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Furthermore, course designers are advised to recognize the importance of incorporating ESP programmes into university courses to develop transreading skills as it became a 21st century demand. Finally, student studying different specializations need to be trained on how to improve their transreading skills. They should be trained on how to use ESP programmes and activities to develop transreading skills. To sum up, the current study has proven considerable positive effect of ESP programme in developing students' transreading skills. Therefore, the successful use of ESP programme in developing students' transreading skills requires ESP awareness for both teachers and learners. It requires careful planning, appropriate choice of ESP topics, materials and activities, and collaboration among all educational practitioners.

some software programmes, as Word Office, with a lot of their facilities. The ESP programme helped students to participate collaboratively across social media and various platforms concerning their specialization. This could be attributed to the following: using collaborative activities, using different sources and platforms, using others' feedback for more improvements, and using various applications on mobile or computers. The results of the current study went in line with those of Walwema (2018) which revealed that Transreading in intercultural professional communication served to move students towards a more immersive and empathetic understanding of referent cultures, a stance that enriches professional communication. They also agreed with the results of other researchers like Tomaszewsk's (2016) results which showed that transreading created friendly learning atmosphere for learners; a guarantee of obtaining information, evaluating understanding and an inspiration for creative behavior, non- contradictory to reasonable standards and values. The results of the present study also went in line with Boote (2012) whose results showed that the skills and knowledge required for an individual to be a successful 21st century student-access as much reading content- was found electronically. Therefore knowing how to search for and access information in a variety of formats and platforms is a prerequisite for reading itself. Previous studies did not investigate the effect of using an ESP programme to develop English transreading skills for Biology students. But, the current study used an ESP programme to develop English transreading skills for Biology students.

5. Conclusion

The results of the current study proved that the proposed ESP programme is effective in improving students' transreading skills. This was reflected in the post administration of the transreading skill test. The findings of this study highly appreciated incorporating ESP programmes in teaching English for different specializations. As using ESP programmes enabled students to practise transreading skills such as identifying information, collecting information, participation in social media, collaboration, and designing, it is recommended to teach ESP programmes to develop students' transreading skills. Therefore, university professors and instructors are recommended to engage their learners in activities which depend on ESP to help them increase their level of transreading abilities.

4.2 The Second hypothesis

The second hypothesis is: the proposed programme will achieve a suitable level of effectiveness at ≥ 6 in developing the English transreading skills of first year students at Biology Department in Damietta Faculty of Education according to Mc Guigan's Equation.

The programme effectiveness was calculated according to Mc Guigan's Equation. The results came as follows in table (3):

Table 3.

Means, Maximum score and Mc Guigan's Gain Ratio

Skill	Mean Score for Pretest	Mean Score for Posttest	Maximum Score	Gain Ratio
1	0.917	4.267	5	0.82
2	0.717	3.733	5	0.70
3	0.350	5.000	5	1.00
4	1.300	4.717	5	0.92
5	1.100	4.417	5	0.85
6	1.183	4.667	5	0.91
7	1.183	.750	5	0.93
8	1.100	4.917	5	0.98
9	0.967	4.917	5	0.98
10	1.050	4.917	5	0.98
11	0.950	4.267	5	0.82
12	1.233	4.050	5	0.75
Total	12.050	54.617	60	0.89

Table 3 shows that all Mc Guigan's gain ratio are high between (0.70) and (1.00) and all of them are higher than the critical ratio (0.60) which verifies the second hypothesis of the study. This illustrates that the proposed ESP programme achieved a suitable level of effectiveness at ≥ 6 in developing the English transreading skills of first year students at Biology Department in Damietta Faculty of Education according to Mc Guigan's Equation.

