

ACTIVE LEARNING STRATEGIES: EQUIPPING PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS FOR 21ST CENTURY EDUCATION

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Abstract

21st century education demands a paradigm shift in the learning process, especially at the primary school level. Active learning strategies are emerging as an effective approach to prepare students for future challenges. This research aims to examine the importance of active learning strategies and how to equip primary school teachers with the necessary skills to implement them. Through literature review and analysis of best practices, this research identifies various effective active learning methods, such as project-based learning, collaborative discussion and technology integration. The results show that active learning not only increases student engagement, but also develops 21st century skills such as critical thinking, creativity, collaboration and communication. However, its implementation faces challenges such as limited time and resources, and the need for continuous teacher training.

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INTRODUCTION

Education in the 21st century faces increasingly complex and dynamic challenges. Rapid technological development, globalisation and socio-economic changes have significantly altered the educational landscape. In this context, primary school education as the initial foundation of learning has a crucial role in preparing future generations who are able to compete and contribute in a globalised society. (Sitopu et al., 2024); (Guna et al., 2024); (Fawait et al., 2024)..

21st century education demands a paradigm shift from traditional teacher-centred learning models to student-centred learning. Active learning is one of the key approaches in responding to this demand. Active learning strategies allow students to be directly involved in the learning process, developing critical thinking, creativity, collaboration and communication skills which are essential skills in the 21st century. (Cleovoulou, 2021).

Active learning strategies have a very important role in primary school education in the modern era. This approach not only increases student engagement in the learning process, but also develops the critical skills needed for success in the 21st century. Through active learning, students are encouraged to think critically, solve problems, communicate effectively and collaborate with peers. This helps prepare them to face real-world