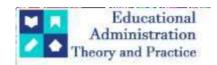
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# Enhancing EFL Outcomes Through Reflective Teaching Experiences From Public And Private Universities Of Bangladesh

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# ARTICLE INFO ABSTRACT This study explores the impact of reflective teaching experiences on English as a Foreign Language (EFL) outcomes in Bangladesh, focusing on instructors from

Foreign Language (EFL) outcomes in Bangladesh, focusing on instructors from both private and public universities. Through a mixed-methods approach encompassing surveys, interviews, and classroom observations, the research investigates the engagement in reflective practices, perceived effectiveness, and associated themes among EFL educators. Findings reveal varying levels of engagement across institutions, with private universities generally demonstrating higher levels of involvement compared to public counterparts. However, the perceived effectiveness of reflective practices varies, underscoring the need for tailored interventions. Thematic analyses highlight recurring themes such as the benefits of reflection, encountered challenges, institutional support, and cultural considerations. These insights inform the development of targeted strategies to foster a culture of reflection in EFL instruction, with implications for enhancing pedagogical effectiveness and student learning outcomes in Bangladesh and beyond.

**Keywords:** Reflective teaching, English as a Foreign Language, EFL outcomes, Bangladesh, Higher education.

### Introduction

English proficiency stands as a critical asset in Bangladesh, echoing its significance in global interactions, educational pursuits, and professional endeavors (Mansilla, V. B., & Jackson, 2022). Within the sphere of tertiary education, the cultivation of English as a Foreign Language (EFL) skills emerges as a pivotal objective for universities (Choi, 2024). The attainment of desirable outcomes in EFL instruction, however, necessitates the employment of effective teaching methodologies. Among these methodologies, reflective teaching has emerged as a promising avenue for enhancing pedagogical effectiveness and, consequently, student learning outcomes (Farrell, 2015). This paper endeavors to explore the impact of reflective teaching experiences on EFL outcomes within the context of both public and private universities in Bangladesh.

Reflective teaching encapsulates a spectrum of strategies designed to foster educators' self-awareness, critical thinking, and professional growth (Richards & Lockhart, 2015). By encouraging instructors to engage in deliberate examination and evaluation of their teaching practices, classroom dynamics, and student responses, reflective teaching endeavors to facilitate continuous improvement in instructional strategies and educational outcomes (Dogan et al., 2016; Farrell, 2018). The theoretical underpinnings of reflective teaching draw from seminal works such as those by Dewey and Schön, who emphasized the importance of reflection in professional practice (Farrell & Bennis, 2013). These ideas have been further developed and applied within the field of

language teaching, where reflective practices have been associated with increased learner engagement, motivation, and language proficiency (Kemmis & McTaggart, 1988).

While the benefits of reflective teaching in enhancing language learning outcomes have been substantiated through research conducted in various educational contexts (Ulanoff & Pavia, 2000; Tsui, 2009), its application and impact within the Bangladeshi university setting remain relatively unexplored. Bangladesh presents a unique context for examining the efficacy of reflective teaching practices in EFL instruction, given the diverse linguistic backgrounds of students, varying levels of English proficiency, and the dual presence of public and private universities (Rahman et al., 2020).

Public and private universities in Bangladesh serve as the primary hubs for tertiary education, each with its own institutional dynamics, resource allocation, and pedagogical practices (Kabir, A. H., & Chowdhury, 2021). Understanding the role of reflective teaching in these distinct contexts is crucial for informing strategies to enhance EFL outcomes across the higher education landscape in Bangladesh. Moreover, the exploration of reflective teaching experiences in both public and private universities allows for a comprehensive examination of its applicability and effectiveness across diverse educational settings.

In synthesizing the findings, this research aims to contribute to the existing literature on reflective teaching and EFL instruction by offering insights specific to the Bangladeshi higher education context. The implications of the study findings extend beyond individual pedagogical practices to encompass institutional support structures, professional development initiatives, and policy considerations aimed at optimizing EFL outcomes in Bangladeshi universities.

In the subsequent sections of this paper, we will delve into the literature on reflective teaching practices, explore their application in EFL contexts, outline the methodology employed in this study, present and discuss the research findings, and conclude with recommendations for fostering reflective teaching experiences to enhance EFL outcomes in Bangladesh.

