

Madrasah Teachers' TPACK: To What Extent It Facilitates Students' Learning for Literacy?

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ABSTRACT

Teachers must be proficient not only in subject matter and pedagogy, but also in technology expertise, in order to design lessons holistically in this time of pandemic. This study looked at 80 teachers from 65 madrasahs (Islamic school) in East Java who took part in PPG (Teacher Professional Education Program) at the LPTK (Institute of Teachers' Education) UIN Sunan Ampel Surabaya in 2021. In this study, the data were analyzed by data reduction, data visualization, and drawing conclusions. The results of the research discussion indicate that *madrasah* teachers' ability to use Technological Pedagogical and Content Knowledge (TPACK) is still limited to 18.75 percent. Meanwhile, good TPACK ability reached 60%, while quiet TPACK ability reached 21.25 percent. Many variables influence this, including rapid technology advancements, the availability of numerous applications, support from school leaders, school infrastructures, and teachers who are still in their early years of teaching.

Keywords: *TPACK, Madrasah teachers, Teachers' capability.*

1. INTRODUCTION

One of the objectives of 21st century education is that teachers must grasp subject, pedagogy, and technology in the learning process at the same time. Teachers must be well-versed in lesson planning and have the skills to do so. They are not only competent in content knowledge and pedagogy, but also have technology skills [1]. Due to the integration of these three abilities, then emerged the term TPACK in the field of education. TPACK is the ability of teachers to use technology by paying attention to the content and pedagogical aspects [2,3].

In fact, many teachers and prospective teachers still haven't grasped TPACK or are just at a beginner's level. The study of Biology teachers is one of the sample instances related to the TPACK research ability. Biology teachers' ability to comprehend material/content knowledge (CK) is rated as good by 76 percent. The pedagogical knowledge (PK) score of the teacher is 52 percent. The percentage of people who have

technological knowledge (TK) is 43%. The TPACK knowledge score of the teacher is 53% [4].

This does not, however, mean that all teachers are unable to use TPACK effectively. According to several additional research, teachers' TPACK abilities are extremely varied. Teachers have used technology-based media in their classrooms in 83 percent of cases, and 85 percent can create simple technology-based learning media. In the very good category, the average percentage of TPACK competency in biology teacher learning media is 86.87 percent [5].

The data for this study were collected on the teacher's skill in the field of TPACK as well as the TPACK component's ability. TPACK consists of three main components, namely content knowledge, pedagogic knowledge, and knowledge of technology (technological knowledge) [7-9]. The combination of these three components forms PCK (Pedagogical Content Knowledge), TCK (Technological Content Knowledge)

and TPK (Technological Pedagogical Knowledge), and TPACK (Technological Pedagogical and Content Knowledge) [10,11]. In the table below, each of these components is described in detail:

Table 1. Scope of TPACK components

Components	Scope of TPACK components
<i>Content knowledge</i> (CK)	Knowledge about the material of subject matter which is going to be taught.
<i>Pedagogical knowledge</i> (PK)	Knowledge about, processes, practices, and methods in learning. In other words, pedagogic knowledge is an understanding that must be possessed by teachers about methods, techniques, classroom management, and approaches in the learning process.
<i>Technological knowledge</i> (TK)	Knowledge of various digital technologies such as computers, internet, digital video, software applications, or the ability to adapt and learn new technologies.
<i>Pedagogical content knowledge</i> (PCK)	The relationship between basic knowledge of content and pedagogy applied by teachers in the classroom.
<i>Technological content knowledge</i> (TCK)	Relationship between technology and material content. Good knowledge of technology will have a good impact on the ability to convey material well so that it is easy to understand. In addition, with this ability, the teacher will be able to determine the right media to deliver the material to be taught [8].
<i>Technological Pedagogical Knowledge</i> (TPK)	The ability that expresses the interrelationship between technology and pedagogy. With the ability, this enables prospective teachers to use technology to achieve pedagogical goals. Using technology will make it easier for teachers to create new methods in the classroom.

