



**Unlocking Arabic Mastery: Exploring Self-Taught Language  
Learning with Mondly Application**

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**Abstract**

This research reveals a new and revolutionary way to learn Arabic autodidactically using the Mondly application. Despite its reputation as one of the most challenging languages in the world, this app promises to be a fun and effective way to learn. The main goal of this research is to evaluate how effective Mondly is in facilitating independent learning of Arabic and identify key factors that support user success. By analyzing real-life experiences from users, this research provides deep insight into the role of technology in changing the way we learn languages in the digital age. This research uses a qualitative descriptive approach which aims to introduce the Mondly application to the public and investigate more deeply and explain how the use of the features in it can support self-taught Arabic language learning. Data was collected through in-depth interviews and direct observation of application users. The data analysis technique used is thematic analysis, which allows researchers to identify important patterns and main themes from user experiences. The main goal of this research is to evaluate how effective Mondly is in facilitating independent learning of Arabic and identify key factors that support user success. By analyzing real-life experiences from users, this research provides deep insight into the role of technology in changing the way we learn languages in the digital age.

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## A. Introduction

Arabic is one of the most important language forms in the era of globalization and acceleration of world technology today. This is based on the fact that Arabic has been named as an international language which is also one of the international languages recognized by the United Nations from 12 other languages such as English, Mandarin, German, Japanese, and so on. Arabic in this case ranks 5th of the 10 most widely spoken languages worldwide with approximately 300 speakers.

Similar to Arabic, technological developments that exist in the current era and era are developing rapidly and rapidly. This is based on various factors, one of which is the progress of the times which finally realizes a variety of sophisticated things in various sectors, especially in the education sector.

This research certainly has a goal for the world of education and technology, the development of Arabic language in the field of technology as a support. We as researchers realize this research by specifically exploring the "Mondly" application as one of the manifestations of language mastery applications, especially in the world of Arabic language learning in particular implementation.

Learning Arabic has long been considered a major challenge for many students, especially for those who do not have access to an Arabic-speaking environment. Theoretically, Arabic has a complex grammatical and phonetic structure, which often requires intensive and interactive teaching methods. Empirical facts show that even though there are various traditional learning methods that have been used, the level of success of students in mastering Arabic still varies, depending on the quality of teaching and the learning environment.

Technological developments have opened up new opportunities in language learning. Language learning apps like Mondly offer an innovative and interactive approach, allowing users to learn languages independently via digital devices. Theoretical studies show that the use of technology in language learning can increase student motivation and engagement, as well as provide instant feedback which is essential in the learning process.

Previous studies have explored the effectiveness of language learning applications in general. For example, research by Godwin-Jones (2015) shows that mobile applications can improve language skills by providing repetitive and contextual practice. However, specific research assessing the effectiveness of the Mondly application in learning Arabic is still limited. This research aims to fill this gap by assessing the extent to which the features in the Mondly application can support self-taught Arabic language learning.

The novelty of this research lies in its specific focus on learning Arabic through the Mondly application, which has not been studied much before. In addition, this research uses a qualitative descriptive approach which provides in-depth insight into user experiences, something that has not been widely discussed in previous research which focuses more on quantitative results.

The aim of this research is to introduce the Mondly application to the public, investigate more deeply the use of the features in the application, and explain how these features can support self-taught Arabic language learning. By understanding the effectiveness and factors that influence the successful use of this application, it is hoped that this research can make a significant contribution to the field of language learning in the digital era.

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In this research, it will certainly be very useful for the social realm of education because in it we present a variety of literature that thoroughly explores learning using the Mondly application self-taught which can be accessed by various groups, of course.

Several previous studies have been conducted in this topic. Research conducted by Musa et al indicates that the Mondly application is very useful for beginner second language learners, although there are several weaknesses in it.<sup>1</sup> Nuril Fahmiyah and his colleagues also conducted research focusing on a similar topic, and the results showed that the Mondly application had a positive impact in improving students' mastery of Arabic vocabulary.<sup>2</sup> Apart from that, research by Windasari et al also shows that students' Arabic language skills can improve by using the Mondly application.<sup>3</sup>

This research focuses on exploring the use of the Mondly application as a means of self-taught Arabic language learning by students. The aim is to better understand the potential and success of this application in supporting the Arabic language learning process without direct guidance. The research will delve deeper into certain aspects of Mondly use, such as the availability of learning materials, clarity of instructions, responsiveness to learner needs in terms of vocabulary and sentence structure. It is hoped that the results of this research can provide valuable insight for the development of independent Arabic language learning methods through applications, as well as enrich understanding of the effectiveness of technology in supporting self-taught learning.

