



UNPACKING THE PEDAGOGICAL APPROACHES AND CHALLENGES: A DEEP DIVE INTO FILIPINO LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION IN ELEMENTARY CLASSROOMS

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ABSTRACT

This study aimed to investigate the various teaching methods employed by elementary educators in the Philippines and identify the specific challenges they faced in delivering effective Filipino language instruction. I used criterion sampling to select ten (10) participants a small but appropriate group of for the study. The criteria for selecting participants were based on their experience with the phenomenon being studied specifically, the lived experiences of Filipino language teachers in elementary schools, with a focus on the pedagogical strategies they employed and the challenges they faced in teaching Filipino in selected public elementary schools in the Calinan District, Davao City. The specific details of the procedures in this qualitative phenomenological study to ensure that future researchers could assess the transferability of the results to other contexts. I thoroughly described the time, place, context, and culture of the study in order to establish transferability, which is the qualitative equivalent of external validity in postpositivist research (Creswell, 2021). The emergence of three key themes limited instructional resources, differentiated language instruction, and value-driven language instruction highlights the complex realities teachers face in balancing curriculum expectations with students' diverse needs. These themes not only shed light on current classroom challenges but also affirm foundational educational theories that emphasize the importance of social interaction, active learning, and critical thinking in language acquisition. The implications drawn from this study suggest a strong need for systemic reform and teacher empowerment that are grounded in well-established pedagogical frameworks.

KEYWORDS: Unpacking, Pedagogical Approaches, Challenges, Filipino Language, Instruction, Elementary Classrooms

INTRODUCTION

One of the key problems in Filipino language instruction in elementary classrooms in selected public schools in the Davao City division is the lack of sufficient resources and teaching materials that effectively support language learning. Teachers often face challenges in delivering engaging and contextually relevant lessons due to limited access to updated textbooks, supplementary materials, and technology. Furthermore, there are varying levels of language proficiency among students, which makes it difficult for teachers to address the diverse needs of learners effectively. This gap in resources, combined with insufficient professional development opportunities for teachers, can hinder the successful implementation of a comprehensive Filipino language curriculum, affecting student motivation and overall language acquisition.

In recent years, there has been a growing interest in understanding the pedagogical strategies and challenges associated with language instruction among elementary teachers in the United States. However, significant research gaps persist in this area. While various studies have examined general language teaching practices and the efficacy of different instructional approaches, there is a notable deficiency in comprehensive research specifically focused on the nuances of language instruction within diverse American classrooms (Brown & Zhao, 2021).

For instance, research by Conner et al. (2022) highlights that while substantial focus is on bilingual and ESL (English as a Second Language) teaching methods, less attention is given to how these strategies are adapted for the diverse linguistic backgrounds of students in U.S. elementary schools. Furthermore, challenges such as integrating culturally responsive teaching practices and the impact of varying levels of teacher preparedness require more in-depth exploration (Smith & Roberts, 2023). Addressing these gaps is crucial for developing more effective and inclusive language instruction strategies that meet the needs of all students and support teachers in overcoming the unique challenges they face in multilingual classrooms.

Research into the pedagogical strategies and challenges of language instruction among elementary teachers in Thailand and Indonesia reveals a complex landscape marked by shared and distinct issues. In Thailand, studies have shown that while English language instruction is emphasized, teachers often struggle with limited resources



and insufficient training, impacting their ability to effectively implement communicative teaching methods (Hollie, 2022).

Similarly, in Indonesia, teachers face challenges such as large class sizes and a lack of professional development opportunities, which hinder the adoption of interactive and student-centered pedagogies (Wang & Zhang, 2022). Both contexts highlight a critical need for research into how these pedagogical strategies are adapted and what specific challenges teachers encounter. For instance, recent research by Khan and Hafeez (2023) suggests that incorporating culturally relevant materials and providing targeted teacher training could help address some of these challenges. However, these approaches are not consistently applied across either country. Addressing these gaps could lead to more effective language instruction by better understanding and supporting the needs of teachers in diverse educational settings.