Discussion

Findings of the current study shows that the proposed ESP programme achieved a suitable level of effectiveness in developing the English transreading skills of first year students at Biology Department in Damietta Faculty of Education. The ESP programme helped Biology students to digitally read, and interact across a range of platforms, tools and media in the field of Biology. It enhanced students' abilities to use

Table (2) indicates that there is a statistically significant difference at a significance level of 0.001 in English transreading skills and the test overall score. This means that there is a statistically significant difference at a significance level of 0.001 between the pre and post administrations on the study sample in favor of the post administration as the number of positive ranks are higher than the negative and ties ones which verifies the validity of the first hypothesis of the study. This result indicates the effectiveness of the proposed ESP programme in developing the English transreading skills of the study sample. The effect size affirms this result as it comes between (0.75) and (1.00) which are larger than (0.5) decided by Cohen for judging the effect size. This shows that the effect size of the proposed ESP programme was large and it succeeded in developing the participants' English transreading skills. According to the results shown in table (2), it can be said that the proposed ESP programme had a large effect size on developing the participants' English transreading skills. This verifies the first hypothesis as shown in figure (1).

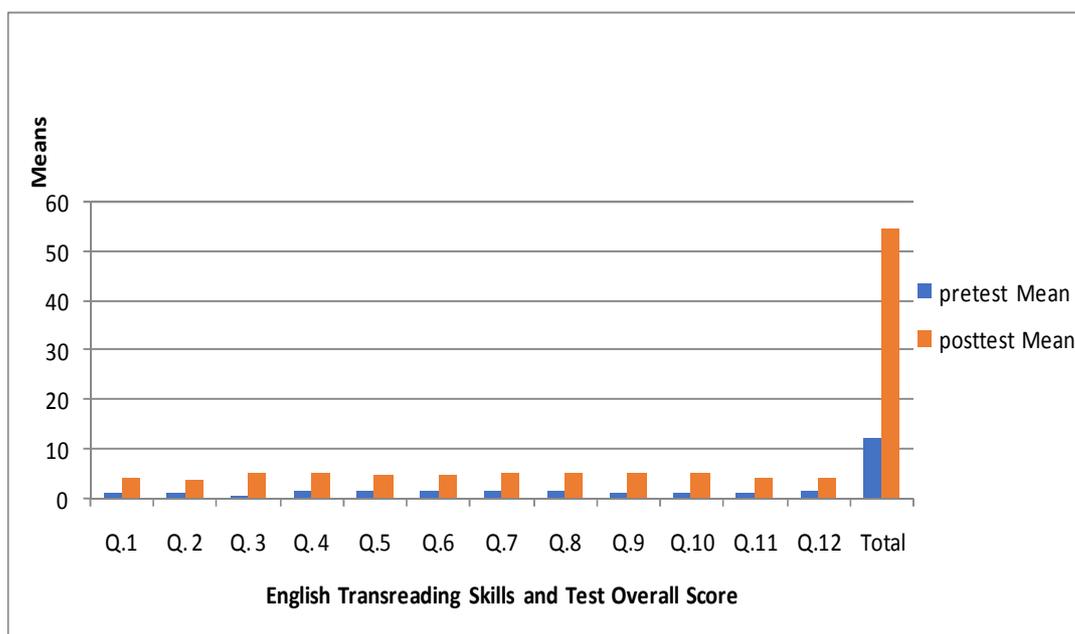


Figure 1: The differences between test means for English transreading skills and test overall score for the study sample in the pre and posttest.

According to the results shown in figure (1), the proposed ESP programme had a large effect size on developing the participants' English transreading skills and this verifies the first hypothesis.

Table (2) (Z) value for Wilcoxon signed-rank and effectiveness ratio for differences between the pre-post test for English transreading skills and the overall score of the test of the study sample