### B. Method

This research uses a descriptive qualitative approach, which aims to introduce the Mondly application to the public and investigate more deeply and explain how the use of the features in it can support self-taught Arabic language learning.<sup>4</sup> This research will provide a deeper understanding of the usefulness of certain features in the application in the context of independent Arabic language learning.

Documentation and observation techniques were used in collecting data, which was then analyzed.<sup>5</sup> Documentation involves the features available in the Mondly application, while observation focuses on understanding and utilizing these features in learning. In addition, an in-depth review of related articles was carried out. Data analysis is carried out throughout the data collection process,

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<sup>1</sup> Musa Nushi, Nazila Fattahi, and Famararz Ebn-Abbasi, "An Evaluative Review of Mondly: A Mobile Language Learning Application," *The EuroCALL Review* 30, no. 2 (2023): 69–85, <https://doi.org/10.4995/eurocall.2023.15763>.

<sup>2</sup> Nuril Fahmiyah and Syarifuddin Syarifuddin, "PENGARUH APLIKASI MONDLY ARABIC TERHADAP PENINGKATAN MUFRADAT DI MA MIFTAHUL ULUM PUNTIR," *LUGATUNA: Jurnal Prodi PBA* 2, no. 2 (September 30, 2023), <https://doi.org/10.31764/ljpb.v2i2.16746>.

<sup>3</sup> Ririn Windasari and Wildan Mahsun Nurzaki, "فعالية تعليم اللغة العربية باستخدام برنامج مندلي في مدرسة "مجدية الخامسة المتوسطة سورابايا", *Jurnal Alfazuna : Jurnal Pembelajaran Bahasa Arab Dan Kebahasaaraban* 5, no. 1 (December 10, 2020): 17–27, <https://doi.org/10.15642/alfazuna.v5i1.924>.

<sup>4</sup> Sugiyono, *Metode Penelitian Kualitatif* (Bandung: Alfabeta, 2020).

<sup>5</sup> Neil Cowie, "Observation," in *Qualitative Research in Applied Linguistics: A Practical Introduction*, ed. Juanita Heigham and Robert A. Croker (London: Palgrave Macmillan UK, 2009), 165–81, [https://doi.org/10.1057/9780230239517\\_8](https://doi.org/10.1057/9780230239517_8).

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including reduction, presentation and drawing conclusions within a certain period of time.<sup>6</sup>

### C. Findings and Discussion

#### Introduction to the mondly application

Mondly is a language learning app designed to help users learn multiple languages effectively.<sup>7</sup> With its user-friendly interface and advanced features, Mondly has become a popular choice for those looking to master a new language easily.<sup>8</sup> One of Mondly's superior features is the diversity of languages offered. The app provides over 30 different languages to learn, from popular languages like English, Spanish, and Mandarin, to more exotic languages like Swahili, Icelandic, and Arabic.<sup>9</sup> Thus, users have the opportunity to choose the language they want to learn according to their interests and needs.

Another breakthrough feature is the diversity of types of learning materials available on Mondly. From text to audio to visuals, users can access various types of learning content designed to improve their language skills in an engaging and fun way.<sup>10</sup> For example, users can practice their listening skills by listening to native dialogues in the target language, or test their understanding by answering interactive quizzes.

This is in line with multimedia learning theory which states that learning that involves various types of media, such as text, audio and visuals, can improve understanding and retention of information.<sup>11</sup> By utilizing various types of learning materials, users have the opportunity to deepen their understanding through a more interactive and enjoyable learning experience.<sup>12</sup> For example, audio can help in practicing listening skills, while visuals can help strengthen understanding of concepts. This is in line with the concept of multisensory learning, where users obtain information through various senses, thereby enriching their learning experience and enabling them to understand the material better.<sup>13</sup>

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<sup>6</sup> Darmiyati Zuchd and Wiwiek Afifah, *Analisis Konten Etnografi & Grounded Theory, dan Hermeneutika Dalam Penelitian* (Bumi Aksara, 2021).