<i>Technological Pedagogical Content and Knowledge</i> (TPACK)	Knowledge is a combination of each field of knowledge (content knowledge, pedagogical knowledge, technological knowledge, pedagogical content knowledge, and technological content knowledge) by focusing on the use of technology to teach content and achieve pedagogical goals.
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Due to the enormous number of *madrasah* in Indonesia, the question raised on how is the picture of *madrasah* teachers' TPACK abilities in Indonesia? Indonesia has 49,337 *madrasahs*, not including *Raudhatul Athfal* (playgroup or kindergarten) [6]. From the total number of *madrasah*, only 7.9% (3,886 *madrasah*) have the status as state *madrasah*. While the rest, most of them, 92.1% (45.451) are private *madrasah*. The purpose of this study is to discover and describe the TPACK level of *madrasah* teachers, as well as the factors that influence their TPACK level.

2. METHODS

This study is descriptive qualitative research. In this study, 80 religion teachers from 65 *madrasahs* in East Java were examined. The teachers in this study were *madrasah* teachers who took part in PPG (Teacher Professional Education Program) at the LPTK (Institute of Teachers' Education) UIN Sunan Ampel Surabaya in 2021. This research data collection uses documentation, that is the work of *madrasah* teacher learning videos and google form questionnaires to influence the factors that affect the TPACK ability level of *madrasah* teachers who took part in PPG at UIN Sunan Ampel Surabaya. In addition, data mining was also carried out through interviews with *madrasah* teachers participating in PPG about their TPACK abilities. There are 80 teaching practice videos of *madrasah* teachers. Each teacher in this study made one learning video in the class. The duration of the video ranges from 10-15 minutes. This video contains teacher activities in teaching students, which consists of a preliminary, core, and closing activities.

Furthermore, to get data about things that affect the TPACK of *madrasah* teachers, the researchers used questionnaires and interviews. Before the questionnaire was given to *madrasah* teachers, the questionnaire was validated by 3 people; 2 material experts and 1 media expert. The research questionnaire contains the names of participants, the school where they teach, the school status; public or private schools, years of teaching, education and scientific background, factors that affect their TPACK abilities, training that have been attended, and leadership facilities in developing teacher abilities.

Whereas the interviews asked about things that affect teachers' TPACK abilities. Meanwhile, from the video of teacher teaching practice, it can be seen about the teacher's ability in terms of Content Knowledge (CK), Pedagogical Knowledge (PK), Technological Knowledge (TK), Pedagogical Content Knowledge (PCK), Technological Content Knowledge (TCK), Technological Pedagogical Knowledge (TPK), and Technological Pedagogical Content Knowledge (TPACK). The data analysis used is by reducing the research data from the interview which is considered not synchronous. Furthermore, it is presented research data which is about the level of TPACK ability of *madrasah* teachers and the factors that influence it and draws conclusions. To ensure that these data are valid, the researcher triangulates sources and extends the research time.

3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

3.1. The Result of Madrasah Teachers' TPACK

In this study, the TPACK abilities of 80 religion teachers in *madrasah* were classified into 5 categories, namely very good, good, poor, poor, and very poor. Based on the results of research on 80 *madrasah* teachers in East Java who took part in PPG of LPTK at UIN Sunan Ampel Surabaya in 2021, they are as follows:

From table 2 below, it can be understood that the level of ability of *madrasah* teachers in East Java participating in PPG of LPTK at UIN Sunan Ampel Surabaya in terms of TPACK is mostly good (60%), very good at 18.75%, and 17 people are quite good or 21.25%.

From the research data explanation above, it can be known that the ability of content knowledge (*Content Knowledge/CK*), knowledge of pedagogy (*Pedagogical Knowledge/PK*), and knowledge of technology (*Technological Knowledge/TK*), *Pedagogical Content Knowledge (PCK)*, *Technological Content Knowledge (TCK)*, *Technological Pedagogical Knowledge (TPK)*,

and *Technological Pedagogical and Content Knowledge (TPACK)* is as follows:



Figure 1 TPACK capability of *madrasah* teachers.