Skills	Ranks	Number	Sum of Rank	Mean of ranks	(Z) value	Significance	Effect size(r)
1	Negative Ranks	1	1	1	4.789	0.001	1.00 (very effective)
	Positive Ranks	29	464	16			
	Ties	0					
2	Negative Ranks	0	0	0	4.651	0.001	0.75 (effective)
	Positive Ranks	28	406	14.50			
	Ties	2					
3	Negative Ranks	0	0	0	5.064	0.001	1.00 (very effective)
	Positive Ranks	30	465	15.50			
	Ties	0					
4	Negative Ranks	0	0	0	4.818	0.001	1.00 (very effective)
	Positive Ranks	30	465	15.50			
	Ties	0					
5	Negative Ranks	0	0	0	4.748	0.001	0.87 (effective)
	Positive Ranks	29	435	15.00			
	Ties	1					
6	Negative Ranks	0	0	0	4.784	0.001	0.87 (effective)
	Positive Ranks	29	435	15.00			
	Ties	1					
7	Negative Ranks	0	0	0	4.879	0.001	1.00 (very effective)
	Positive Ranks	30	465	15.50			
	Ties	0					
8	Negative Ranks	0	0	0	4.911	0.001	1.00 (very effective)
	Positive Ranks	30	465	15.50			
	Ties	0					
9	Negative Ranks	0	0	0	4.896	0.001	1.00 (very effective)
	Positive Ranks	30	465	15.50			
	Ties	0					
10	Negative Ranks	0	0	0	4.912	0.001	1.00 (very effective)
	Positive Ranks	30	465	15.50			
	Ties	0					
11	Negative Ranks	0	0	0	4.811	0.001	1.00 (very effective)
	Positive Ranks	30	465	15.50			
	Ties	0					
12	Negative Ranks	0	0	0	4.810	0.001	1.00 (very effective)
	Positive Ranks	30	465	15.50			
	Ties	0					
Total	Negative Ranks	0	0	0	4.784	0.001	1.00 (very effective)
	Positive Ranks	30	465	15.50			
	Ties	0					

programme was divided into four stages: review, warm up, presentation and practice, and follow up. Learners were divided into five groups of six students. Each group assigned a leader and chose a name for the group. The groups were built in order to the group members support each other and reduce shyness. Individual tasks were given to support self-confidence and get individuals to show their abilities which helped them highly esteem these abilities. In the review stage, the researcher tried to recall the previously taught information by asking questions. Warm-up was used to activate students cognitively and emotionally to succeed in the lesson. In the presentation and practice stage, tasks were explained and students were shown how to do them including an identification of the resources they were going to use. In the follow-up stage, students' understanding were checked in this stage using different techniques. Several assignments were assigned and implemented all over the sessions of the proposed ESP programme. The researcher checked students' assignments and gave them chance to modify their work according to teacher's and students' suggestions. The statistical analysis was conducted using SPSS.

4. Results

4.1 The First Hypothesis

To examine the first hypothesis which is: There is a statistically significant difference at level ≤ 0.05 between the mean scores of the study group in the English transreading skill pre-test and post-test, in favor of the post-test, Wilcoxon Signed Ranks Test was used to examine the significance of the differences between the pre and post measurements of English transreading skills and the overall score of the test for the study sample as indicated in table (2)

Table 1
The transreading skills measured by the test

A) Identifying information	
1	Identifying information and transfer it from one application to another according to each application properties.
2	Reviewing personal and others' creation.
3	Appreciating someone else's text.
4	Identifying information from words, graphs, diagrams or presentation.
B) Collecting information	
5	Highlighting the differences and similarities among different contents shown in different formats related to biology.
6	Using different formats to accomplish assignments
7	Using different applications and platforms to gather information that gives similarities and differences between two similar organisms
C) Participation in social media	
8	Using social media to share content related to biology.
9	Tagging people into content that may be of their interest and related to their specialization
10	Using different platforms to publish the topic of interest related to biology
D) Collaboration	
11	Working collaboratively through social media to do assignments.
E) Designing	
12	Creating a biological logo to express a topic in their specialization

3.4 The treatment

The implementation of the programme started on the 1st of April and lasted for eight weeks. Before implementing the programme, the researcher conducted the pre transreading test to evaluate Biology Department students' transreading skills before implementing the programme. Then, the proposed ESP programme was designed. The participants were taught by the researcher for eight weeks before conducting the post transreading test. An orientation session: at the beginning of the experiment, an introductory session was conducted by using data show in the language laboratory at Damietta Faculty of Education and took about one hour and a half. PowerPoint slides were used to explain the procedures of each online session.

