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#### Formulation of the Problem

The present study will focus on investigating students' perception of utilizing Kahoot! in EFL Classroom as Digital Games-Based Learning (DGBL) as an innovative language learning tool. The formulation of the problem in this research is, "What are the students' perceptions of utilizing Kahoot in EFL classroom?"



give some useful information about students' perceptions of utilizing Kahoot in the EFL

classroom.

#### Uses of the Research

Theoretically, this study will expand the pedagogical approach of using an innovative language learning tool in the EFL classroom. Furthermore, the study will provide empirical insights into how students' perceptions of utilizing Kahoot in the EFL classroom as one In addition, the study will serve the teacher with an innovative language learning of using Kahoot in EFL classroom as one Games-

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Ralston, Savic, & Elizondo, 2016). Learners are often provided a 'mistake friendly learning experience through games, which promotes them to explore with their solutions even though they can afford to make mistakes and learn from them (Kriz, 2003).

#### <sup>25</sup>hoot! as Digital Games-Based Learning

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classroom with the students as participants, and a teacher as facilita	tor (Bicen, 2017). For joining Kahoo	ot,	
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#### Playing Kahoot! in the Classroom

Kahoot is the best played in a group setting, especially in the classroom during teaching and learning process. Below is the description of how to handle a quiz or a lesson with Kahoot in the classroom,

- 1. Find a game that you want to play
  - Teacher as facilitator must log into his/her account on personal computer connected to projector,





Choose one of the millions of publicly available Kahoots on 'discover' button as shown in Figure 2.

Figure 2 Choose game you want to play



You also can create by yourself before which u will be saved on 'My Kahoot' as shown m Figure 3 Chck 'play' button on the Kahoot that you want the students to play.





2. Set game options of Kahoot you will play

TIK:re will be two options. classic mode or team mode. Classic means all students have their own devices, so that they will play 1:1 or player vs player. On the other hand, team mode is used for team vs team. Furthermore, *set* game option as you want. As recommendauon, use the general setting without changing anything as m; st of game ho\st so as shown m Figure 4.



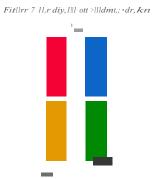
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Students can directly play the sumo without signing up. **Iber** just have to access kahool. It on their browser, enter *the* gmne pin as shown on the screen and write their nicknmne. 11K, nimes of the students who already joined the game are shown on the screen of the teacher as shown in Figure S.





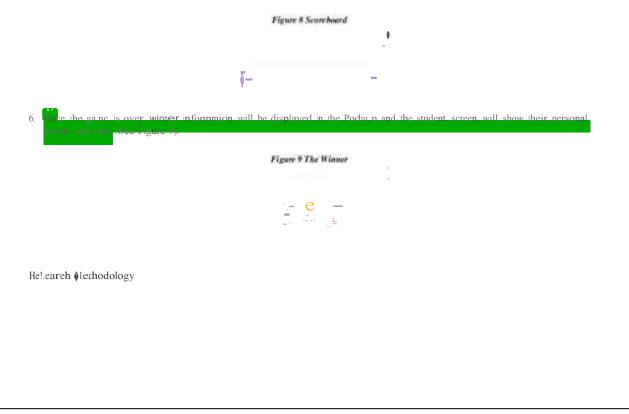
Students have to choose the nght answer on their own devices as shown m Figure 7.



urcen (2018) explained, according to their speed, students earn more points. Ibc question is shown for 5 seconds at the beg einnig. Students should think in this manner. Ibcn, depending on the question, an innage, video, or response choice is shown, followed by the timer. Students' devices can show four different shapes in four different colors to represent multiple choice questions. Ibe timer will begin for their finends to comment when they chick on the button with their correct answers.

5. Sec the top five players on the scoreboard

1bc top five player names will be appeared on the screen after each question as shown in Figure 8. This is as the result of temporary score. Lower rankings were out shown regardless of the students m the class, but students can see their position on their own devices.



The descriptive case study research design was used in this study. Hus research employs a descriptive case study smce it is concerned with presenting a "detailed.contextualized image of a specific phenomenon" without taking any steps to alter anything (wioooo. 2013). A descriptive case study can be used to learn about students' experiences of using Kahoot as a tool for creative learning in the EFL classroom.