Meanwhile, many factors affect the *madrasah* teachers' TPACK, they are as follows:

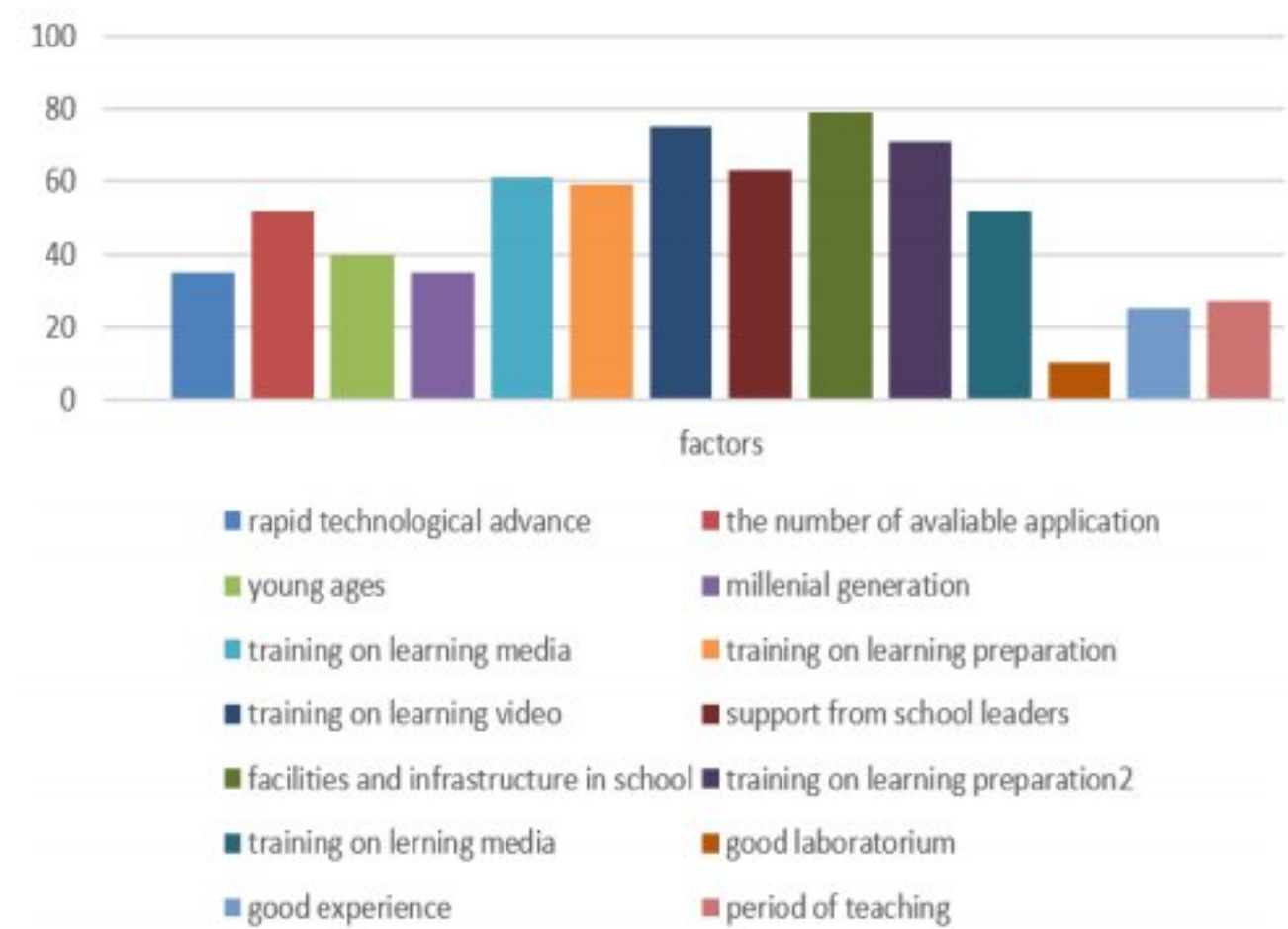


Figure 2 The factors that affect the *madrasah* teachers' TPACK.