The designed ESP programme was used depending on a supportive learning environment through encouraging teacher-to-student engagement and student-to-student interaction to develop transreading skills of the Biology Department students at Damietta Faculty of Education. The researcher implemented sixteen online sessions (two sessions a week) synchronously to teach eight topics. Each session of the

included three subskills for each and collaboration, and designing involved 1 subskill for each. It included a total of twelve skills (see table 1).

A needs analysis questionnaire was used to determine Biology Department students' requirements concerning the topics necessary to read about in the field of Biology. To verify the validity of the checklist, it was submitted to a jury of specialists in TEFL and Biology to determine its importance and appropriateness. The items were put in a two-point scale according to their appropriateness: appropriate and inappropriate. The questionnaire was modified according to their comments and suggestions till a needs analysis questionnaire checklist was set.

Moreover, a pre-post transreading skills test was used to assess students' transreading skills before and after the experiment. The test consisted of twelve questions; each question was devoted to measure one skill. It measured five main skills: identifying information, collecting information, participation in social media, collaboration, and designing. Each skill contains a number of subskills. Five points were given for each correct answer. The time required to complete the test was calculated as 120 minutes.

To verify the validity of the test, it was submitted to a panel of jury specialized in TEFL to investigate whether the test questions measure what they were designed to measure or not. The test was modified according to their comments and suggestions. Also, the internal consistency validity of the test items was calculated and all correlation coefficient values between students' scores (50 students) for each test items and overall test score were significant at (0.01, 0.05) which means a high internal consistency validity of the test. Moreover, the discrimination coefficients were (0.595, 0.302) which were all high discrimination values (minimum value 0.300) Thus, the transreading skills test was valid to measure first year Biology Department students.

To establish the reliability of the test, it was administered to a group of 50 first year Biology Department students, other than the study participants, who were randomly selected from the Faculty of Education in Damietta University. Cronbach's alpha coefficient was used to calculate the reliability of the transreading test. The reliability coefficient of the transreading test was (0.794).

3. Methods of the Study

The quasi- experimental/ one group design was adopted in this study; it is suitable for the nature of the study which attempts to identify the effect of using an ESP programme on developing the transreading skills of first year students at Biology Department in Damietta Faculty of Education. To achieve the purpose of the study, a randomly selected group from first year students at Biology Department in Damietta Faculty of Education was assigned for the pre and post- test and involved in the experiment. The experiment lasted for 8 weeks.

3.1 Participants

Participants of the current study were first-year Biology Department students studying at Damietta Faculty of Education; since first year is the only year in which they study English. The sample was randomly selected and assigned to one group of 30 participants.

3.2 Hypotheses

Based on the questions of the study, the following hypotheses were suggested:

1. There is a statistically significant difference at level ≤ 0.05 between the mean scores of the study group in the English transreading skills pre-test and post-test, in favor of the post-test.
2. The proposed programme will achieve a suitable level of effectiveness in developing English transreading skills of first year students at Biology department in Damietta Faculty of Education according to Mc Guigan's Equation.

3.3 Instruments and Materials

In order to collect data related to the current study, a questionnaire was used to investigate the transreading skills required for first year Biology Department students. To verify the validity of the checklist, it was submitted to a jury of specialists in TEFL and Biology to determine its importance and appropriateness. The items were put in a four-point scale according to their importance: very important, important, less important and not important. The questionnaire was modified according to their comments and suggestions till a transreading skills checklist was set. The checklist was composed of five main transreading skill areas: identifying information, collecting information, participation in social media, collaboration, and designing. Every main skill area contained a group of sub-skills. For example, identifying information involved four subskills, collecting information and participation in social media

attractive environment that encourages participants to interact and participate. The used activities were effective in developing university students' oral communication skills.

Abed (2015) used 102 students at Birzeit University in a study at Ain Shams University in Egypt to examine the effect of using four higher- order cognitive processes, inference, analysis, prediction and reflection on developing English 102 students' reading and writing as integrated skills at Birzeit University. Exploring the effect of these processes on modifying students' beliefs about learning English as a Foreign Language (EFL) at Birzeit University through conducting an instructional programme. He used a quasi-experimental design with two groups. He used a pre-post test. The results showed that using higher-order cognitive processes had a positive effect on developing students' reading and writing skills and modifying their preconceived beliefs about language learning.

