The application of the constructivist approach in amsilati learning in PP. Mambaul Falah

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Abstract: Difficulties in reading the word are one of the problems faced by students. Because of these difficulties, many students have difficulty reading the yellow book and make many mistakes in memorizing the position of sentences and memorizing a fashol contained in it. The focus of this study is to evaluate the application of the constructivist approach in the pre-learning stage, the process/core learning aspect, and the closing aspect of amsilati learning. This study uses a qualitative methodology approach that combines descriptive techniques with data collection from observations, interviews, and documentation. The study's findings show that applying the constructivist approach to amsilati learning is going well. It can be seen through the student's ability to find solutions to a problem, students who are more active than ustad/ustadzah, who only guide and support learning by acting as motivators, facilitators, and assessors.

Keywords: Constructivism approach, learning, amsilati.

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Introduction

In Islamic boarding schools, the lessons of the yellow book must be taught, which has become a characteristic of Islamic boarding schools. Hence, Islamic boarding schools are synonymous with studying the yellow book (Nurohmah, 2019). Therefore, it is essential to study the Yellow Book, but studying and reading the Yellow Book is a complex job. It takes patience and perseverance to learn it. In addition, it is also necessary to understand other sciences such as Nahwu, Arabic, Sharaf, and other languages. This learning process takes a long time to master and understand reading skills. Therefore, pesantren must have innovations to make it easier to learn the yellow book (Shoim et al., 2020).

In studying the yellow book, students need help with several problems, namely needing help to read the yellow book properly, and many errors in terms of memorizing the position of sentences and memorizing a fashol contained in it. According to Albadi, Teachers are tasked with effectively addressing the challenges of students struggling to understand the content they encounter in their textbooks. These difficulties usually arise from the complexity of the reading material and the difference in each student's skill level (Saputra et al., 2023).

As an effort to make learning the yellow book easier is the application of amsilati learning (Ridwan et al., 2023). Amsilati serves as a valuable practical guide, facilitating the understanding and mastery of the complex sciences of nahwu and sharaf. This course effectively simplifies this subject, which was once considered challenging by many, especially for those who are new to it (Rosidah et al., 2023). Caregivers of PP. Darul Falah in Bangsri, Jepara, Central Java named KH. Taufiqul Hakim introduced a quick approach to reading the Yellow Book Amsilati. This resource is specifically designed for beginners who want to develop their skills in reading Arabic texts without vowels, which are commonly found in Salaf literature (Fauzi, 2022).

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Based on preliminary studies, amtsilati learning has been implemented at the Mambaul Falah Bondowoso Islamic Boarding School, where the method used is Imam Nawawi's method, namely "Al Hifdu Qoblal Fahmi" (memorize before understanding). Amtsilati learning activities were carried out three times a day, namely morning, afternoon, and evening. In amtsilati learning, there is a learning approach constructivist. This approach is one of the learning theories, which states that students actively produce meaning and construct knowledge based on their experiences, both socially and individual (Riyanti et al., 2021). Gilakjani, stated that the approach constructivism, it is necessary to emphasize a learning-centered approach students, supports student participation in the process of acquiring knowledge, and looking for strategies to make teachers as allies who play an active role, not just as a provider of information (Vitriani et al., 2023).

Approach This includes various learning methods, including methods memorization, question and answer method, and lecture method. These methods widely applied in amtsilati learning. So based on results Preliminary studies researchers are interested in examining how to implement constructivist approach in amtsilati learning at Islamic boarding schools Mambaul Falah Bondowoso.

Previous research that examined the aspects of the constructivism approach was Fahmi Siti Fatimah. The success of the implementation of the Constructivist Approach in teaching PAI at SMPN 23 Bandar Lampung has brought about a transformation in children's attitudes. Through the application of various learning steps such as observation, inquiry, experimentation, critical thinking, and communication, students experience a shift in mindset (Fatimah, 2020). In the realm of Islamic education at X Al-Maarif High School in Bima City, Subhan and Firia Ningsih advocate a constructivist approach that prioritizes student involvement and independent problem-solving. Within this framework, teachers act as motivators, inspirers, assessors, and facilitators, guiding students towards a comprehensive and personal understanding of knowledge (Subhan & Firia Ningsih, 2020).

The uniqueness of this study is that it uses a variety of songs in reciting nadhom khulashoh and applies the method of Imam Nawawi, namely "Al Hifdu Qoblal Fahmi" (memorization before understanding). The difference, as well as the update between the previous and current research is that it is more focused on the constructivist approach implemented in amtsilati learning, where in general the approach is implemented in formal learning.