The exploration of pedagogical strategies and challenges in language instruction among elementary teachers in China reveals a multifaceted picture shaped by systemic and contextual factors. Recent studies indicate that while the Chinese education system emphasizes the importance of English language acquisition, teachers frequently encounter challenges related to traditional teaching methods and large class sizes. For instance, research by Chen and Li (2024) highlights that despite efforts to incorporate communicative and interactive teaching strategies, many teachers rely on rote memorization and lecture-based instruction due to curricular constraints and pressure from high-stakes testing.

Furthermore, teachers often struggle with balancing the demands of preparing students for national exams while trying to foster meaningful language use (Lee & Kim, 2024). Another significant challenge identified is the disparity in resources and training opportunities across urban and rural schools, which impacts the effectiveness of pedagogical approaches. Addressing these challenges requires targeted interventions, such as enhanced professional development and more flexible curriculum frameworks, to support teachers in adopting more effective, student-centered language instruction practices.

The pedagogical strategies and challenges associated with Filipino language instruction among elementary teachers in the Philippines reflect a complex interplay of educational policies, resource limitations, and cultural factors. Despite emphasizing the promotion of Filipino as a national language, teachers often encounter significant obstacles in effectively delivering instruction.

Studies, such as those by De Guzman and Villanueva (2022), reveal that while many educators utilize various teaching strategies, including interactive and culturally relevant methods, they face challenges such as inadequate teaching materials and limited professional development opportunities. Furthermore, the diversity of student backgrounds and varying levels of language proficiency complicate the implementation of a standardized curriculum, necessitating more adaptable and individualized teaching approaches (Salazar & Fajardo, 2020).

Additionally, there is a notable disparity in resources between urban and rural schools, with teachers in less developed areas struggling with outdated materials and insufficient support (Santos & Lim, 2021). Addressing these issues requires a comprehensive approach that includes improving resource allocation, enhancing teacher training, and developing flexible and contextually relevant curricula to support Filipino language instruction better.

In Davao City, the pedagogical strategies and challenges associated with Filipino language instruction among elementary teachers reflect localized and broader educational issues. Research by Santos and Rivera (2021) highlights that while educators employ diverse teaching methods, such as multimedia resources and interactive activities, they face significant challenges due to a lack of updated teaching materials and insufficient training opportunities.

Additionally, the varied linguistic backgrounds of students in Davao City further complicate instruction, as teachers must navigate differing levels of language proficiency and regional dialects (Dela Cruz & Navarro, 2021). Compounding these issues is the disparity in resource availability between well-funded urban schools and under-resourced rural areas, which affects the consistency and quality of instruction across the city (Manlapig et al., 2021). To address these challenges, there is a need for targeted professional development, improved access to teaching resources, and a more flexible curriculum that can accommodate the diverse linguistic needs of students in Davao City.

LITERATURE REVIEW

One major reason for resource limitations is insufficient funding allocated to educational institutions. Smith and Roberts (2023) discuss how inadequate funding affects the availability of essential teaching materials, such as books, technology, and educational software. Their study reveals that budget constraints often lead to outdated or insufficient resources, hindering teachers' ability to implement effective pedagogical strategies and provide high-quality language instruction. Resource limitations are exacerbated by the unequal distribution of resources across schools and districts. Hargreaves and Fullan (2021) highlight that schools in underfunded or economically disadvantaged areas frequently face shortages in teaching materials and technological tools. Their research points



out that this disparity in resource allocation affects the ability of teachers in these schools to employ innovative pedagogical strategies and address diverse student needs effectively.

One of the primary disadvantages of large class sizes is the reduced ability of teachers to provide individual attention to students. Large classes can make it difficult for teachers to address the unique needs of each student, particularly in language instruction, where personalized feedback and support are crucial. With more students to manage, teachers may struggle to provide the individualized instruction necessary to support each student's language development effectively (Chen & Li, 2024; Gonzalez and Martinez (2022) also highlight that large class sizes limit teachers' opportunities to engage in one-on-one interactions with students, which is essential for language acquisition. Their study indicates that the inability to offer tailored support can hinder students' progress and impact their learning experience.