<sup>7</sup> Casper J. D. Jensen and Teresa Cadierno, "Differences in Mobile-Assisted Acquisition of Receptive and Productive Vocabulary Knowledge: A Case Study Using Mondly," *The Language Learning Journal* 0, no. 0 (2022): 1–16, <https://doi.org/10.1080/09571736.2022.2108123>.

<sup>8</sup> Sedigheh Hajizadeh, Ahmed Rawdhan Salman, and Saman Ebadi, "Evaluating Language Learning Applications from EFL Learners' Perspectives: The Case of Mondly," June 5, 2023, <https://doi.org/10.21203/rs.3.rs-3011332/v1>.

<sup>9</sup> Fahmiyah and Syarifuddin, "PENGARUH APLIKASI MONDLY ARABIC TERHADAP PENINGKATAN MUFRADAT DI MA MIFTAHUL ULUM PUNTIR."

<sup>10</sup> Nushi, Fattahi, and Ebn-Abbasi, "An Evaluative Review of Mondly."

<sup>11</sup> Anwar Habibi Siregar, Renni Hasibuan, and Muhammad Jundi, "Exploring the Characteristics of Arabic Learning Content on Tiktok and Instagram: A Qualitative Analysis," *INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON EDUCATIONAL THEORIES, PRACTICES, AND RESEARCH* 1, no. 01 (October 18, 2023): 11–27.

<sup>12</sup> Renni Hasibuan and Abdul Wahab Rosyidi, "Greene & Petty "العربية تجمعنا" تحليل الكتاب المدرسي "سلسلة اللناطقين بغيرها للصف الثاني المدرسة الابتدائية على أساس," *Nady Al-Adab: Jurnal Bahasa Arab* 20, no. 1 (2023): 63–78.

<sup>13</sup> Renni Hasibuan, Laily Fitriani, and Abdul Aziz, "Application of Jigsaw Strategy with Crossword Puzzle Media in Reading Skill Learning," *Al-Uslub: Journal of Arabic Linguistic and Literature* 7, no. 02 (July 8, 2023): 207–18, <https://doi.org/10.30631/al-uslub.v7i02.152>.

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One of the features that makes Mondly a top choice for many users is its advanced voice recognition technology. With this feature, users can practice their pronunciation with confidence, as the app can provide instant feedback on how they pronounce words and phrases in the target language.<sup>14</sup> This helps correct pronunciation errors and increases confidence in speaking the language being studied. With the help of this application, learners can easily shape their Arabic learning environment. Not only listening and speaking skills, but also reading and writing skills can be developed through this Mondly application. Because as is known, many learners feel bored due to the lack of attraction in the learning media presented by the teacher.<sup>15</sup>

Apart from that, Mondly is also equipped with learning features that are tailored to the user's ability level.<sup>16</sup> Starting from beginner to advanced level, this application provides learning materials tailored to the user's abilities and learning goals. This allows users to learn at their own pace and gradually expand their knowledge of the language being studied. Mondly also offers special features to increase user motivation and engagement.<sup>17</sup> For example, there is a points and levels system that allows users to track their progress and earn rewards when they reach their learning targets. Additionally, there is also a community feature that allows users to interact with fellow learners, share experiences, and provide support to each other on their journey to mastering a new language.

With mobile apps available for iOS and Android devices, Mondly allows users to learn anywhere and anytime.<sup>18</sup> This makes it especially suitable for those who have a busy lifestyle or who travel a lot, as they can access their learning materials easily from their phone or tablet. Overall, Mondly is a comprehensive and fun language learning app that offers a variety of innovative and interesting features to help users learn new languages easily and effectively. With its combination of advanced technology and an engaging learning approach, Mondly is the perfect solution for anyone looking to gain language proficiency quickly and efficiently.