The research was oonducted in one of the senior high schools m Tasakmalaya. West Java. Indonesia. Hus school was chosen because of three considerations: (I) Kahoot has been conducted as a media m English learning since June 2018: (2) the students were familiar with technology. both ID'. Ibile and computer: and (3) the school supported the screen and projector furgimes. Setting and Participants

The participants of this research were 6 second-grade students. The majority of the students are either 16 or 17 years old. They have recruited volunteers as part of 2 students from the high score. 2 students from the nuddle score, and 2 students from the low score after uuhzmg Kahoot in the classroom with their teacher. They were chosen from different levels to get different perceptions which would ennch the result of this research. Before collecting the data, each part crpam was asked to read, fill and sign the

consent form. It is necessary to ensure that purnerparus allowed the researcher to analyze the data and to use II for pubhcauon purposes with keeping the participants' privacy. The interview session was conducted by using a mobile phone to record the voice in the form of audio recording. In unucrpunng the lack of interviews, the researcher asked the WhatsApp numbers for further interview sessions if n is needed.

#### Technique Of Colle<:ting the Data

In collecting the data, the researcher used semi-structured interviews (SSIs) with the purnerpums and asked several questions about their perceptions of utilizing Kahoot in the EFL Classroom. Adams (2015) stated. "semi-structured interviews are sured for several valuable tasks, particularly when more than a few open-ended questions require follow-up queries." Therefore, this kind of interview is appropriate to the design of this research (oescnprive case study) m which mended to present details into what the purucrpurus feel and think.

#### Te<:hnique 0l Analyzing the Data

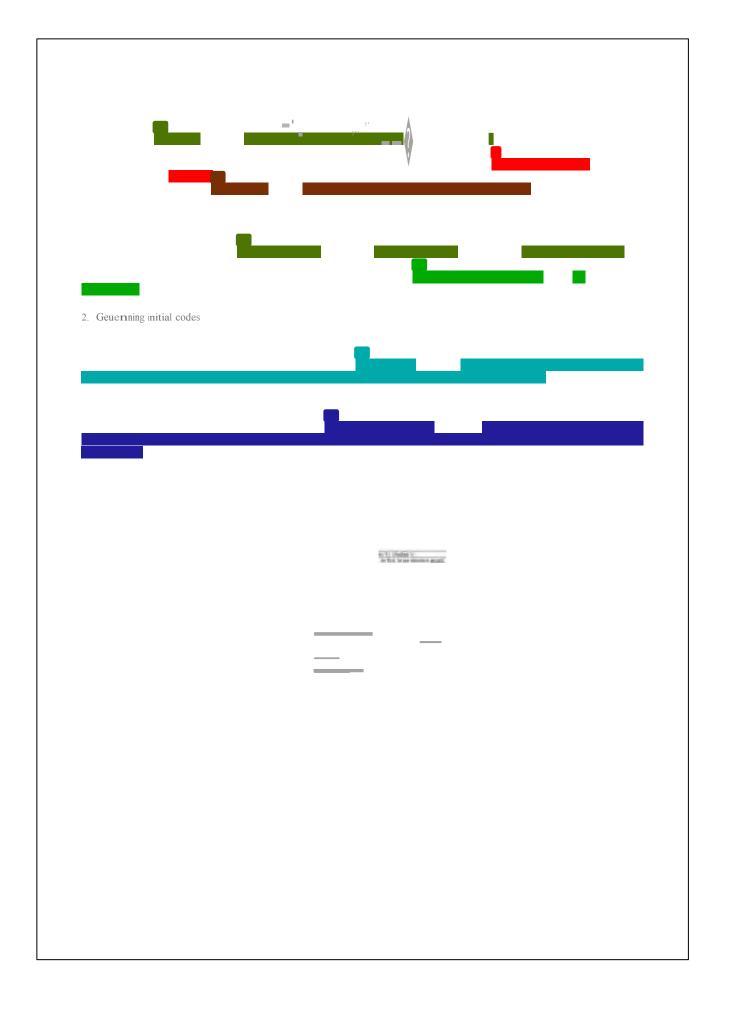
In this research for data analysis, the researcher used thelnutic analysis. Braun & Clark (2006) state. 'Thematic analysis is a method for (jenufymg, analyzing, and reporting patterns (themes) within data. It mmtmally organizes and describes your data set in (rich) detail:' This method is simply used for those who are new to qualitative research. There are 6 phases m thematic analysis proposed by Braun & Clark (2006) us follows:

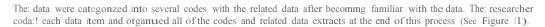
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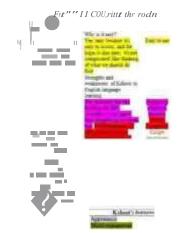
The researcher transcribed and translated data from interviews  $S \parallel S2$ , S3, S4, S5, and S6 mto Enghsh. The researcher printed and read the results of the data on the interview several times before familim with the maternil and gamed an unda-standing of the themes and mformauon in the *text* (See Figure IO).