Large class sizes exacerbate classroom management issues, impeding effective language instruction. Smith and Roberts (2023) explore how managing many students simultaneously can lead to increased behavioral issues and disruptions. Teachers often find it challenging to maintain order and ensure that all students remain engaged, which affects the effectiveness of language teaching strategies and can result in a less productive learning environment (Smith & Roberts, 2023; Brown and Zhao (2021) add that the complexities of managing a large classroom can overwhelm teachers, making it difficult to implement and sustain effective pedagogical strategies. Their research shows that the increased need for classroom control and discipline can divert teachers' attention away from instructional activities, negatively impacting the quality of language instruction.

Large class sizes can limit opportunities for meaningful student interaction and collaborative learning, which is essential to effective language instruction. Smaller class sizes facilitate more frequent and meaningful interactions between students, which are important for practicing language skills and developing communicative competence. In contrast, large classes can restrict the amount of group work and peer interaction, reducing the effectiveness of collaborative learning activities (Lai & Zhao, 2021; Howard, 2023). This further emphasizes that the ability to engage students in interactive and communicative tasks is diminished in large classes. His study indicates that when the number of students is high, organizing and managing group activities critical for language practice and development becomes challenging.

Assessing and monitoring individual student progress can be particularly challenging in large classes. Hargreaves and Fullan (2021) point out that with more students, teachers may struggle to track each student's progress and provide timely feedback effectively. This difficulty in assessment can hinder teachers' ability to identify and address learning gaps and adjust instructional strategies accordingly. On the other hand, large class sizes can lead to less frequent and less detailed assessments due to time constraints and the volume of students. This limitation can impact the ability to accurately gauge student performance and tailor instruction to meet individual needs (Williams & Thompson, 2022).

Research Questions

For the study *Unpacking the Pedagogical Approaches and Challenges: A Deep Dive into Filipino Language Instruction in Elementary Classrooms* the following research questions could be considered:

1. What are elementary teachers' specific challenges in delivering effective Filipino language instruction?
2. How do elementary teachers adapt their instructional strategies to address the diverse needs of their students in Filipino language classes?
3. What values can be used to improve the quality of Filipino language instruction based on the experiences and insights of elementary teachers?

METHODOLOGY

Research Design

I provided specific details of the procedures in this qualitative phenomenological study to ensure that future researchers could assess the transferability of the results to other contexts. I thoroughly described the time, place, context, and culture of the study in order to establish transferability, which is the qualitative equivalent of external validity in postpositivist research (Creswell, 2021). By doing so, I aimed to provide sufficient contextual information for other researchers to determine whether the findings could apply to similar settings or circumstances. The study took place in public elementary schools in Davao City, with a focus on Filipino language instruction. The teachers' experiences within this specific cultural and educational context offered valuable insights into the pedagogical strategies they used and the challenges they faced.

I employed semi-structured interviews as the primary method of data collection, allowing me to gather in-depth insights from participants about their experiences and strategies in teaching Filipino. This interview approach gave me the flexibility to ask follow-up questions and probe deeper into emerging themes related to the teachers' pedagogical practices and challenges (Seidman, 2018). As the researcher, I took an active role in engaging with the participants, ensuring their voices were heard and their experiences accurately represented.

I established rapport with the teachers to create a comfortable and trusting environment, encouraging them to openly share their perspectives on navigating challenges such as student engagement, varying proficiency levels, and access to teaching resources.



For the sampling method, I used purposive sampling to select Filipino language teachers with relevant experience in elementary education, ensuring alignment with the research objectives. Ethical considerations were observed throughout the study: I obtained informed consent from all participants, guaranteed confidentiality, and ensured that they had the freedom to withdraw from the study at any time without penalty (Cohen et al., 2020).

Research Participants

I used criterion sampling to select ten (10) participants a small but appropriate group of for the study. The criteria for selecting participants were based on their experience with the phenomenon being studied specifically, the lived experiences of Filipino language teachers in elementary schools, with a focus on the pedagogical strategies they employed and the challenges they faced in teaching Filipino in selected public elementary schools in the Calinan District, Davao City.

The most significant criterion was that participants had extensive experience teaching Filipino language, particularly in the areas of reading comprehension and language skills, in public elementary schools. All participants had been teaching for several years, ensuring that they possessed substantial knowledge and experience to draw upon when reflecting on their teaching practices and the challenges they encountered.

