A Study on the Layout Design of English Textbook in Vocational High School

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ABSTRACT

A proper textbook promotes teaching quality and learning effects. A textbook 's layout and illustration is the students 'impression on textbooks. The study intends to build up a set of principles of textbook 's layout so students will accept textbooks more willingly and pleased to learn. There are three major purposes in the study: to explore the importance of layout 's elements, the relationship between text 's layout and learning, and the relationship between illustration and learning. Questionnaire survey method is conducted in this study, in which vocational high school students in central Taiwan are participants. The data acquired are analyzed through descriptive statistics, multiple response analysis and one-way analysis of variance. The following are the conclusions induced:

1. As to the layout 's elements, most vocational high school students consider font size the most important, then followed by row spacing, illustration and color. 2. As to the text 's layout, most vocational high school students are satisfied with the font size 16 and 1.5 lines. As to color collocation, most students prefer yellow matching blue3. As to the functions of the illustration, organizational illustrations assist students 'comprehension of the text contents best. The more satisfied students feel with the illustration, the more aspiration they have to English learning. With the study, the preferable layout 's elements are presented, which can serve as references for teachers and publishers.

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