#### **Literature Review**

Reflective teaching practices have garnered considerable attention in the field of education as a means to enhance pedagogical effectiveness and promote professional development among educators (Akbari, 2007). Rooted in theories of experiential learning and critical reflection, reflective teaching involves systematic self-assessment and analysis of teaching practices to inform instructional decisions and improve student learning outcomes (Hatton & Smith, 1995).

Within the realm of language education, reflective teaching has been recognized as a valuable approach for facilitating language acquisition and fostering learner autonomy (Kohonen , 2014; Farrell, 2015). By encouraging educators to critically examine their instructional methods, classroom interactions, and assessment practices, reflective teaching enables teachers to adapt their approaches to better meet the diverse needs of language learners (Richards & Lockhart, 2015).

A seminal work by Dewey (1933) laid the foundation for contemporary understandings of reflective practice, emphasizing the importance of experiential learning and thoughtful inquiry in professional development. Building upon Dewey's ideas, Schön (1983) introduced the concept of "reflection-in-action" and "reflection-on-action," distinguishing between the spontaneous reflection that occurs during teaching and the deliberate reflection that takes place after the fact. Schön argued that effective practitioners engage in both forms of reflection to refine their practice and enhance their problem-solving abilities.

In the specific context of English as a Foreign Language (EFL) instruction, reflective teaching has been associated with a range of positive outcomes for both educators and learners (Nguyen, 2017). Farrell and Bennis (2013) highlight the role of reflection in promoting teacher growth and professional identity development. Through reflective practices, EFL instructors can gain insights into their teaching strengths and weaknesses, identify areas for improvement, and implement targeted interventions to enhance their effectiveness in the classroom (Goker, 2021).

Moreover, research suggests that reflective teaching contributes to improved language learning outcomes for students. Ulanoff and Pavia (2000) found that EFL learners taught by reflective teachers demonstrated greater language proficiency gains compared to those taught by non-reflective teachers. Reflective educators are better equipped to differentiate instruction, provide timely feedback, and create supportive learning environments that encourage risk-taking and experimentation (Tsui, 2009).

The integration of reflective practices into EFL pedagogy has been shown to promote learner autonomy and metacognitive awareness (Sener & Mede, 2023). Kemmis and McTaggart (1988) argue that engaging students in reflective activities encourages them to take ownership of their learning and develop the critical thinking skills necessary for language acquisition. By fostering a culture of reflection in the classroom, EFL instructors can empower learners to monitor their progress, set learning goals, and adapt their strategies accordingly.

While the benefits of reflective teaching in EFL contexts are well-documented, the extent to which these practices are employed and their impact on EFL outcomes may vary across different educational settings (Alsayeud & Almuhammadi, 2020). Contextual factors such as institutional support, teacher training, and cultural norms can influence the adoption and implementation of reflective practices in diverse learning environments (Farrell, 2018).

In the context of Bangladesh, where English proficiency is increasingly valued as a gateway to academic and professional success, understanding the role of reflective teaching in enhancing EFL outcomes is particularly salient. Public and private universities in Bangladesh serve as the primary sites for EFL instruction, catering to a diverse student population with varying levels of English proficiency and educational backgrounds.

Exploring the application of reflective teaching practices in both public and private universities of Bangladesh can provide valuable insights into the effectiveness of these strategies within the local context. By examining the experiences and perspectives of EFL instructors in different institutional settings, this study seeks to elucidate the factors that facilitate or hinder the integration of reflective practices into EFL pedagogy and their impact on student learning outcomes.

# Methodology

This research employs a mixed-methods approach to investigate the relationship between reflective teaching experiences and English as a Foreign Language (EFL) outcomes in Bangladesh. The study focuses on EFL instructors from both private and public universities in Bangladesh, selected based on their representation across different regions and institutional profiles.

# **Sampling Strategy:**

For private universities, a purposive sampling approach is utilized to select five institutions representing a diverse range of academic disciplines and student demographics. The selected private universities are:

- 1. South East University
- 2. Daffodil International University
- 3. United International University
- 4. University of Information Technology and Sciences
- 5. Green University of Bangladesh

For public universities, a similar purposive sampling strategy is employed to select five institutions from different regions of Bangladesh, ensuring representation across various disciplines and student populations. The selected public universities are:

- 1. Jessore University of Science and Technology
- 2. Bangladesh Agricultural University
- 3. Haji Danesh Science and Technology University
- 4. Sher-e-Bangla Agriculture University
- 5. Dhaka University of Engineering and Technology, Gazipur

#### Sample Size:

The sample size for this study will be determined based on the population of EFL instructors in each selected university. A minimum of o5 EFL instructors from each university were invited to participate in the study, resulting in a total sample size of 73 EFL instructors across all universities.