The participants for this study consisted of ten Filipino language teachers from selected public schools in Davao City. Each had at least five years of experience teaching Filipino in the elementary school setting. These teachers were selected because they had firsthand experience teaching language skills to young learners and could provide deep insights into the challenges of addressing diverse student needs and improving comprehension.

For example, one participant, a licensed professional teacher with over six years of experience, had taught Filipino subjects in both face-to-face and online settings. Another participant had experience teaching Filipino to special education students, including those with disabilities, offering a unique perspective on adapting teaching strategies for diverse learners. Each of these teachers had also pursued graduate studies, including master's degrees in fields such as teaching and educational management. Their combined practical and academic knowledge enriched the study by contributing nuanced, experience-based insights into the complexities of Filipino language instruction. Their collective experiences were instrumental in identifying the various challenges encountered in teaching Filipino and the strategies used to overcome these obstacles (Brown & Kappes, 2022).

Research Instrument

Creswell (2019) suggests that interviews are essential for understanding aspects that researchers cannot directly observe. In my study, qualitative interviews were not conducted merely to obtain direct answers, but rather to gain an understanding of the experiences of Filipino language teachers and the meaning they attributed to those experiences. Typically, qualitative studies employ unstructured, open-ended interviews to provide flexibility and allow both the interviewer and participants to address emerging issues.

Data Analysis

Qualitative data analysis began with the process of organizing, reducing, and describing the data I had collected (Creswell, 2019). Since there were no prescribed formulas for qualitative analysis, it became a flexible and interpretive process. Marshall and Rossman (2020) emphasized that qualitative analysis does not follow a linear progression and is often messy and iterative. Despite this, I adhered to good practices and clear procedures throughout the process, which enhanced the credibility of the research. Below, I outline the steps I followed in my data analysis process and how I ensured the results of my study were credible, transferable, dependable, and authentic.

To ensure the trustworthiness of the study, I followed systematic steps in organizing and interpreting the data. These steps included immersing myself in the data, generating categories and themes, coding the data, and offering interpretations of the findings. By rigorously following these procedures, I aimed to produce a comprehensive and accurate understanding of the pedagogical strategies and challenges in teaching Filipino language instruction, particularly in relation to reading comprehension in junior high school. As Creswell (2019) noted, such detailed attention to data analysis increased the study's rigor and reliability, ensuring that the findings were rooted in the experiences of the participants.

To guide my data analysis, I used the seven phases of data analysis described by Collaizi (1986) as cited in Santos (2021), which provided a framework to reduce data, create manageable pieces, and allow for interpretation. The seven phases included organizing the data, immersing myself in the data, generating categories and themes, coding the data, offering interpretations through analytic memos, and searching for alternative understandings. I began by organizing the data, ensuring that each participant's responses were clearly separated and easily accessible. I then immersed myself in the data, reading and rereading the interviews to fully understand the context and meaning behind the participants' words.

As I progressed, I generated categories and themes based on recurring ideas in the data and used coding to classify the information into relevant sections. This iterative process allowed me to offer insightful interpretations of the



challenges and pedagogical strategies in Filipino language instruction, particularly in teaching reading comprehension in junior high school, ensuring that the findings were grounded in the lived experiences of the participants (Creswell, 2019).

Data analysis began with organizing the data. I ensured that the information provided by each participant was kept separate and in the sequence of the interviews. By carefully organizing the data, I was able to keep it manageable, easily accessible, and readily available for analysis. I transcribed the digital audio files from the interviews into written form and maintained a logbook to organize the data collected from each participant. This process of organization was vital for maintaining clarity and coherence in the data, allowing me to effectively analyze the pedagogical strategies and challenges in Filipino language instruction (Creswell, 2019; Marshall & Rossman, 2020).