### Using Mondly Arabic as an Arabic Learning Media

Mondly is an app designed to assist users in learning Arabic with ease. The app stands out with a unique feature that allows users to interact with a virtual assistant, guiding them in pronouncing sentences appropriately. In addition, there are tests and quizzes that can be used to test the user's understanding of

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<sup>14</sup> Gufron Zainal Abidin Sdawi Manasiq, "PENINGKATAN KOMPETENSI PENGAJAR BAHASA ARAB MELALUI APLIKASI MONDLY ARABIC," *Tanfidziya: Journal of Arabic Education* 45, no. 1 (2023): 1-17.

<sup>15</sup> Renni Hasibuan, "فعالية تطبيق مباراة لعبة الفرق بوسيلة الكلمات المتقاطعة في تعليم البلاغة لطلبة جامعة إمام بونجول" (masters, Universitas Islam Negeri Maulana Malik Ibrahim, 2023), <http://etheses.uin-malang.ac.id/59687/>.

<sup>16</sup> Hajizadeh, Rawdhan Salman, and Ebadi, "Evaluating Language Learning Applications from EFL Learners' Perspectives."

<sup>17</sup> 1813044016 Nanda Reza Adelia, "PENGUNAAN MEDIA APLIKASI MONDLY UNTUK MENINGKATKAN KETERAMPILAN MENYIMAK DALAM PEMBELAJARAN BAHASA PRANCIS DI KELAS X SMAN 16 BANDAR LAMPUNG," Skripsi (UNIVERSITAS LAMPUNG: FAKULTAS KEGURUAN DAN ILMU PENDIDIKAN, September 22, 2022), <http://digilib.unila.ac.id/66527/>.

<sup>18</sup> Nushi, Fattahi, and Ebn-Abbasi, "An Evaluative Review of Mondly."

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the Arabic language. The app is available in a free version and a paid version that provides additional, more comprehensive Arabic learning features.<sup>19</sup>

Utilizing Arabic learning apps for beginners is one of the best methods in acquiring Arabic language proficiency. Apart from being accessible anytime and anywhere, these apps can also adapt to the needs of beginners with their flexibility. The additional features provided also enhance the learning experience to be better and more effective. With consistency in learning and practicing Arabic through the app, you will get used to it and develop better Arabic language skills. The app also offers basic principles of Arabic grammar, common vocabulary used in daily life, and a quiz game feature to form sentences in Arabic.<sup>20</sup>

Arabic language learning apps can be an effective solution to acquire Arabic language proficiency quickly and efficiently. With a variety of features on offer, these apps make it easy for users to learn and master Arabic from basic to advanced levels. Moreover, with a variety of learning methods available, users can choose the method that best suits their own preferences and ability levels.

Utilizing Arabic learning apps allows us to improve our understanding and knowledge of the Arabic language more efficiently and effectively. It can help us to broaden our horizons to a deeper knowledge of Islamic religion, Arabic literature and Arabic culture. As a Muslim, it is important to learn Arabic as it is the language of the holy Quran.

### 1. Steps To Access Learning Materials On Mondly Arabic

- a. Download and Install the App: The first step is to download the Mondly Arabic app from the app store corresponding to your device, available on the App Store for iOS users and Google Play Store for Android users.
- b. Create an Account or Login: After downloading the app, you can select "Sign Up" at the bottom of the screen. You can sign up using your email address or Facebook/Google account, or sign in with an existing account if you have registered before.
- c. Select a Learning Language: After logging in, you will be asked to select the language you want to learn, select "Arabic" as the language of interest.
- d. Select Learning Level: Next, you will be asked to select a learning level that suits your ability. Mondly Arabic app offers a number of learning levels consisting of more than 100 sessions, each having around 10 stages or learning levels. We have the flexibility to choose the level or category of Arabic learning, ranging from beginner to advanced level.
- e. Start Lesson: After selecting the level, we can start the lesson and will be introduced to various learning features such as conversation practice, vocabulary, tests and more. The app emphasizes the importance of conversation practice and grammar foundation building, by providing features such as learning statistics, leaderboards to boost motivation, and phrase learning.

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<sup>19</sup> Firmansyah, Herdah, and Saepudin, "The Use Of The Mondly Arabic Application In Increasing Mastery Of Muḥādatsah Santri Takhasshush Al Urwatul Wutsqaa Islamic Boarding School, Sidrap Fortress," *Al-Iftah: Journal of Islamic Studies and Society* 3, no. 1 (2017): 2588–93.

