The Efforts to Recall Kanji Easily by Omoshiroi Kanji Media

ABSTRACT

Japanese has four types of letters in the writing system that is katakana, hiragana, kanji, and romanji. Kanji is one of the letters that are often being an obstacle for Japanese learners of foreign languages, especially for those that don't have the cultural background of kanji. It happened because kanji has a complicated form of letters and the number of letters are huge. So to be able to optimize the teaching of kanji, mainly for the basic level learners, the authors implement a memorizing technique called mnemonic techniques into a media called Omoshiroi Kanji.

By using experimental research methods (experimental research), the authors make a kanji learning media using Adobe Flash CS4 Professional program. This media contains 100 pieces of basic kanji, which can be studied interactively. Each kanji is displayed along with a picture that can explain the meaning and the shape of the kanji itself.

The study was conducted three times the treatment of class XII IPA-4 SMA Negeri 2 Cikampek students. It includes pre-test and post-test. The average pre-test results obtained is 22.5. Then the average post-test results obtained is 52.2. From these results the authors notice some significant changes. With the correlation rate of 0.90 it can be stated that learning kanji using Omoshiroi Kanji media is effective.

Thus Omoshiroi Kanji media can be utilized for kanji learning medium of either group or individual. So it can maximize the process of learning basic level kanji.