Next, I familiarized myself with the data through extensive reading of the interviews to gain a deep understanding of the content. I read through the interviews multiple times at least three to ensure that I grasped the nuances of the participants' responses. In line with Creswell's (2019) recommendations for qualitative analysis, I created a summary sheet for each participant. These summary sheets served as a quick reference to the original data, allowing me to stay organized as the data analysis process progressed. This step helped me connect key themes and insights, particularly in relation to the pedagogical strategies and challenges encountered in Filipino language instruction. By immersing myself in the data, I was able to better identify patterns and themes that informed the analysis of instructional approaches in the Filipino context (Creswell, 2019).

After the initial readings, I reviewed the data again with specific typologies in mind. Typologies are classification systems that divide certain aspects of the data into distinct categories, which can be generated from theory, common sense, or research objectives (Creswell, 2020). For this study, I used the typologies or themes identified in the literature review as the framework through which I analyzed the data. I then coded the data into five categories based on these themes, extracting relevant excerpts from the participants' responses and assigning them to the appropriate category. This process helped me organize the data in a way that aligned with the research objectives, particularly in exploring the pedagogical strategies and challenges faced by elementary teachers (Creswell, 2019; Marshall & Rossman, 2020).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

This section outlines the key implications of the study and suggests future directions for research, practice, and policy in the teaching of the Filipino language at the elementary level. The findings of this study on Filipino language instruction in elementary classrooms illuminate critical pedagogical trends, persistent challenges, and areas for growth within the Philippine education system. By unpacking the strategies educators employ and the obstacles they face, this research offers valuable insights into how Filipino language instruction can evolve to better serve both teachers and learners. The implications of these results extend beyond the classroom, informing curriculum development, teacher training, and policy reform. As the educational landscape continues to shift in response to technological advancement and socio-cultural change, it becomes imperative to chart a clear path forward.

Implications

The study reveals significant implications that impact how Filipino is taught and learned in early education. The emergence of three key themes limited instructional resources, differentiated language instruction, and value-driven language instruction highlights the complex realities teachers face in balancing curriculum expectations with students' diverse needs. These themes not only shed light on current classroom challenges but also affirm foundational educational theories that emphasize the importance of social interaction, active learning, and critical thinking in language acquisition. The implications drawn from this study suggest a strong need for systemic reform and teacher empowerment that are grounded in well-established pedagogical frameworks.

The theme of limited instructional resources underscores the persistent inequity in access to quality teaching materials in many Filipino elementary schools. From the lens of Vygotsky's socio-cultural theory, which emphasizes the importance of cultural tools and mediated learning, the lack of contextual and age-appropriate Filipino materials impairs learners' cognitive development. Language is deeply embedded in social context, and without culturally relevant texts and resources, children may struggle to connect classroom instruction with their everyday experiences. This disconnects limits opportunities for meaningful dialogue and scaffolding, both central concepts in Vygotsky's framework. The implication here is that stakeholders must prioritize the development and equitable distribution of localized learning materials that reflect the learners' socio-cultural background.

Similarly, the lack of resources presents a challenge from a constructivist perspective, particularly through the theories of Piaget and Bruner, who emphasize active engagement and discovery learning. Constructivism asserts that learners construct knowledge through hands-on experiences and interactions with their environment. When instructional tools are inadequate, it becomes difficult for students to explore language concepts in a concrete and meaningful way. The implication for educators and curriculum planners is to create opportunities for students to build knowledge through experiential learning, even when formal materials are limited. This could include community-based storytelling, project-based learning, or the use of locally sourced content that allows learners to engage in authentic language experiences.

The study also emphasizes the importance of differentiated language instruction, recognizing the diverse linguistic, cognitive, and socio-economic backgrounds of students in Filipino classrooms. This theme aligns with Vygotsky's



concept of the Zone of Proximal Development (ZPD), which suggests that learning is most effective when instruction is tailored to the learner's current ability with appropriate support. In multilingual contexts where students may speak a different mother tongue at home, differentiated instruction becomes essential to bridge language gaps and support comprehension. This implies that teacher education programs must include strong training in adaptive strategies that respond to individual learning needs, thus reinforcing the idea of socially mediated and inclusive instruction.