Method

This research took place in PP. Mambaul Falah Bondowoso uses a qualitative strategy and a descriptive methodology. In this study, the focus of the researcher's observation is on the application of the constructivism approach in the context of the pre-learning stage, the process/core aspect of learning, and the closing aspect of amtsilati learning in PP. Mambaul Falah Bondowoso. Purposive sampling is a technique used in this study to determine informants. This matter includes determining informants based on predetermined standards previously and related to research problems. In this study, the informants chosen were people who really understood the amtsilati learning that was applied so that the researchers carried out interviews with five respondents, which can be explained as follow.

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It can be seen from the table above that two ustadz/ustadzah, two students, and kyai (caregivers) are the subjects of direct interviews used to recruit research informants. The type of interview that the researcher used was a semi-structured interview, where the implementation refers to a series of open questions such as how amtsilati learning is carried out in PP. Mambaul Falah Bondowoso? then allows
new questions to arise because of the answers given by the informant. As a result, the information obtained is quite accurate and legitimate. Moreover, it came directly from a number of related resource persons, including students, ustaz/ustazah, and kyai (caregivers).

Data for this study were collected through published documentation related to amtsilati learning, interviews with informants about amtsilati learning, and observations on the amtsilati learning process. Researchers apply data analysis according to Miles, Hubermem and Saldana, namely: data condensation, data presentation, and drawing conclusions (Gatot and Cv 2020).

Results and Discussion

Findings from interviews conducted in PP. Mambaul Falah Bondowoso's discussion with KE about learning amtsilati is still fresh in my memory. The results of the study show that amtsilati is an efficient approach to acquiring the ability to read the yellow book quickly. Amtsilati, a comprehensive guide designed for beginners, aims to equip learners with the skills to master Arabic sentences within a period of three to six months. In the pages of his book, KH. Taufiqul Hakim, Caregiver of PP. Darul Falah in Bangsri, Jepara, Central Java, introduced a strategic method to quickly understand the contents of the yellow book. These invaluable resources include the teachings of sharaf, qowa'id, and nahwu. The purpose of the exercises and examples in this book is to help the reader become more proficient in reading Arabic expressions or the yellow book. (Darwati et al., 2023) The Book of Amtsilati takes all examples from the Quran, so its application is easy to practice (Rahmawati, 2022).

The target of amtsilati learning can be completed for ten months with the following time division strategy: First, memorization activities for three months, because in PP. Mambaul Falah applies methods that have been applied by Salaf scholars, including one of the methods applied here, Imam Nawawi's method, namely "Al Hifdu Qablal Fahmi", which means memorizing before understanding because basically all knowledge must be memorized from any formula, if you don't memorize any knowledge, you won't be able to answer; for example, if you understand calculations (mathematics), but if you don't memorize the formula, you won't be able to answer, so to speed things up here we use this method. So before learning amtsilati begins, students must memorize all nadhom amtsilatilkhalusoh within a period of 3 months, with a total of 184 nadhom stanzas and further summarized that every day students must memorize a maximum of 3 stanzas nadhom amtsilatilkhalusoh for children who have a low IQ category, for those who have a moderate IQ and above can memorize more than 3 Nadhom Temple every day. In other words, if a youngster memorizes three stanzas at most each day, the child will need two months to remember 184 divided by three, or 61 days. This calculation is based on the maximum count, but it will naturally be even faster when the minimum count is used. Second, the activity of providing material for two months, because the previous students had memorized it, understanding it became quicker and easier. The third is five months of practical exercises, which include reading the yellow book aloud with tatimmah and shorfiyah. The book that is usually used is the book Safinatun Najah. It can be concluded that students will be able to read the yellow book within 5-6 months, and in the next month, namely the 6th-10th month, students will be able to read the yellow book correctly (Kamaluddin, 2024).

Amtsilati is learning in PP. Mambaul Falah Bondowoso consists of three parts: first, introduction/pre-learning: second, core/learning process, and third, closing learning. Thus, Ustad said during the interview:

"There are three steps taken in the implementation of Amtsilati learning activities here: preliminary activities, core activities, and closing activities" (Uwais, 2024).

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Table 2. Research findings
Constructivist approach in the pre-learning aspect of Amsilati

Preliminary/pre-learning activities in PP, Mambaul Falah Bondowoso. Introduction is the first lesson in a learning session designed to energize and focus students so that they can be actively engaged in the learning they will learn (Arianto et al., 2020). Preliminary activities carried out by ustad/ustadzah and students’ learning Amsilati in PP, Mambaul Falah Bondowoso as follows:

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In accordance with the researcher saw when observing the Amsilati learning process in PP, Mambaul Falah Bondowoso is as follows: When the ustad/ustadzah enters the classroom, first greet the students, and they all answer in unison, then continue by reading prayers together; this is a routine activity of students that is carried out before learning begins. Furthermore, read qoidah and nadhom khulasah together according to what is being learned and also interspersed with reading nadhom hidayatul mutaalim. Subsequently, the ustad/ustadzah inquired about the content covered in the previous meeting and verified each student's attendance individually based on the submitted attendance records. These activities unintentionally stimulate pupils, and as a result, they become accustomed to engaging in disciplined teaching and learning activities.

