

# **THE ASSESSMENT OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF ICYDIOM IN LEARNING IDIOMS AND ENRICHMENT OF LINGUISTIC REPertoire AMONG SDS MATRICULATION STUDENTS**

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## **ABSTRACT**

*This study aims to elevate students' enthusiasm and acquisition in learning idioms in a fun and effective way using an innovative board game; ICYDIOM. Idioms as part of English vocabulary system is an essential element to become proficient speakers or writers but have been problematic for ten S12T1 SDS Matriculation students as diagnosed in the Pre-Test because idioms could not be interpreted literally within context and memorizing them is wearisome. Hence, ICYDIOM is the solution, a board game that I innovated to enrich learners' linguistic repertoire. This game creates interactive communication as well as helps learners to grasp the meaning and the use of idioms in contexts via varied levels of difficulty of idioms tasks while playing. ICYDIOM creates full interaction between the players and boosts motivating sense which leaves a tremendous effect on idioms learning within real life context. The learners experience a new scope of learning to acquire idioms by having healthy competition and teamwork. ICYDIOM initiates learners to acquire a vast number of idioms within one play or more without having them to memorize the figurative phrases the conventional way. ICYDIOM involves 21st century learning; student-centered, collaborative and contextual learning. The students' improvements are shown in the Post-Test results.*

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