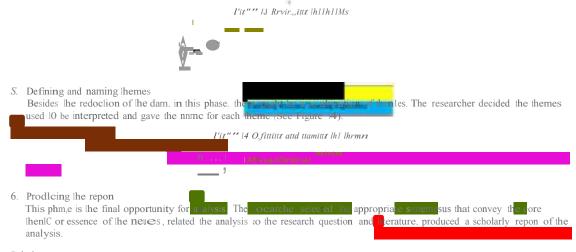
3. Searching for themes

4. Reviewing potential themes

In this phase, the researcher analyl.00 the code of the data and then classified 11 mto thenrs (See Figure 12).



The: researcher auempted to change the themes fro,n the previous phase during this phase. Some themes might have to be broken down mto smaller components, while others nught have to be merged. It can be seen at Figure 13.



#### Roult.s and Discoion

To answer a research problem related 10 what are the students' perceptions of utilizing Kahoot in EFL classroom, the data v.erc obtained from the interview and were analyzed by using thematic analysis. The result showed that there are threeen.:rgent theeres: (I) alTecting on students' environs, (2) enriching students' learning experiences, (3) Learning and retention of knowledge, and in internet connection as a barrier in students' Kahoot activities.

I. Affecting on Students' Enwtions

The resu showed lll0St of the students draw their feelings on the interview session conducted by researcher. The students enjoyed and felt entenained learning English by utilizing Kahoot in the classroom. It is proved by these slatelllellls:  $Tabk \ I \ Thtsti,dtlfJt,q(ftd,..J/tlte-ltrtaiMd i,sint K,,hoot$ 

Time	Participant (Student)	Statement
02:22	S1	It's easy, simple. I enjoy, it is entertaining like a game
05:58	\$2	It's fun, because it can be easily accessed, it's exciting so we don't get boring while learning
03:38	\$3	Using Kahoot ton't boring. It's fun.
04:29	54	It won't be boring while learning.
02:10	\$5	I am happy, the learning is exciting. The learning is not boring in class, it's fam.
02:08	56	It makes me happy. It is also for using Kahoot.

Based on the data, the students were pleased to learn English in the classroom by using Kahoot. They confirmed that it would not be boring and was entertaining because Kahoot was exciting in the manner of a game. The data presented above is linked to some hypotheses advanced by the researcher in Chapter II about Digital Game-Based Learning (DGBL). According to Granic, Lobel, and Engels (2014), as cited by Edouard (2015), "students should learn academic content while having fun while playing educationally related games." Through the use of DGBL, Kahoot intrigued the students' interest in learning. It means at Kahoot had an impact on their emotions because they felt pleasant and cheerful while using Kahoot in the EFL classroom. Kahoot's area. The students stated that they

liked and enjoyed the class because of music on Kahoot. Student 1 said the animation was also included. It is shown by these followings:

Table 2 Kahoot's features impacting the enjoyment in the classroom

Time	Participant (Student)	Statement
02:31	S1	I feel entertained because of the animation, the choices are triangles, bullets, boxes, so it becames animated. Kaboot is not tense, there is also music while playing.
03:10	S2	There are songs, or what we called music.
06:28	S3	There are songs, fun. Kaboot makes the class situation no boring, so it's not sleepy.
04:29	54	There are songs, so that it won't be boring while learning
02:08	S6	There is sound like what already happened before

Interesting Kahoot features, especially music as audio components, allowed students to feel comfortable while learning. According to Wang a 14 Lieberoth (2015), the use of audio on Kahoot had the greatest influence in the classroom. "The audio simply increased the statement of the classroom became silent and low-energy, without any kind of cheering, low response, and no celebration for correct answers. All of above perceptions are backed up with one important emotion: fun 1 ahoot provides fun and should not be only associated with something less serious. The aspect of fun while utilizing Kahoot

faced learning like feeling boring and sleepy. Therefore, Kahoot as an educational platform could be used in language learning because it could attract students to learn English more in a fun way.

2. Enriching Students' Learning Experience

Based on the data, the students stated that Kahoot gave them enriching learning experience. Kahoot made their learning not to be stuck with the books. It is proven as follows:

Time	Participant (Student)	Statement
04:03	S1	We will get hored if we are learning by using books, occasionally use the technology, and also the features of Kahoot is like a game, it feels better
05:06	\$2	Our learning is not stuck with the textbooks, worksheets or something like that. We can play games, but also play the game while learning.
03:08	\$3	It is not stuck with books.
04:29	S4	Our learning is not only by seeing from a book anytime.
05:05	\$5	The learning doesn't always use paper, sometimes using gadget is needed, it will be fun too.
04:44	86	Our learning is mostly monotonous right now, if we learn, it must be related to books or something, but Kahoot is now come in the era of technology, so it can be replaced as an innovative one. It can also reduce the use of paper or books.