Motivation is the desire to alter one’s behaviour or engage in certain activities to improve pre-existing situations. It can be triggered by stimulation from both internal and external (Oktavia et al., 2021). Motivation can also be described as an impulse that arises from a person's desire to achieve a specific goal. Motivation in learning is an effort to create an appropriate environment to motivate a person to learn and achieve what he wants (Rosidi, 2017). The role of learning motivation is very important in providing enthusiasm or encouragement in the learning process. In addition to serving as a driver for success, learning motivation also involves efforts to achieve learning goals (Andriani, 2019).

Constructivist approach in the process/core aspect of Amsilati learning

The implementation of activities in the process/core of Amsilati learning in PP, Mambaul Falah Bondowoso as follows:

"Explaining the subject matter in accordance with what is written in each volume of Amsilati, ustad/ustadzah provides a detailed explanation of Amsilati learning materials throughout the learning process, starting with understanding and ending with examples."

Amsilati is a comprehensive collection of linguistic works divided into five volumes: Amsilati volumes I-V. In addition to these volumes, it also contains supplementary material such as Khulasah, Tatimmah volumes I and II, Qa'idati, and Sharfiyah. Let’s take a closer look at each volume and its contents: 1) Amsilati volume I includes four important chapters: Isim Dhamir (pronouns), Isim Isyarah (pointing words), Isim Maushul (connecting words), and the letter Jer (preposition). 2) In Amsilati Volume II, the reader will find five informative chapters: Wazan Isim Fa'il, Wazan Isim Maf'ul, Wazan Masdar, Types of Isim, and Signs of Isim. 3) Amsilati volume III delves into six important chapters: At-Tawabi’ (an Isim that follows the previous Irob), Isim Ghafru Munsharif (an Isim without a tanwin),
Isim Musytaq (an Isim formed from another word), Isim Mu’tal (a Defective Isim), and Muhtada’ An-Nawasikh (which affects the Muhtada’). 4) Amtsilati volume IV, focusing on four key chapters: Complementary Sentences, Additional Wazan Fi’il Madli, Fi’il Madli (past tense verbs), and Fa’il (doers). The Amtsilati series presents a comprehensive and in-depth exploration of the Arabic language, covering various grammatical aspects and structures. 5) Amtsilati volume V, consisting of six chapters: Fi’il Mudlari’ (verbs that indicate the present or future), who caused Mudlari’, who jams Mudlari’, Wazan-wazan Mudlari’ Mazid, Fi’il Amar (command words), and important Qoidah. 6) The core teachings of Amtsilati contained in volumes I-V are summarized in Qoidati. 7) Khulasoh contains the Nadhom Alfiyah Ibn Malik. This book, known as Kalam Nadhom, has been translated into Indonesian and Javanese and consists of 184 verses of Alfiyah. 8) Volume I of Tatimmah explains the use of the repeat sentence, along with its function and placement. 9) Tatimmah Volume II provides a complete explanation of repeat sentences, including their function and placement. 10) Sharfiyah explores the topics of i’lal and shorof (Musleh et al., 2022).

Table 3. Package the book of amtsilati

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Figure 1. Package the book of amtsilati PP. Mambaul Falah Bondowoso

Based on the researcher’s observations throughout the amtsilati learning process in PP. Mambaul Falah Bondowoso during the explanation of the subject matter by the ustad/ustadzah. In the learning process, the method applied is a lecture method that involves a thorough explanation of the content of amtsilati learning, starting from understanding to examples. The word that is located in the law jer is jermajrur, and the jer sign includes kasroh, as explained in the material about the letter Jer. Then
ustad/ustadzah guides the students to read the basics together, and the ustad/ustadzah gives examples such as the word 
من الله 
instead of being read 
من الله or 
من الله. Because it is located after the letter 
, it is read kasroh.

After delivering the material, the ustad/ustadzah gives students the opportunity to ask questions because this can require them to respond during the learning process so that they can improve their critical thinking skills and obtain new information. In teaching and learning activities, the use of questions has a very crucial role because it can stimulate curiosity and interest, encourage the development of mindsets, and encourage active learning (Huda, 2020). Using questioning techniques in the classroom helps students learn by helping them repeat concepts, focus, expand critical thinking skills, and participate in the process (Prijanto & de Kock, 2021).