The factors that affect the TPACK level of *madrasah* teachers in East Java who took part in PPG service of LPTK at UIN Sunan Ampel Surabaya are rapid technological advances, the number of available applications, the teachers who are including into young ages, the millennial generation category and participating

Table 2. TPACK ability level of *madrasah* teachers based on the learning video

No	Indicator	Score/ Percentage					Total	
		1	2	3	4	5		
1	CK	-	-	-	70 (87%)	10 (13%)	80	100%
2	PK	-	-	-	66 (82,5%)	14 (17,5%)	80	100%
3	TK	-	-	-	61 (76,25%)	19 (23,75%)	80	100%
4	PCK	-	-	15 (18,75%)	49 (61,25)	16 (20%)	80	100%
5	TCK	-	-	16 (20%)	47 (58,75%)	17 (21,25%)	80	100%
6	TPK	-	-	19 (23,75%)	43 (53,75%)	18 (22,5%)	80	100%
7	TPACK	-	-	17 (21,25%)	48 (60%)	15 (18,75%)	80	100%

in various trainings, the support from school leaders, also facilities and infrastructure in schools.

3.2. Discussion

The ability of 80 *madrasah* teachers in East Java varies widely. This is because it is influenced by several factors. The TPACK ability of *madrasah* teachers is very good at 18.75% and 60% is good. This is influenced by the field of science, teaching experience, teacher participation in training to increase human resource capacity, and also the large number of young teachers who are included in the millennial generation. This is very helpful in mastering the technology, material, and pedagogy of *madrasah* teachers [12,13]. This is different from Hanik Maslicatin's research which states that the teacher's TPACK ability is still low. This is because those who are being studied are still prospective teacher students while the object of this research is PPG students who are experienced *madrasah* teachers. Meanwhile, the capability of Content Knowledge (CK) of good *madrasah* teachers reaches 87%. This is much influenced by the suitability of the teacher's scientific field with the subjects he/she teaches, as well as the available facilities and infrastructure. Furthermore, the capability of teachers in terms of Pedagogy Knowledge (PK) is very good (17.5%) and good at 82.5%. The results of this study on the ability of Content Knowledge and Pedagogy Knowledge are not much different from Nevrita's research [5] [14-17].

This is somewhat influenced by the experience of teaching and the insight of teachers in participating in various training to increase the capacity of *madrasah* teachers. While the ability of *madrasah* teachers in terms of Technology Knowledge (TK) can be influenced by the number of young teachers who are millennials. The millennial generation is very close and familiar with the rapid development of technology [18,19]. In addition to these factors, as the study of the results of previous research, Syarifuddin stated that there are also factors that influence teacher competence, namely professional competence, skill competence, work motivation, leadership where teachers work, and teacher attitudes towards their profession [20-23]. The factors that support the TPACK ability of *madrasah* teachers the most are facilities, infrastructure in schools, and training in making learning videos. This is because the teachers studied are mostly teachers from private *madrasah*, not public *madrasah*s. The results of this study indicate that the TPACK ability of *madrasah* teachers is still at a good level, not very good. This shows that there is still a need for mentoring and training to improve their TPACK abilities in the learning and teaching process.

4. CONCLUSION

The ability of *madrasah* teachers in East Java participating in the Professional Teacher Education

Program (PPG) at the Institute of Teachers' Education (LPTK) UIN Sunan Ampel Surabaya to have very good Technological Pedagogical and Content Knowledge (TPACK) is still limited to 18.75 percent, according to the results of the data exposure and research discussion. Meanwhile, 60 percent of participants had good TPACK ability, while 21.25 percent had moderate or quite TPACK ability. Many variables influence this, including rapid technology advancements, the availability of numerous applications, youthful age as a part of the millennial generation, support from school leaders, participation in various training, school infrastructure, and work experience. The percentage of teachers with TPACK abilities in the "quite" or "moderate" category is still relatively high, at 21.25 percent. Therefore, the author highly recommends that the ability of *madrasah* teachers to master TPACK still needs to be improved. Relevant parties such as the Ministry of Religious Affairs, Head of *Madrasah*, Deputy Head of *Madrasah* should hold various trainings or workshops on the use of technology, particularly the TPACK abilities of *madrasah* teachers. For further researchers, they are hoped to be able to research and capture the TPACK abilities of private teachers in private *madrasah* and public *madrasah* who teach certain subjects according to their fields.

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