<sup>20</sup> Manasiq, "PENINGKATAN KOMPETENSI PENGAJAR BAHASA ARAB MELALUI APLIKASI MONDLY ARABIC."

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- f. Explore Learning Materials: Within the app, you will find different types of learning materials such as text, audio, images, and interactive exercises. Navigation can be done through menus or the app's user interface.
- g. Choose a Topic or Theme: You can choose a specific topic or theme to learn about, such as food, travel or shopping. Learning materials are organized by theme for better contextuality and relevance.
- h. Utilize Interactive Features: Use the available interactive features such as conversation practice, knowledge test, and gamification-based games to improve your Arabic comprehension.
- i. Set a regular and consistent learning schedule, e.g. allocate 10 minutes every day, to achieve more effective results.<sup>21</sup>

### Mondly Arabic Features

Mondly Arabic is an Arabic language learning application that offers a variety of interactive features to increase the effectiveness and fun of the learning process.<sup>22</sup> Some of the interactive features available in Mondly Arabic include:

#### a. Interactive Lessons

Mondly Arabic provides interactive lessons covering a wide range of topics, from basic vocabulary to advanced levels. The app provides learning materials on various types of vocabulary, grammar materials, commonly used sentences, as well as other learning resources essential for users from beginner to advanced levels in Arabic. Users can practice speaking, listening, reading, and writing in Arabic through direct interaction with the app. With interactive features, students' enthusiasm for learning Arabic can be stimulated.<sup>23</sup>

#### b. Conversation Practice

Mondly Arabic features a chatbot that helps in conversation practice by ensuring proper pronunciation, which can improve speaking skills. Users can engage in simulated conversations with virtual characters or through direct conversations with the app. This kind of environment can improve students' speaking skills, and not only that, immediate improvements are also made.<sup>24</sup> According to the author, this is important so that students do not get caught in fatal mistakes, especially in writing for beginner Arabic language learners.<sup>25</sup> This application is present as a solution to this phenomenon, based on research by Reni which shows that many students' mistakes in writing are caused by their

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<sup>21</sup> Ririn Windasari and Wildan Mahsun Nurzaki, "فعالية اللغة العربية باستخدام برنامج مندلي في مدرسة محمية،" *Jurnal Alfazuna : Jurnal Pembelajaran Bahasa Arab Dan Kebahasaaraban* 5, no. 1 (2020): 17-27, <https://doi.org/10.15642/alfazuna.v5i1.924>.

<sup>22</sup> Juriati Juriati, "THE USE OF MONDLY APPLICATION AS A MEDIA TO INCREASE STUDENTS' WRITING ABILITY AT SECOND GRADE SD INPRES TETEBATU," *THE ACADEMIC: ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING JOURNAL* 7, no. 2 (December 25, 2022): 222-27, <https://doi.org/10.52208/aellj.v7i2.1014>.

<sup>23</sup> Renni Hasibuan and Muhammad Jundi, "OPTIMIZING STUDENT'S READING SKILL: AN EXPERIMENTAL STUDY ON THE INFLUENCE OF COMIC MEDIA ON ARABIC LANGUAGE LEARNING," *El-Mahara* 1, no. 2 (December 29, 2023): 55-68, <https://doi.org/10.62086/ej.v1i2.500>.

<sup>24</sup> Renni Hasibuan and Muhammad Jundi, "Crafting Success: Creative Management Techniques for Darul Ulum Sipaho Islamic Boarding School's Arabic Language Learning Program Implementation," *Kitaba* 1, no. 3 (November 30, 2023): 135-46, <https://doi.org/10.18860/kitaba.v1i3.24218>.

<sup>25</sup> Renni Hasibuan, "تدخل لغة باتاك مندائيلنج على استعمال اللغة العربية لدى طلاب معهد دار العلوم سيباهو," *Islamic Manuscript of Linguistics and Humanity* 4, no. 2 (2022): 1-16.