Students conceded that Kahoot gave them positive perceptions on the way they learned. Their learning was not stuck to the books, it means their learning is not only by using books or textbooks as a medium because Kahoot was integrated to the use technology. In line with some of research results conducted by Kusuma (2016), she reported that most of teachers had activity. As the result, mostly students used books, textbooks

or worksheets suggested by the school or the teacher most most most most most most whether their learning experie 21 s. Student's learning style became different and not focus on "chalk and talk" teaching (Wang and Lieberoth, 2016) which [Lincorish et.al.].

The students also felt like playing game while learning. It could be said using gadget by utilizing Kahoot in the classroom supported their learning experiences in the classroom. This is supported by previous research conducted by Linco h et.al. (2018), he claimed Kahoot as an exhaustive tool could enrich students' experience thile learning in the classroom.

The enrichment in learning experience was not only exclusively derived from the use of the technology only, but also from the competitive aspect of Kahoot during playing Kahoot in which enable to improve students' cognitive function. It is proved on interview session below:

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Time	Participant (Student)	Statement
03:38	S2	Kahoot can train our self-confidence, our speed and sharpening our brain.
04:24	\$3	We can sharpen our brain. If we want to answer quickly, we must be focus.
03:20	S4	Kahoot can sharpen our brain and regulate speed, so it can manage our time quickly and precisely to answer a question.
idents claimed		medium because it strengthened

expressed gratitude for how Kahoot aided their learning. Kahoot allowed individuals to compete and participate in answering questions and selecting the most correct answer. Each question they answered increased their selfconfidence and encouraged them to be more ambitious by answering correctly. Kahoot could also support them sharpen their sights and regulate their response speed. As a consequence, Kahoot encouraged the students in better focusing and managing their time while answering questions. Lincorish of 1. (2018) addressed similar findings about the competitive nature of Kahoot. "Many students enjoyed the competitive nature

participation an exciting an exciting "." The regarded "perfect" experience in terms of how students like to "perform" while using Kahoot in the classroom. The desire to win empowered the students to plan ahead of schedule and engage with the subject. "I haven't mastered the material yet, using Kahoot in the classroom needs preparation in material comprehension because I want to be the best and choose the correct answer" (Student 4). Kahoot offered students the opportunity to focus and show their best performance when they utilized Kahoot in the classroom. It could enrich their learning experiences because of the competitive aspects on Kahoot itself.

Kahoot was valuable learning tool that	participants'	experience, according to
participants.	during	said
helped remember not only	content but also	o appreciate new perspectives.
	that would	motivated many
material	Kahoot. Students enjoyed	the course-related Kahoots, which
ideas provided theory	. As	investigated Kahoots

aided revision, stimulated debate, and helped them conserve knowledge.

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4. Internet Connection as A Barrier in Students' Kahoot Activities Based on the data, the students got challenges when they filled the answer for every question given. They got problem with the internet connection. It is found in these statements:

#### Table 5 Internet connection problems

Time	Participant (Student)	Statement
02:22	\$1	There are some people who don't have smartphones or quota Sometimes, the internet connection is slow, too.
03:38	82	The weakness of Kahoot is when we don't have quota, battery or we don't have a smartphone.
06:41	\$3	Sometimes the network is slow. There must be WiFi.
03:59	S4	My problems are quota and the network. Kaboot needs quota and I usually don't have it.
03:16	85	1 don't have quota. I also use hotspot from my friend. My friend's network is slow, so I can't maximize while answering the questions.
02:59	\$6	The internet is slow.

Students stated that their problem was in internet connection. Sometimes, they had no data package to access and play Kahoot in the classroom. An alternative way to face this problem was by using hotspot from their friends, but the problem of slow connection also might occur to those while playing. In relation to the internet connection problem, essentially WiFi connection was available in this school, so that the students who had no access to the internet from their smartphone could use the WiFi facility. Inappropriately, they were not freely to use the WiFi because the password was required.