From a constructivist viewpoint, differentiated instruction is also fundamental, as it supports the idea that learners actively construct meaning based on prior knowledge and developmental readiness. Bruner's spiral curriculum and Piaget's stages of development both advocate for instruction that builds progressively and meets learners where they are. The study shows that when teachers adjust their approaches such as using visuals, interactive games, or peer-assisted learning they are facilitating meaningful engagement with the language. This has implications for curriculum design, suggesting that flexibility and learner-centered strategies must be embedded within language programs to enhance understanding and retention.

The third theme, value-driven language instruction, reveals the deeper role of Filipino education in shaping identity, social values, and national consciousness. This aligns strongly with Paulo Freire's critical pedagogy, which views education as a means of social transformation and liberation. Teachers reported using Filipino instruction not just to teach grammar and vocabulary, but to foster patriotism, moral reasoning, and cultural appreciation. This implies that Filipino language education can serve as a platform for critical thinking and reflection, helping students understand their societal roles and become more engaged citizens. Thus, educators must be empowered to integrate social issues and cultural themes into language lessons, promoting both academic and personal growth.

In summary, the themes that emerged from this study highlight critical areas where Filipino language instruction can be improved, particularly by drawing on established educational theories. Vygotsky's socio-cultural theory supports the need for contextually grounded and socially relevant resources. Piaget and Bruner's constructivist theory reinforces the importance of active, differentiated, and student-centered learning experiences. Freire's critical pedagogy challenges educators to go beyond rote instruction and instead foster a classroom environment where values, identity, and societal issues are part of the language learning journey. The implications suggest a holistic approach one that addresses material needs, embraces learner diversity, and promotes critical reflection as key to advancing Filipino language education in elementary classrooms.

Future Directions

This study has provided valuable insights into the instructional practices and challenges faced in teaching Filipino in the early grades. Building on the themes of limited instructional resources, differentiated language instruction, and value-driven teaching, the study points toward several future directions to enhance language instruction and promote a more equitable, engaging, and culturally rooted learning environment.

Filipino teachers, there is a need for sustained professional development that focuses on differentiated instruction, the use of contextualized and indigenous materials, and the integration of values education into language lessons. Future efforts should prioritize training programs that equip teachers with adaptive strategies to support learners with diverse linguistic backgrounds and learning needs. Additionally, teacher collaboration and peer learning communities can serve as platforms to share effective practices and innovate instructional approaches, especially in resource-constrained settings.

Filipino learners, future initiatives should center on creating inclusive and engaging learning experiences that connect classroom instruction with their cultural and social realities. This includes the development of learner-centered materials that are visually rich, interactive, and culturally meaningful. More support systems such as peer mentoring, remedial sessions, and the integration of technology can help accommodate various learning styles and paces. Efforts should also ensure that Filipino language education contributes to students' identity formation, critical thinking, and appreciation of Filipino values.

School administrators, the study suggests the importance of instructional leadership that supports and empowers Filipino language teachers. School leaders should facilitate access to relevant teaching materials, allocate time for collaborative planning, and promote school-based initiatives that highlight the importance of Filipino language and culture. Administrators also play a key role in implementing policies that support differentiated instruction and inclusive practices. Investing in language-rich environments, such as reading corners, storytelling sessions, and language fairs, can further enrich the school's language learning culture.

Elementary Parents, future directions involve greater engagement in their children's language development. Schools and communities should work together to strengthen home-school partnerships by involving parents in literacy programs, Filipino language celebrations, and simple at-home activities that encourage the use of Filipino. Educating parents about the value of mother tongue and Filipino language proficiency not just for academic success but for cultural grounding can help foster a more supportive learning environment outside the classroom.

Future Researchers, this study opens up several avenues for continued investigation. Further research can explore how digital tools and platforms might address the issue of limited resources, or how Filipino language instruction



varies across regions with different mother tongues. Longitudinal studies could examine the long-term effects of value-driven instruction on learners' socio-emotional development and civic identity. Additionally, examining the perspectives of learners themselves could provide deeper insights into how they experience and internalize Filipino language learning across different contexts.

In conclusion, the study invites a collaborative effort among educators, learners, parents, and educational leaders to reimagine Filipino language instruction as a transformative, inclusive, and culturally affirming practice. By acting on these future directions, stakeholders can contribute to a more dynamic and responsive educational system that nurtures not only language proficiency but also national pride and critical awareness.

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