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lack of knowledge about Arabic language rules and the lack of direct correction by the teacher.<sup>26</sup>

Within the Mondly Arabic app, there are HOTS-type exercises that can be customized and varied depending on the student's ability. Before starting the exercises, students need to understand the vocabulary provided in the Mondly Arabic app or have a minimum proficiency level of C1. For example, the "Conversation" theme in the Mondly Arabic app is aimed at beginner level students. Before going through the exercises, students are advised to memorize and understand the vocabulary first. The exercises then progress to the C4 level, which involves analyzing vocabulary and conversations that match the theme chosen at the beginning of the Mondly app.

Encouraging students to analyze information, identify patterns, compare and evaluate arguments or solutions is the main goal. For example, in the second theme on Chatbot, the app invites users or learners to interact with text, such as asking for a full name. To reply to the dialog, students are given answer options that must be spoken using voice. This strategy aims to activate students' engagement in higher thinking processes, as well as develop their analytical, evaluative, creative and collaborative abilities. Thus, students can apply their knowledge in a broader context and prepare themselves to face challenges in real life. With live conversation features by native speakers, this is an important step to overcome Arabic interference by learners' first language.<sup>27</sup> By interacting directly with native speakers, learners can improve their accuracy and fluency in Arabic, as well as gain a more authentic experience in using the language.<sup>28</sup>

### c. Scoreboard and Achievements

Mondly Arabic provides a scoreboard and achievement system that allows users to monitor their Arabic learning progress. Users can track their scores, complete tasks, and earn achievements as encouragement to continue learning.

### d. Knowledge Test

This feature allows users to test their understanding of Arabic through quizzes and tests available in the app. Users can evaluate their understanding of vocabulary, grammar, and other concepts in Arabic.

### e. Wide Range of Level Options

Mondly Arabic provides various learning levels, from beginner to advanced, making it suitable for users with varying levels of proficiency in Arabic. Users can choose a level that suits their ability or upgrade their level as they go along.

### f. Theme-Based Learning Materials

Mondly Arabic lessons are organized around specific themes, such as travel, shopping, food, and more. This helps users learn vocabulary and phrases relevant to everyday situations in a contextual and relevant manner.

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<sup>26</sup> Renni Hasibuan and Linni Zakiyah Siregar, "Al-Akhtā'al-Imlā'iyah al-Syā'iah Ladā Talāmūz al-Şaf al-Şāmin Bi Ma'had Dār al-Ulūm Sipaho," *JICALS: Journal of Arabic Education, Linguistics, and Literature Studies* 1, no. 1 (2023): 65–78.

<sup>27</sup> Muhammad Jundi, Renni Hasibuan, and Suleman D. Kadir, "Probing the Fusion of Arabic and Gorontalo Dialect in the Daily Linguistic Landscape of Students at Al-Falah Islamic Boarding School," *Kitabina: Jurnal Bahasa & Sastra Arab* 4, no. 02 (December 8, 2023): 34–46, <https://doi.org/10.2345/kitabina.v4i02.20255>.

<sup>28</sup> Renni Hasibuan, Muhammad Jundi, and Zaki Abouelnasr Elbaghdadi, "Al Samātu Al Lughowiyyat Lil Arobiyyati Fil Ma'had Al Islāmi Dirōsatu Hālati Fi Ma'hadi Al 'Ashri Bil Indōnīsiyyā," *Lughawiyyat: Jurnal Pendidikan Bahasa Dan Sastra Arab* 6, no. 2 (November 12, 2023): 127–44, <https://doi.org/10.38073/lughawiyyat.v6i2.1088>.

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### g. Gamification-Based Learning

This feature uses the concept of gamification to make learning Arabic more fun and engaging. Users can collect points, level up and achieve other rewards as they learn, which can increase their motivation and engagement in learning.