The internet connection problem became a main barrier happened when the students used Kahoot in the classroom. It made the students uncomfortable when played Kahoot. It should be known how frustrating internet connection problem can be, particularly when it was really needed in order to achieve the smoothness connection during playing Kahoot in the classroom. Kahoot as an online platform internet connection needed should be supported by excellent connection, it also coherent with Ministry of Education and Culture Indonesian's policy led by Muhadjir Effendy who stated that the development of learning activity in the classroom should be integrated to internet and technology (Rahmawati, 2018).

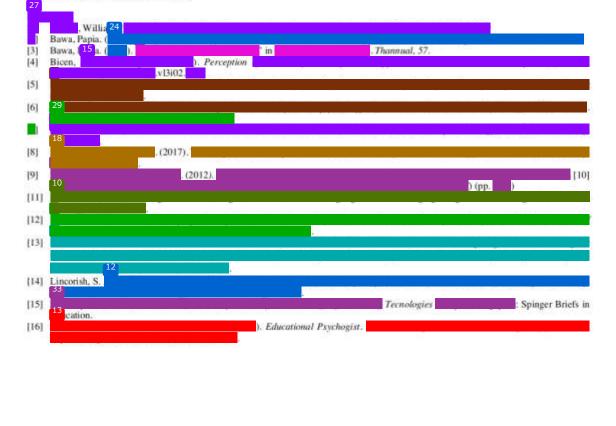
#### Conclusion and Suggestion

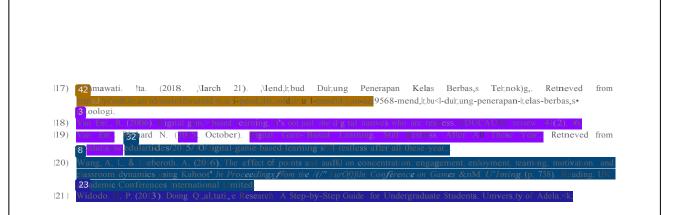
Based on the research results, the researcher found that most of the students had a positive perception of utilizing Kahoot in the EFL classroom. The use of Kahoot was viewed as fun, not bored and giving enjoyment. Kahoot could be a beneficial and remarkable tool that permitted the student to make classroom situations to be more interesting or to motivate and encourage students' learning. With Kahoot, students were able in enriching the learning experience which is not stuck to the books. It made them increasing their motivation. Furthermore, Kahoot! as a platform relating to competition style in learning helped the students in sharpening their brain, improving their response time, and enabling them to learn topics that were difficult to understand. In conclusion, Kahoot! as Digital Games-Based Learning can be used as an innovative medium to enhance learning activity in the English classroom.

Regarding the topic in this study, there are possible suggestions for the next researchers who are interested in conducting the research topic about utilizing Kahoot in the EFL classroom. First, it is suggested for the next researcher to focus on 2 dents' perceptions of the questions used as the material to conduct Kahoot and its benefits to the subjects being taught. Second, useful 22 language skills in English learning as assessment tools. Third, it will be valuable to analyze

the classroom.

researcher also suggests the teacher utilize Kahoot in the EFL classroom. It will be beneficial to make the teaching-learning process better. The teacher can give a variation of the question that related to the material to help the students understand the material more and learn in a fun way.





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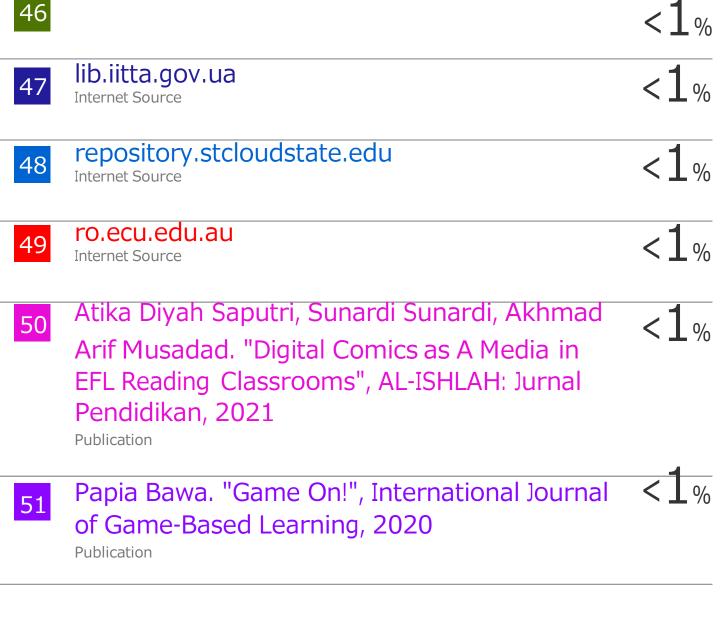
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