REPOSITORY OF INNOVATIVE PRODUCTS (RIP) FOR INSPIRATION IN EDUCATION DESIGN [CATEGORY: PRIMARY SCHOOL]

PuzSVA

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Highlights: This PuzSVA kit is a teaching and learning aid material to be used by young English learners of age 9 until 12 years old. Subject-Verb-Agreement especially related to Verb-To-Be is a crucial component in writing sentences. Hence, the PuzSVA kit will aid learners to construct correct sentences by themselves and to self-check their produced sentences using sets of puzzles that focuses on the Verb-To-Be. The puzzles are designed with different shapes that will match according to the grammar rule to assist self-learning. This kit is developed by utilizing the Inquiry Based Learning Model. A pilot test was done on a group of 10 years old learners to see the effect and effectiveness of this kit in English lessons. The finding shows that learners are able to improve their ability to construct correct sentences by using PuzSVA kit. The learners also reported that the kit is fun to use and help them to understand the concept of verb-to-be in constructing sentences.

Key words: Subject-Verb Agreement; Verb-to-be; Puzzle

Product Description

Sets of puzzle that are designed to help learners to be aware of verb forms that complement with different subjects. These sets are developed according to the level of difficulty.

- Set A: puzzles to produce sentences that use verb-to-be (is, are)
- Set B: puzzles to produce sentences that use high frequency verbs in present continuous tense.
- Set C: puzzles to produce few sentences to form stories from composite pictures given.

Each set will be accompanied with a workbook of tasks to help learners to learn better. These sets of puzzle are developed to help learners who keep making subject-verbagreement mistakes which are missing the verb-to-be in a sentence produced and also using incorrect verb form to complement the subject in a sentence produced.



Figure 1. Verb-to-be "is"

Figure 2. Sample of correct sentence

SET 1 Look at this picture.



Now, take the puzzle and try to make sentences using the phrases given. Write down the sentences that you get from the puzzle. 1. Ana

1. Ana
2. a student
3. happy
4. in the classroom
5. sick

2. a student 3. happy 4. in the classroom

5. sick

Figure 3. Sample of Workbook (Stage 1)

Figure 4. Sample of workbook (Stage 2)



Figure 5. PuzSVA kit



Figure 6. Self-learning in groups

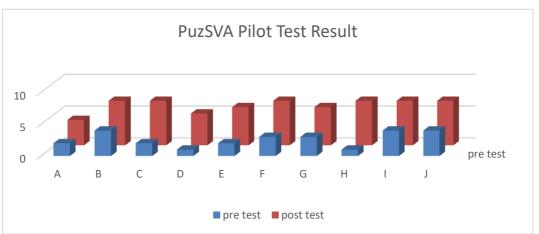


Figure 7. A learner producing a correct sentence using "is"



Product Benefit

A pilot test was done on a group of 10 years old learners. Below is the finding from the pilot test.





From Table 1, improvements can be seen from the post-test results as compared to the pretest results.

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