El Besh(2015) used 30 fourth year students studying in English at Faculty of Commerce at Port Said for a study conducted at Damietta University to examine the effectiveness of using authentic materials in developing oral communication skills of the students studying in English at Faculties of Commerce. She used a quasi-experimental design with one group. She used a checklist of oral communication skills, a programme satisfaction questionnaire and an oral communication skills test. The results were positive.

El Gohary (2013) chose a sample of 40 2nd year at the Department of Computer in of Commercial Technical Institute at Damietta University to evaluate the current English Syllabus taught at the department of computer in institutes of commercial technicians and to examine the effectiveness of an English programme based on the functional approach for computer section students in Commercial Technical Institutes. She used a descriptive approach and a quasi-experimental design with one group. She applied a needs analysis questionnaire and a Pre-post test. The results were positive.

El-Shamy (2013) used 30 second year preparatory stage students in the experimental language school in Damietta to investigate the effectiveness of a suggested curriculum for employing English language in teaching Science based on ESP approach at experimental language schools. She used a quasi-experimental design with one group. She applied a re-post test and her results were positive.

Abu El Fadle (2017) conducted a study on 60 2nd year students of Tourism and Hotels Institutes at Ain Shams University in Egypt aiming at investigating the effect of content- based instruction programme on developing some English speaking skills for tourism and hotels students. He used the quasi- experimental design with two groups. Questionnaires for students and for English instructors were used and a pre-post test was applied. The results were positive as the use of content- based instruction programme had a positive effect on developing some English speaking skills for tourism and hotels students.

El Abbassy (2017) used a sample of 60 male and female prospective engineers at the Higher Institute of Engineering and Technology at New Damietta to examine the effectiveness of neuro linguistic programming on developing oral skills for students at the higher institution of engineering and technology. She used a quasi-experimental design with two groups. She applied an oral communication questionnaire and a pre-post test with a rubric for speaking skills. The results were positive as the use of neuro linguistic programming provides a great deal of interactivity among the different elements of the learning process because of the interactive elements which are integrated in all neuro linguistic programming techniques.

El Dahrawy (2016) investigated the effect of implementing a computer based environment for developing reading and writing skills of the first year students at the faculty of Commerce. She used a sample of 221 university students at Faculty of Commerce in Alexandria University. She used a quasi-experimental design with one group. She conducted a needs analysis questionnaire and a pre-post test. The findings showed that implementing a computer based environment had a positive effect on developing reading and writing skills of the first year students at the faculty of Commerce.

Khafagy(2016) used 60 university students at Home Economic Department at Damietta University in order to investigating the effectiveness of electronic programme based on English for specific purposes to develop Home Economics students' oral communication skills at faculty of Specific Education. She firstly used the descriptive design and then the quasi-experimental one with two groups. She applied a needs analysis questionnaire, an oral communication skills questionnaire and a pre-post test. The results were positive as the electronic programme with its audio visual presentations creates an

studies used technology and internet to teach reading skills, but they used new technology in teaching traditional reading skills. The researcher attempted to go beyond this traditional perspective in her study through presenting the new concept of transreading. In other words the present study aims at helping Biology Department students to read, and interact across online communication platforms. Furthermore, the previous studies investigated transreading in other fields as libraries, intercultural professional communication, digital creativity and creative reading. As such, the present study investigates a new perspective (transreading) in the Egyptian context. The previous studies which explored the concept were implemented in foreign contexts: the USA, Australia and Poland.

2.2 English for Specific Purposes (ESP)

Tsymbarevich (2016) mentions that English for Specific Purposes (ESP) is the methodology of teaching English for professionals in different fields, concentrating on forms of expressions, vocabulary, standards and formal structures that maybe used in a certain field. For example English for Business, English for law, English for medical purposes, English for tourism, and English for science purposes, etc. Wisniewska (2016) states that scientific debates in the field of ESP resulted in defining ESP as the domain of enquiry and practice in the development of language programmes for people who need a language to fulfill an expected range of communicative needs. Thus, English for specific purposes assumes teaching of English as a foreign language in lights of specific profession, subject or purposes.

