning with key principles of multiliteracies pedagogy, namely situated practice, overt instruction, critical framing, and transformed practice. These practices identified in pre-activities by establishing cultural connections and clarifying learning goals, whilst-activities which involved planning to designing multimodal compositions, and post-activities which focused on sharing and advocating for change through the compositions. However, the study also identified the need of more explicit instruction on planning multimodal integration and critically framing design choices. The teacher recognized the benefits of DMC in increasing student engagement, motivation, creativity, and productivity, while also acknowledging challenges related to technology access, assessment, and teacher training. This study contributes to the understanding of DMC implementation in EFL contexts and offers recommendations for enhancing its effectiveness in promoting student learning with the support of the Technological Integration Matrix (TIM) to identify the level of technology integration in the classroom.

Keywords: digital multimodal composing, multiliteracies, EFL.

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