

A Comparison of Indonesian – United States Sports in Development of Intercultural-Based Sports Thematic BIPA Book for US BIPA Students

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ABSTRACT

The learning of Indonesian as a foreign language, known as BIPA (Bahasa Indonesia bagi Penutur Asing) is growing rapidly. In the United States, one of the universities that has been pursuing BIPA since 1940 with the largest number of students is Yale University. Yale University is also the 18th best university in the world based on the Top 100 QS rank. Most Yale students are based as athletes, in sports. Unfortunately, themed teaching materials, especially with the integration of Indonesian culture, are still lacking. Sport theme in BIPA teaching material is in great demand but is still very rare. BIPA students in America need teaching materials like this to be able to increase their mastery of the Indonesian language and understanding in the field of culture. In effort to develop a teaching material on there, a preliminary study is needed, an analysis of needs related to sports culture in two countries which has similarities and become a bridge for learning each other's culture. The objectives of this study were formulated, including (1) to describe the types of sports parities in Indonesia and America; (2) to describe the interest of BIPA students in the theme of sports as learning material for Indonesian; (3) to describe the needs of BIPA students and teachers in America for teaching materials with sports themes; and (4) to design mapping BIPA learning materials on the theme of sports based on Indonesian-American interculture for US BIPA students. Referring to the objectives of the research, this research will apply the qualitative method. The data will be obtained from the field through interviews, observations, questionnaires, and documentation studies. The result showed several findings, namely (1) there are 5 sports that are favored by Indonesians and there are 10 sports that are favored by Americans. Apart from sports, Indonesia also has traditional games that are similar to those in America 1) congklak in Indonesia and cala in US, 2) petak umpet in Indonesia and hide and seek in US 3) lompat tali in Indonesia and jump rope in US, and 4) kasti in Indonesia and softball in US, (2) 32 Yale students mentioned several topics that were interesting to them in studying bahasa Indonesia. Of the 12 topics presented, sports were the main choice (29 respondents). The sport most liked by respondents was lacrosse (10 respondents), (3) sports-themed teaching materials are really needed by Yale students who study bahasa Indonesia because most of them are athletes. All respondents (100%) agreed that the topic of sports was interesting to them and thought that it was easier for them to learn Indonesian with topics they liked, (4) 8 learning topics were formulated in sports-themed teaching materials, namely 1) saya adalah atlet lacrosse, 2) idola saya Lionel Messi, 3) hobiku bermain sepak bola, 4) jam berapa piala dunia di mulai?, 5) di mana letak lapangan bisbol?, 6) berenang di akhir pekan, 7) makanan sehat, dan 8) berbelanja baju olahraga.

Kata Kunci: teaching materials, BIPA, Indonesian-US sports