Rahman (2015) confirms that ESP refers to the teaching and learning of English as a second or foreign language where the aim of the students is to apply English in a certain field. The teaching of English for specific purposes was greatly motivated by the need to communicate across languages in domains such as commerce, science and technology. ESP is a learner-centered approach for teaching English as an additional language, which concentrates on developing communicative capacities in certain disciplines such as academics, accounting, business, IT, teaching, engineering and science. Shamy (2013) states that ESP programme is a process of offering a programme that serves the students' requirements based on the students' needs analysis. ESP aims at enabling students to use English in the academic, professional settings and workplaces.

Tomaszewska (2016) used a sample of Polish and American students from academic circles all over the two countries based on the quota sampling. They were five focused groups in five academic centers in Poland and USA to investigate visual literacy in transreading as the main ability to understand and communicate in the 21st century. He used a descriptive approach and Quasi- experimental design. The instruments were Visual Literacy Competency Standards for Higher Education 2011, diagnostic measurements, questionnaire and reconnaissance. His findings indicated that transreading – which puts the accent on understanding and communication skills – is required for the effective functioning.

Boote (2012) held a study to identify transreading: defining a skillset for 21st century literacy. Core building blocks, subsets of skills, which once learned can be transferred from one format to another and allow individuals to successfully interact with and use information in a variety of formats. She used three public library staff members from three different library systems in America. Two approaches were used to do this: analysis of existing standards for individual literacies; and a focus group interview with practicing librarians. The results of the two approaches were analyzed to determine what elements need to be addressed. She used interviews and standards for individual literacies as her instruments. The results showed the skills and knowledge that are needed for an individual to be transliterated; access as much reading content is found electronically. Therefore knowing how to search for and access information in a variety of formats and platforms is a prerequisite for reading itself.

Wilkinson (2011) held a study at University of Tennessee at Chattanooga in America to investigate the effect of transreading as pedagogical framework for library instruction. He used the comparative design and applied Google Library Resources, Facebook and set of skills needed for students to be transliterate. The results showed that Transreading exists in two domains. On the one hand, it can be a buzzword haphazardly applied to any invocation of social media in libraries. On the other hand, it can be a well-researched pedagogical approach based in multiple media and transferable skills.

The previous studies indicated the importance of teaching reading as an important skill of learning English language. They tried to investigate new methods for teaching reading skills effectively. Some

5. How far is the designed ESP programme effective in developing the English transreading skills of first year students at Biology department in Damietta Faculty of Education?

2. Review of Literature

2.1 Transreading

Transreading is not only about computer- based items, but about all communication kinds across time and culture. Transreading is a comprehensive concept that bridges and joins past, present and the future patterns. The twitter of a blog is not different from campfire stories. The literacies (digital, numerate, oral) may be dissimilar, but the transreading often transects them in identical ways, according to the cultural context. Recently, people ask each other for advice about various matters via millions of message boards and chatrooms. Those answers are shared, improved and collected so that others can use them. Bush and Tiwana (2005, p.7) affirms that "*Unlike knowledge repositories which follow a people-to-documents model, knowledge networks are inherently people-to-people.*"

Walwema (2018) used a sample of 30 under- graduate university students in America to investigate the effect of using transreading to teach intercultural professional communication. He used a descriptive and a quasi-experimental design with one group. He applied Student-completed research report, observations and reflections. The results showed that transreading opened up spaces that allowed students to gain an in-depth understanding of others' rhetorical practices without contrasting them against their own and by approaching them as ethnographic objects of study. Transreading in intercultural professional communication served to move students towards a more immersive and empathetic understanding of referent cultures, a stance that enriches professional communication.

Sukovic (2017) conducted a study that involved the development of digital stories based on creative reading tasks and an investigation into transreading and student engagement with learning in a high school and university settings. She used a sample of 83 high school Vinnies girls and 19 university participants in Australia. She used an action research approach. Her instruments were online and print surveys, Semi-structured interviews and observations. Her findings indicated that: iTell provided an environment conducive to the development of transreading skills and aided students' engagement with learning.

of December, 2018, recommended that more consideration should be given to English language and its teaching time should be expanded as it is the most prevalent language in international forums.

