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ABSTRACT

This research looks at how English-major students at Nam Can Tho University feel about using song lyrics to learn vocabulary. The study used both surveys and interviews to collect data from 80 students. The survey covered topics like motivation, benefits, how often they use songs, challenges, and the impact of their learning environment. The interviews gave a deeper look into students' personal experiences with music-based learning. The findings show that most students enjoy using song lyrics and find them helpful for remembering vocabulary. Songs help make learning more fun and keep students interested. However, some students find it hard to focus or have trouble with unfamiliar or difficult lyrics. A smaller group of students prefers traditional methods like textbooks. The study shows that motivation is more important than outside factors in how students feel about learning with music. The research suggests choosing songs carefully and adjusting learning activities to fit students' needs. These findings can help students, teachers, and schools who want to use music in language learning in Vietnam.

Keywords: Vocabulary learning, musical lyrics, English-majored students, mixed-methods, Nam Can Tho University

SUMMARY IN VIETNAMESE

Nghiên cứu này nghiên cứu quan điểm của sinh viên chuyên ngành ngôn ngữ Anh tại trường Đại học Nam Cần Thơ về việc khai thác lời bài hát để học từ vưng. Nghiên cứu sử dung cả khảo sát và phỏng vấn để thu thập dữ liêu từ 80 sinh viên. Khảo sát bao gồm các chủ đề như đông lực, lợi ích, tần suất sử dụng bài hát, thách thức và tác đông của môi trường học tập. Các cuộc phỏng vấn đã đi sâu hơn vào trải nghiệm cá nhân của sinh viên với việc học dựa trên âm nhạc. Các phát hiện cho thấy hầu hết sinh viên thích tận dụng lời bài hát và thấy chúng hữu ích để ghi nhớ từ vựng. Bài hát giúp việc học trở nên thú vị hơn và giúp sinh viên hứng thú hơn trong quá trình học tập. Tuy nhiên, một số sinh viên thấy khó tập trung hoặc gặp khó khăn với lời bài hát không quen thuộc hoặc những bài hát khó. Một nhóm nhỏ sinh viên thích các phương pháp truyền thống như sách giáo khoa. Nghiên cứu cho thấy đông lực quan trong hơn các yếu tố bên ngoài trong cảm nhân của sinh viên về việc học bằng âm nhạc. Nghiên cứu đề xuất lưa chon bài hát một cách cẩn thân và điều chỉnh các hoat đông học tập để phù hợp với nhu cầu của sinh viên. Những phát hiện này có thể giúp sinh viên, giáo viên và trường học muốn sử dụng âm nhạc trong việc học ngôn ngữ tai Việt Nam.

Từ khóa: học từ vựng, lời bài hát, sinh viên chuyên ngành ngôn ngữ anh, phương pháp hỗn hợp, trường Đại học Nam Cần Thơ

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

Abbreviation	Full Form
NCTU	Nam Can Tho University
SPSS	Statistical Package for the Social Sciences
M	Mean
SD	Standard Deviation
N	Number of participants or items
Т	t-statistic
P	p-value
CEFR	Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

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