

**Exploring Learning Behaviours for Fostering ESL Students' Concordance Skills:
A Phenomenological Study**



By:

Andrés Aníbal Baras San Martín

20200810156

English Language Education Department

Faculty of Language Education

University of Muhammadiyah Yogyakarta

2024

Statement of Authenticity

Statement of Authenticity

I hereby

Name : Andrés Aníbal Baras San Martín

Student Number : 20200810156

Study Program : English Language Education

Faculty : Faculty of Language Education

University : University of Muhammadiyah Yogyakarta

certify that this thesis entitled "Exploring Learning Behaviours for Fostering ESL Students' Concordance Skills: A Phenomenological Study" is certainly my own work, and it does not consist of other people work. I am entirely responsible for the content of this thesis. Others' opinion finding include in this thesis are quoted in accordance with ethical standards.

Yogyakarta, March 13, 2024



Andrés Aníbal Baras San Martín

20200810156

Acknowledgement

As the sun sets on this chapter of my academic journey, I stand in profound gratitude to the remarkable individuals who have illuminated my path with their steadfast support, kindness, and wisdom.

To the Head of Department, Andi Wirantaka, S.Pd., M.Hum., whose leadership embodies warmth and inclusivity, reaching beyond borders to embrace international students with open arms, I extend my deepest appreciation. Through your mentorship, you have fostered an environment where cultural diversity thrives, enriching our experiences and shaping us into global citizens.

To my esteemed Supervisor, Sri Rejeki Murtiningsih, S.Pd., M.Ed., Ph.D., you are not merely a mentor but a beacon of light in my academic journey. Your profound compassion and support have been instrumental through the ebb and flow of academic challenges and personal trials. Beyond academia, your solace and understanding have nurtured not only my intellect but also my spirit. I am forever grateful for your profound impact on my journey.

To the Examiner, Endro Dwi Hatmanto, S.Pd., M.A., Ph.D., and the distinguished panel of lecturers, including Dr. Dra. Hermayawati, S.Pd., M.Pd., Arifah Mardiningrum, S.Pd., M.A., Mariska Intan Sari, S.S., M.A., Jati Suryanto, S.Pd., M.Pd., Fitria Rahmawati, S.Pd., M.Hum., Puthut Ardianto, S.Pd., M.Pd., and Gendroyono, S.Pd., M.Pd., your collective expertise and encouragement have sculpted my scholarly endeavours, instilling in me the confidence to explore uncharted territories and pursue knowledge with fervour.

To the administration staff, including Mr. Wahono, Dimas, and Wanda, your willingness to go above and beyond to assist me has been deeply appreciated. Your support has made my academic journey smoother and more manageable.

To my dear friend Maddi, your steadfast support, kindness, and encouragement have been a source of strength and solace throughout this journey.

To my beloved parents, Luis Baras and Ximena San Martin, your love, sacrifice, and unwavering belief in my dreams have been the cornerstone of my resilience.

To each soul who has crossed my path, leaving an indelible mark on my journey, I offer my deepest appreciation. Your kindness, generosity, and unshakeable belief in me have transformed mere acquaintances into cherished companions on this odyssey of discovery.

As I embark on new horizons, I carry with me the lessons learned, the friendships forged, and the memories cherished. Though our paths may diverge, the bonds we've forged shall endure, a testament to the transformative power of compassion and connection.

With boundless gratitude,

Andrés Aníbal Baras San Martín

Table of Contents

Approval Page	ii
Statement of Authenticity.....	iii
Acknowledgement	iv
List of Tables.....	vii
Abstract.....	viii
Chapter I.....	1
Research Background.....	2
Identification of the Problem	4
Delimitation of the Study	5
Research Questions.....	6
Significance of the Study	7
Organization of the Study	9
Chapter II.....	12
Concordance Skills: Definition and Significance.....	12
Language Learning Behaviours.....	14
Strategies for Language Learning	14
Motivation and Engagement in Language Learning.....	15
Self-regulation and Learner Autonomy.....	15
Strategies to Foster Concordance Skills	16
The Role of Teachers in Fostering Concordance Skills	19
Previous Research	20
Conceptual Framework	23
Language Learning Strategies	23
The Role of Teachers	23
Interplay between Strategies and Teachers.....	24
Chapter III.....	26
Research Design	26
Research Setting.....	27
Research Participants.....	28
Data Collection Method	29
Research Instruments	31
Data Collection Procedure	31
Data Analysis	32
Trustworthiness	33

Chapter IV.....	35
Description of the Research Objects.....	35
Findings	36
Findings of Research Question (1): What strategies do ESL students implement to foster their concordance skills?.....	36
Findings of Research Question (2): How do ESL students perceive the role of their teachers in fostering their concordance skills?.....	43
Discussion.....	47
Learning behaviours of ESL Students	47
Challenges and Solutions of ESL Students.....	51
Role of Teachers and Preferred Teaching Strategies from ESL Students.....	53
Chapter V.....	56
Conclusions	56
Suggestions and Implications.....	58
References.....	63
APPENDIX	70
Appendix 1: Research Questionnaire.....	70
Appendix 2: Cluster Analysis of Interview Findings: Learning behaviours of ESL Students....	72

List of Tables

TABLE 1 :DESCRIPTION OF THE RESEARCH OBJECTS	36
TABLE 2: CHALLENGES AND CORRESPONDING SOLUTIONS OF ESL STUDENTS	42