It is obvious now that English is necessary for all students in the 21st century to be able to be aware of the current discoveries. Based on the National Academic Referenced Standards for Faculties of Education (NARS. Appendix 1) English is considered a necessity for students at faculties of education. As mentioned in the General Specifications of Faculties of Education, graduates should be able to:

"8- communicate actively using their personal abilities, information and technological skills.

9- understand the updated information in their specialization.

10- communicate in correct Arabic and a foreign language."

In addition to the general specifications, the basic science sector graduates should be able to:

"5- interact professionally with scientific data and information in Arabic and a foreign language."

Then, English as a foreign language is considered a requirement for all Faculties of Education graduates in general and scientific department students in particular.

The current study attempted to answer the following main question:

What is the effectiveness of using an ESP programme in developing the transreading skills of first year students at Biology department in Damietta Faculty of Education?

The following sub- questions emerged:

1. What are the English transreading skills required for first year students at Biology department in Damietta Faculty of Education?
2. What are first year Biology Department students' needs concerning the topics necessary to read about in the field of Biology?
3. What are the main components of the ESP programme which would be designed by the researcher to develop the English transreading skills of first year students at Biology department in Damietta Faculty of Education?
4. What is the entry level of first year students at Biology department in English transreading skills?

The recent realization of the student as an interactive and creative participant in a collaborative learning process that blends multiple technology and the internet as an integration part of the classroom lesson should be deeply considered by ESP researchers. Plastina (2013) indicates the innovative feature for ESP students that multiple platforms offers is the opportunity of designing multiple platform texts by coherently combining various digital media elements (texts, graphics, sound, animation and video). The development of web-based authoring tools has totally altered traditional ideas of authorship, as well as blurring the boundaries between speeches and writing [...] Developing multiple communicative skills now requires to be an important of ESP. Prior (2013) remarks that multiple platforms seem to become circumferential areas of ESP research.

1.1 Problem of the Study

Faculties of Education in general are committed to preparing their students for employment. After graduation, students are supposed to be able to have a role in workplaces and to be ready to deal effectively with the challenges which may encounter them. English is a very important language that learners should master in order to deal with the challenges of the global digital world.

The digital age and its effects on students make online education a very necessary component of the educational system. Egypt's 2030 vision calls for enabling students of the 21st century's demands where online education is considered a must. It also confirms the need for developing teaching and learning tools. Moreover, it asserts the importance of activating the dynamic relationship between educational system outcome and the labor market. The vision mentions some of the challenges that encounter university education. One of these challenges is that the majority of teachers and students need to develop the English language skills in general and reading via different internet platforms in particular.

The ministry of education starts a new era of teaching and learning depending on technology, internet and its facilities. University students should be trained to use technology and the internet facilities to be able to cope, as teachers, with the students in this new era. Using new technology and internet facilities is considered one of the recent trends in teaching and learning. This is highly recommended in many conferences. Egypt Can by Education Conference, held in Hurghada in 17th and 18th

In this digital age, instructors should be less interested in `what` and more focused on `how`. The internet puts today's students in front of a challenge of having the ability to deal with many facilities and potentials. Now, students can use their cellphones to do almost everything they need whenever and wherever they want. Ipri (2010) confirms that 74% of smartphone owners use their phones to get real-time location-based information and the number of adults using social networks has doubled since 2011.

Many researchers confirm the assumption that students come to their classes with a group of pre-existing skills via the internet. Head and Eisenberg (2010) mention that university students are good at evaluating the material in Wikipedia and that they prefer to use Wikipedia only as a source for background information. Furthermore, Badge, Johnson, Moseley and Cann (2012) assert that Twitter is quickly turning to be an informal peer-review service for a lot of students. Recently, students are using new methods to find information and instructors in their turn are required to look for ways to tap into students' existing skills, rather than separate them out. Nowadays, transreading is what instructors really need to be attentive to.