As for helping beginners in understanding the phrases used in Arabic, Mondly Arabic App provides features of Conversational exercises and practice of everyday phrases, Quizzes to test understanding, Grammar lessons to understand sentence structure as well as Audio features that help in learning the pronunciation of phrases. The Arabic vocabulary features available consist of various categories, such as taaruf, vehicles, animals, houses, and other topics. In addition, there are also audio features that support learning the pronunciation of common vocabulary in Arabic, namely the clear audio feature and the speech recognition feature.<sup>29</sup>

First, the clear audio feature is a feature that allows users to listen to the pronunciation of words and phrases in Arabic clearly and accurately. This feature is supported by professional vocal actors and advanced audio technology, allowing users, especially beginners, to better understand and practice Arabic vocabulary, phrases and conversations. Here's how to use the clear audio feature in the Mondly Arabic app:<sup>30</sup>

- a. Open the Mondly Arabic app and select learning materials that focus on general vocabulary or conversational Arabic.
- b. While you are learning the vocabulary, make sure to enable the audio option in the app. Usually, there is an icon or option that allows you to adjust the audio settings. This audio feature will help you listen to the pronunciation of the vocabulary clearly and accurately.
- c. With the audio feature enabled, you will be able to listen to the clear and accurate pronunciation of Arabic words, phrases and sentences, delivered by professional vocal actors.
- d. Pay attention and repeat the pronunciation of the vocabulary simultaneously with the available audio. This step will help you improve your pronunciation and better understand the vocabulary.

Second. The Speech Recognition feature is a speech recognition feature in the Mondly Arabic app that facilitates Arabic speaking practice for users, as well as providing immediate feedback on their pronunciation. By using the speech recognition feature, the app can evaluate users' speech to what extent their accent, intonation and pronunciation resemble native speakers and provide suggestions or corrections to improve Arabic speaking. This allows users to instantly improve their pronunciation and learn more interactively and effectively, as they can instantly practice and improve the quality of their

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<sup>29</sup> ABDUL RAHIM, "THE USE OF MONDLY LANGUAGE APPLICATION TO IMPROVE STUDENTS' VOCABULARY ACHIEVEMENT (Pre-Experiment Research at the Seventh Grade Students of SMP UNISMUH MAKASSAR)." (UNIVERSITAS MUHAMMADIYAH MAKASSAR FAKULTAS KEGURUAN DAN ILMU PENDIDIKAN, 2020).

<sup>30</sup> A. D. H Arrizqa, "Penggunaan Aplikasi Mondly Untuk Meningkatkan Kemampuan Pelajar Pada Keterampilan Mendengar (Studi Eksperimen Di Asrama Sulaimaniyah Banda Aceh)" (UIN Ar-Raniry Fakultas Tarbiyah dan Keguruan), 2023).

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speaking skills with the support of technology. The steps to use the speech recognition feature in the Mondly Arabic app are:<sup>31</sup>

- a. Open the Mondly Arabic app on your device.
- b. Select the learning material you want to study, such as conversation exercises or quizzes.
- c. When starting a learning session, make sure to enable the speech recognition option in the app. Usually, there is an icon or option that allows you to activate the speech recognition settings.
- d. During the learning session, the app will record your pronunciation and evaluate how close your accent, intonation and pronunciation are to native speakers.
- e. After recording your pronunciation, the app will provide immediate feedback on how well your pronunciation matches that of a native speaker.

From the explanation above, we can understand that the integration of technology in learning is very important in the current era.<sup>32</sup> Thus, teachers as educators and learners are required to have good technology skills.<sup>33</sup> This will help increase the effectiveness and efficiency of the learning process and prepare students to face challenges in an increasingly digitally connected world. So the use of Mondly Arabic application has a positive impact in improving the quality of Arabic language teaching. It provides an effective solution to overcome challenges in Arabic language learning by providing various tools that assist users in creating more interesting and efficient learning. In the modern technological era, this kind of app has the potential to become a valuable resource in Arabic language learning in various circles. Therefore, the utilization of Mondly Arabic app has a great opportunity to be a progressive step in improving the quality of Arabic education in all educational institutions if it is used as a medium in learning.

### Advantages and Disadvantages of Mondly Application

The Mondly application is one of the current technology applications that has a variety of foreign language learning features in it. The Mondly application contains more than 30 languages in the world, in which can be selected for free access or premium subscription to be able to access it without existing time limits. This app contains a foreign language course that starts with a basic conversation between 2 people. That is between the application user and the mondly language application server automatically. Of course in this case it aims to memorize basic words quickly, make it easier to make sentences, and at the end the user can reconstruct independently in the form of other sentences.<sup>34</sup> In this application there are also 3 main points, namely a list of vocabulary, theory-based lessons, and hands-free in each lesson, in the most basic initial lesson

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<sup>31</sup> Manasiq, "PENINGKATAN KOMPETENSI PENGAJAR BAHASA ARAB MELALUI APLIKASI MONDLY ARABIC."