In order for amtsilati learning to run conductively and effectively, ustad/ustadzah applies a learning approach to students. Based on the results of observations when researchers participated in learning activities teaching, students engage in more active learning, through application of a constructivist approach. The ustadzah acts as a facilitator and motivator while the students gain a deeper understanding based on their own experience, namely when they can solve a problem given by the ustadzah related to amtsilati learning. In accordance with the principles of constructivist learning theory, emphasizes the individual active role in building his or her own understanding, educators facilitate the process of students reaching a deeper level of understanding while encouraging children to develop their own approach to purposeful learning. Improving student understanding is the goal of implementing constructivist learning strategies (Masgumelar & Mustafa, 2021).

In constructivist learning, students are expected to actively participate in the learning process, think creatively and independently, and be able to use their previous understanding and experience to solve the challenges given by the teacher (Latifah, 2021). Constructivism highlights that students' active construction of their own knowledge plays a central role in educational activities. Students are allowed to freely express their ideas and opinions on any problem they face. Students will become proficient in critical and creative thinking and be able to master their logical thinking process in this way (Fitri, 2020).

The implementation of the constructivism approach in learning amtsilati in PP. Mambaul Falah Bondowoso as follows: First, ustad/ustadzah provides questions or problems, such as : 
وازل من السماء 
. Second, ustad/ustadzah forms a group for students. Third, the ustad/ustadzah gives orders to find the arrangement of the majrur, how to read it, and its explanation. Fourth, after the students had discussed, each group presented the results of the discussion. Fifth, ustad/ustadzah and students evaluate the results of problem identification.

The constructivist approach is applied in learning through learning. Students in this model overcome real-world problems that have personal significance to them. Actual problems in problem-based learning are real problems, student actions, and solving problems through cooperation. First, teachers guide students to difficulties and inspire them. Second, To guide students, teachers use various strategies such as assigning relevant readings and facilitating study sessions through the formation of study groups. In addition, teachers motivate students to expand their knowledge by encouraging them to read more books, conduct experiments, and provide justification for their answers. After that, the student working group independently conducted an investigation. With teacher guidance, groups of students effectively communicate their findings through the use of reports, films, and models. A group of students then analyzes and assesses the problem-solving procedure. In this phase, teachers provide assistance to students in reflecting on their progress. Throughout the entire process, both teachers and students actively participate and collaborate by carrying out activities such as reading, writing, researching, and discussing to find solutions to the problems (Sabilla et al., 2023).
Constructivism approach in the closing aspect of amtsilati learning

Closing activity in learning amtsilati in PP. Mambaul Falah Bondowoso is explained by the ustadzah as follows:

"After reading the Kafaratul Majlis prayer and saying "g'day" to the students, the teacher concludes the amtsilati learning session by having them read "nadham al-aham," which is nadhom that contains adab to the parents rather than "nadhom khulashoh." It concluded with a question-and-answer period where pupils were allowed to go home first if they could accurately respond" (Laely, 2024).

Question mark activities in closing learning are challenging or interesting, according to the findings of interviews with students who participated in amtsilati learning, specifically FA and SHS. If you can't answer the questions, you will go home last, which occasionally cuts into our time for the next activity (Fatimah, 2024).

In order for students to be able to leave the classroom early, they had to correctly answer questions. Therefore, during the learning process, students had to pay attention to the explanation of the ustad/ustdzah so that during the question and answer activity, they could answer questions or problems given by ustad/ustdzah. From that grows a sense of enthusiasm for learning. This concludes the closing activity, which ended with the question-and-answer method.

Passion, an intense emotion that everyone has, is synonymous with joy. It serves as an essential component of an undertaking, fostering passion and sustaining strong aspirations that lead to exceptional achievement (Humayrah & Watini, 2022). The expression "spirit of learning" refers to the desire to communicate information so that a wider audience can understand it (Lestari, 2022).

Conclusion

This study reveals that amtsilati learning can help students correctly read the yellow book according to its rules. Amtsilati learning through the constructivist approach makes it easier for ustad/ustdzah to understand students and develop students' thinking patterns when solving a problem. The application of the constructivist approach in amtsilati learning is divided into three aspects: The first is the application of the constructivism approach in the pre-learning aspect of amtsilati. Second, the constructivist approach is the process/core aspect of amtsilati learning. Third, the constructivist approach is applied in the closing aspect of amtsilati learning. The research findings show that the constructivist approach has the potential to be effectively utilized in amtsilati learning. Based on this research, which only discusses the learning process of amtsilati through the application of the constructivist approach, further research is needed to determine the effectiveness of amtsilati learning through the constructivist approach.

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