Nowadays the world becomes as a big city as a result of international shifts, technology, communication and globalization. Thus, there is a growing need for qualified employees in all fields. Beshaj (2015) states that in today's world people are required to know not only general English, but also extensive vocabulary and communicative use of the language in different specific fields such as science, tourism, politics...etc. In other words, the need for knowing the language in the pertinent area of specification for the employees to be identified as qualified ones in the international context becomes very significant.

Plastina (2013, p.378) mentions “*Over the past, ESP has mostly fostered the development of the language skill of reading print-based texts or monomodal specialized texts.*” But in the digitalized world as Vaish and Towndrow (2010) argue classrooms need to contain multiple platforms to teach students the skills required for the 21st century work environment. Fortunately, younger generations are increasingly involved in the new technologies and the Web 2.0 environment represents a powerful teaching resource which enables students to provide up-to-the-minute information in the classes, consequently narrowing the gap between teachers and students.

1. Introduction

Reading is the main learning information medium in all languages especially English language as it is the language of science. Saman (2018) indicates that there is a new approach that encourages teachers and educators to exceed the fixed border of word-based literacy. This new approach links literacy to the “*increasing multiplicity and integration of significant modes of meaning-making, where the textual is also related to the visual, the audio, the spatial, and the behavioural and so on*” (Kalantzis & Cope, 2000, p. 5). This emerging literacy framework helps expand the concept of teaching materials. Teaching materials, including traditional prints, movie clips, websites, graphic novels, music, cartoons, photographs, and advertisements need to be informative and interesting.

Geiselhofer (2010) affirms that online reading is essential to succeed in tertiary education and work, but the ratio of educational reform does not match the evolved nature of reading. Thomas et al. (2007) illustrate an example of the term transreading through checking the different tasks which online reading requires. They affirm that online reading entails the reader to grasp how the audio (in the form of music, sound effects, the narrator’s voice), visual (images and texts) and interactive modes (links, reader input, navigation) work simultaneously. If a student does not understand how all of these features are related, he will not be able to comprehend the true meaning of the task he is doing. Cronin (2019) assures that developing transreading means to develop the skills necessary not just to function, but to work creatively and critically within a complex information society.

Considering the fact that today’s students are exposed to both conventional and digital media, there is an increasing need of preparing students with transreading skills. The first inspiration of transreading emerged from the term `transliteracies` coined by Professor Alan Liu in the Department of English at the University of California Santa Barbara, when he decided to use it as the title of a conference about reading practices in digital media in 2005. He was concerned with studying many ways where online reading has altered conventional conceptions of literacy. The invasion of digital media has complicated the conventional sense of literacy so much that mere reading is no longer appropriate for describing literacy.

A Proposed ESP Programme for Developing Transreading Skills of the Biology Department Students at Faculties of Education

Abstract:

The information and communication environment has been deeply altered in the 21st century. Web 2.0 technologies have encouraged instructors and scholars to reevaluate their services as the needs of their students have changed. In this an ever-changing environment of constant information, new social media technologies and digital content, students' needs have become more complicated. Learning and literacy for this generation are about the ability to carry out multitask. Therefore, the traditional way of asking students to read textbooks on specialized topics has become inappropriate where the multimodal approach in which video clips and other resources are available on the Internet. Nowadays, classrooms need to contain multiple platforms to teach students the reading skills required for the 21st century work environment. Such changes have their reflections on both teaching strategies and academic research which have to adapt to the changing circumstances and no longer concentrate only on the written text. This rapidly-changing situation represents a clear challenge for ESP scholars who are required to read new topics for various purposes as new methods, terminologies and approaches should be adopted to determine the features of an ESP programme in today's world of multiple communication platforms. The present study aimed at investigating the effect of using a proposed programme for developing transreading skills for the Biology department students at faculties of education. The study sample consisted of thirty students studying at the department of Biology at the Faculty of Education in Damietta University. The researcher used a quasi-experimental approach with one group. A pre-post transreading test was implemented. The results of the study showed that using the proposed programme was effective in developing transreading skills. The study offers suggestions for further studies.

Key words: Transreading, ESP programme



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