بِسْمِ اللهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

قال الله تعالى

وَمِنْ آيَاتِهِ خَلْقُ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَاخْتِلَافُ أَلْسِنَتِكُمْ وَمِنْ آيَاتِهِ خَلْقُ السَّمَاوَاتِ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَاتٍ لِلْعَالِمِينَ وَأَلُو انِكُمْ أَإِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَاتٍ لِلْعَالِمِينَ

صدق الله العظيم سورة الروم الآية ٢٢

Holly Qurran

(And among His Signs is the creation of the heavens and the earth, and the difference of your languages and colours verily, in that are indeed signs for men of sound knowledge.)

Sûrah Ar-Rûm Verse 22

Dedication

To:

My sisters, brothers and all those who love me.

Acknowledgement

I would like to express my thanks and gratitude to Sudan University of Science and Technology, College of languages which encouraged and supported me in doing my M.A.

I am immensely indebted to Dr. Abdalla Yassin, Dean, College of Languages, from whom I have learnt much. I am also extremely grateful to my Colleagues at the Department of English. I would like to thank in particular Ustaz Muntasir Hassn Mubarak, Ustaz Sami Balla, Ustaz Abdelkariem Hassan, and Ustaz Hilary Marino for their support and encouragement. I would like to thank Prof. Khanji, Dr,. Abdelaziem Zein-Alaabideen, Dr. Omer Ali, Dr Badawi Alshafea, Ustaz Yassir Gibreel, from the college of Education and all my thanks and regards to those who helped this study to see light.

Abstract

This study represents a critical look at the teaching of English alphabet in Sudan through SPINE (pupil's book 1 and teacher's book1). It was conducted with the aim of checking the method followed by the SPINE in teaching English alphabet, in terms of teaching reading and writing English alphabet. The study also aimed to find out to what extent the teachers at Basic level schools were qualified and trained to teach English alphabet. To achieve this, four hypotheses were set for this study, to check whether these hypotheses could be confirmed or not, a teacher's questionnaire was structured by the researcher for data collection. The study sample of this research consisted of 80 English language teachers from Khartoum State, particularly those who teach English alphabet at Basic Level School. They were randomly chosen. The results of data analysis have shown that the four hypotheses are confirmed. The analysis of the collected data has revealed that the Spine pupil's book 1 and teacher's book 1 do not follow an appropriate method in teaching English alphabet for beginners. It has also revealed that the majority of the English language teachers at Basic level schools, particularly those who teach English alphabet are not trained and adequately trained to teach English alphabet. In addition to that the SPINE current teacher's book 1 doesn't provide adequate help for teachers in teaching English alphabet. Therefore recommendations for further studies have been made.

ملخص البحث

حاول الباحث في هذه الدراسة أن يقوم بإجراء دراسة نقدية لطرق تدريس حروف اللغة الإنجليزية (الكتاب الأول للطالب والكتاب المرشد الأول للمعلم).

قام الباحث بإجراء الدراسة بهدف فحص الطريقة التي اتبعها المنهج المذكور في تدريس حروف اللغة الإنجليزية في مجال القراءة والكتابة .

هدفت الدراسة أيضا إلى معرفة مدي تأهيل وتدريس الأساتذة بمرحلة الأساس للقيام بتدريس حروف اللغة الإنجليزية .

تم وضع أربع فرضيات وأجريت المعالجات الإحصائية اللازمة للتحقق من إمكانية إثبات هذه الفرضيات أو عدم إثباتها قام الباحث بإعداد استبانه لجمع البيانات المطلوبة لذلك ، وقد تم اختيار عينة عشوائية للبحث ضمت ثمانين معلما للغة الإنجليزية بمرحلة الأساس ممن يقومون بتدريس حروف اللغة الإنجليزية . بعد تحليل البيانات أثبتت النتائج أن الفرضيات الأربعة قد تحققت .

أظهر تحليل البيانات أن الكتاب الأول للطالب والمرشد الأول المعلم لا يتبعان الطريقة المثلى في تدريس حروف اللغة الإنجليزية للمبتدئين ، كما أظهر التحليل أن غالبية الأساتذة بمرحلة الأساس وتحديداً الذين يقومون بتدريس حروف اللغة الإنجليزية غير مؤهلين بالقدر الكافي وغير مدربين تدريباً جيداً لتدريس حروف اللغة الإنجليزية ، إضافة لذلك أظهر تحليل البيانات أن كتاب المرشد الأول للمعلم لا يقوم بمساعدة الأساتذة المساعدة الكافية في تدريس حروف اللغة الإنجليزية وتبعاً للنتائج المدكورة أعلاه قدم الباحث عدة توصيات كما اقترح بعض العناوين كاطروحات لدراسات مستقبلية في هذا المجال .