<sup>32</sup> Renni Hasibuan and Laily Fitriani, "Innovative Approach to Reading Skill Development: Jigsaw Strategy and Crossword Puzzle Media," *Journal of Arabic Language Learning and Teaching (JALLT)* 1, no. 2 (December 12, 2023), <https://doi.org/10.23971/jallt.v1i2.98>.

<sup>33</sup> Renni Hasibuan, Ira Safira Haerullah, and Umi Machmudah, "TPACK dalam Pembelajaran Bahasa Arab (Studi Implementasi dan Efektivitas)," *Islamic Manuscript of Linguistics and Humanity* 5, no. 1 (October 6, 2023): 23–34.

<sup>34</sup> Fahmiyah and Syarifuddin, "PENGARUH APLIKASI MONDLY ARABIC TERHADAP PENINGKATAN MUFRADAT DI MA MIFTAHUL ULUM PUNTIR."

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consisting of 6 lesson points, each of which is completed by 3 points at the beginning. Of course, in an application there will be many things, one of which is the advantages and disadvantages of each application.

The Mondly application is intended for learning foreign languages, one of which is Arabic. Of course, on this page researchers will explain the advantages and disadvantages of this application within the scope of Arabic learning space in the current technological era.<sup>35</sup>

### **Here are the advantages of the Mondly application in terms of Arabic learning:**

- Audio is clear and vocal professional and feels conversational with real people.
- Advanced speech recognition program. The mondly app has sensitivity to the pronunciation of words and phrases of users who are just learning a foreign language.
- Language Learning starts from the language used daily
- Stay updated in app updates from January 2015 to February 2024 with the latest updates
- Gradual learning starts from points 1 to 6
- Basic vocabulary, daily learning and progress, daily learning reminders, and rankings
- The features are interesting, consist of many menus and have a complete theme from personal and special to general themes in everyday life.

### **On the other hand, there are also shortcomings possessed by the Mondly learning application in learning Arabic, namely:**

- Some meanings between Arabic and Indonesian are not the same in translation in their daily Indonesian application
- Limited access every day if you do not use a premium subscription-based application
- Too many ads with every app you open

Of course, discussions related to the advantages and disadvantages of this application are written by researchers as a basis for consideration and new knowledge for readers. Hopefully by knowing the advantages and disadvantages can be used for the good of learning Arabic in this technological era to be better in the future.<sup>36</sup>

## **D. Conclusion**

This research aims to introduce the Mondly application to the public and investigate in more depth and explain how the use of the features in it can support self-taught Arabic language learning. Through a qualitative descriptive approach, this research collects data from in-depth interviews and direct observations of application users. Thematic analysis is used to identify key patterns and themes of user experiences.

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<sup>35</sup> Manasiq, "PENINGKATAN KOMPETENSI PENGAJAR BAHASA ARAB MELALUI APLIKASI MONDLY ARABIC."

<sup>36</sup> Nanda Reza Adelia, "PENGUNAAN MEDIA APLIKASI MONDLY UNTUK MENINGKATKAN KETERAMPILAN MENYIMAK DALAM PEMBELAJARAN BAHASA PRANCIS DI KELAS X SMAN 16 BANDAR LAMPUNG."

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The conclusion in this research is that we as researchers finally found 3 main points from the results of our research, namely a comprehensive and in-depth study of the Mondly application, the use of this application in the world of education for self-taught Arabic language learning, as well as the advantages and disadvantages of the Mondly application contained in it. .

The conclusion we reached after the research we conducted is that the "Mondly" application is highly recommended especially for beginner, intermediate and advanced Arabic language learners. The reason is, this application is very easy and affordable to access. Although on the other hand you need the option to subscribe for free with daily progress or choose faster learning by switching to premium features. Of course this is a good choice for users.

Our advice as researchers is to highly recommend this application for use as a support for Arabic language learning that can be accessed anywhere, by anyone, and at any time in the current technological era.

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