Contents

Subject	Page
Holly Qurran	i
Dedication	ii
Acknowledgement	iii
Abstract in English	iv
Abstract in Arabic	V
Tables of Contents	vi
List of Tables	ix
Chapter One	
1-1 Introduction	1-1
1.1.2 English language teaching in the Sudan	1-10
between1898-1956	
1-2 Stating the problem	10-11
1-3 Hypotheses	11-12
1-4 Aims	12-13
1-5 Definitions	13-14

1-6 Significance of the study	13-14
1-7 Limits of the study	14-14
1-8 Methodology of the Study	14-14
1-9 Summary	15
Chapter Two: Theoretical frame work	
2-1 The Origin of Language	16-18
2-2 Theories of Foreign language Learning	18-20
2-3 The Origin of the English alphabet	21-24
2-4 Speech and Writing	24-25
2-5 A brief description of the English alphabet	25-31
2-6 Teaching reading English alphabet	31-33
2-7 Teaching how to read English alphabet in the SPINE series	33-36
2-8 Teaching writing English alphabet	36-45
2-9 Teaching writing English alphabet in the SPINE series.	46-49
2-10 Summary	49-50

Chapter Three: Methodology of the Study	
3-1 Subjects	51-54
3-2 The research Tools	54-56
3-2-1 Validity of the teacher's questionnaire	56-56
3-2-2 Reliability of the teacher's questionnaire	57-58
3-3 Procedures	58-58
3-4 Summary	59
Chapter Four: Data analysis, Results and discussion	
4-1 Introduction	60-60
4-2 Data Analysis	60-60
4-3 Analysis Results and Discussions of part (1) of the teacher's questionnaire.	61-64
4-4-1 Analysis, Results and Discussions of Part (II) of the teacher's questionnaire	64-64
4-4-2 Analysis of part (II) of the teacher's questionnaires	64-70
4-4-3 Results and discussion of part (II) of the teacher's questionnaire	70-94
4-1-4 Summary	94

Chapter Five: Summary Conclusions,	
Recommendation, and suggestions	
5-1 Summary	95-96
5-2 Summary of findings	96-97
5-3 Recommendations	97-98
5-4 Suggestions for Further Studies	99
Bibliography	100-101
Appendixes	102-118

Lists of Tables

List of tables in Chapter Three

Table (3-1) : Sex of the pilot sample .

Table (3-2): The subjects qualifications.

Table (3-3): Distribution of Subjects into Universities in Khartoum

State. Higher Studies degree holders. Years of Experience

Table (3-4): Place of work and Training courses.

List of Tables in Chapter Four

List tables of part (1) of the teacher's questionnaire.

Table (4-1): Qualifications of the Subjects.

Table (4-2): Teacher's field of specialization

Table (4-3): Teacher's Training

List of Tables of part (II) of the teacher's questionnaire

(4-4) The mean standard deviation and Chi-square test results of the teacher questionnaire

Table (4-5) The instruction of teaching English alphabet in the SPINE is not clear.

Table (4-6) Problems with teaching sounds of letters.

Table (4-7) Problems with teaching different sounds of one letter

Table (4-8) Teachers are facing some difficulties in teaching writing the letters correctly.

Table (4-9) It is better to teach the writing of capital and small letters at the same time

Table (4-10) The SPINE does not provide guidance for teaching cursive writing.

Table (4-11) Practice of reading English alphabet

Table (4-12) The practice of how to write English alphabet correctly in the SPINE is poor

Table (4-13) The amount of practice for reading English alphabet.

Table (4-14) The amount of practice for writing English alphabet.

Table (4-15) Adequate instructions in teaching English alphabet

Table (4-16) The SPINE current teacher's book 1, does not help teacher in teaching how to read English alphabet correctly

Table (4-17) The SPINE teacher's book 1, does not help the teachers in teaching how to write English alphabet

Table (4-18) A separate work Book would be helpful in teaching English alphabet

Table (4-19) Teachers training in E.L.T

Table (4-20) Teachers training to teach English alphabet