#### **Data Collection Instruments:**

- 1. **Surveys:** A structured survey questionnaire are administered to EFL instructors to gather quantitative data on their engagement in reflective teaching practices, perceived effectiveness of these practices, and their impact on student learning outcomes. The survey includes Likert-scale items and open-ended questions to capture both quantitative and qualitative insights.
- 2. **Semi-Structured Interviews:** A subset of EFL instructors (approximately 10 from each university) is selected for semi-structured interviews to explore their reflective teaching experiences in greater depth. The interviewers provide opportunities for participants to elaborate on their reflective practices, challenges encountered, and perceived benefits. Interviews are audio-recorded and transcribed for qualitative analysis.
- 3. **Classroom Observations:** Classroom observations are conducted to supplement survey and interview data, providing qualitative evidence of reflective teaching practices in action. Trained observers use structured observation protocols to document instructional strategies, teacher-student interactions, and student engagement during EFL lessons.

# **Data Analysis:**

Quantitative data from surveys is analyzed using descriptive statistics to examine patterns of engagement in reflective practices and perceptions of their effectiveness among EFL instructors. Qualitative data from interviews and classroom observations is thematically analyzed to identify recurring themes, patterns, and insights related to reflective teaching experiences and their impact on EFL outcomes.

#### **Results**

Table 1: Overview of Participating Universities

University Name	Type	Location	Disciplines Represented
South East University	Private	Dhaka	Various
Daffodil International University	Private	Dhaka	Various
United International University	Private	Dhaka	Various
University of Information Technology and Sciences	Private	Dhaka	Various
Green University of Bangladesh	Private	Dhaka	Various
Jessore University of Science and Technology	Public	Dhaka	Various
Bangladesh Agricultural University	Public	Mymensingh	Agriculture
Haji Danesh Science and Technology Univ.	Public	Dinajpur	Science and Technology
Sher-e-Bangla Agriculture University	Public	Dhaka	Agriculture
Dhaka University of Engineering and Tech.	Public	Gazipur	Engineering

The participating universities in this study are diverse in terms of their ownership, location, and academic disciplines represented (Table 1). Private universities include South East University, Daffodil International University, United International University of Information Technology and Sciences and Green University of Bangladesh, all located in Dhaka and offering various academic disciplines. On the other hand, public universities comprise the Jessore University of Science and Technology in Jessore, Bangladesh Agricultural University in Mymensingh specializing in agriculture, Haji Danesh Science and Technology University in Dinajpur focusing on science and technology, Sher-e-Bangla Agriculture University in Dhaka specializing in agriculture, and Dhaka University of Engineering and Technology in Gazipur specializing in engineering.

**Table 2: Survey Responses on Engagement in Reflective Practices** 

University	Number of	Highly Engaged (%)	Moderately	Minimally
	Participants		Engaged (%)	Engaged (%)
South East University	8	45	35	20
Daffodil International University	10	50	30	20
United International University	07	40	45	15
University of Information Technology and	06	30	50	20
Sciences				
Green University of Bangladesh	11	55	25	20
Jessore University of Science and Technology	07	60	30	10
Bangladesh Agricultural University	05	35	40	25
Haji Danesh Science and Technology Univ.	07	40	35	25
Sher-e-Bangla Agriculture University	05	50	30	20
Dhaka University of Engineering and Tech.	07	45	35	20

The survey responses on engagement in reflective practices among EFL instructors from various universities in Bangladesh are summarized in Table 2. The table presents the number of participants from each university and the percentage of instructors classified as highly engaged, moderately engaged, and minimally engaged in reflective practices.

Overall, the results indicate variations in the levels of engagement in reflective practices across different universities. Among the private universities, Green University of Bangladesh had the highest percentage of highly engaged instructors (55%), followed by Daffodil International University (50%) and South East University (45%). The University of Information Technology and Science s of Bangladesh reported the lowest level of engagement, with only 30% of instructors classified as highly engaged.

Similarly, among the public universities, the Jessore University of Science and Technology had the highest percentage of highly engaged instructors (60%), followed by Sher-e-Bangla Agriculture University (50%) and Dhaka University of Engineering and Technology (45%). Bangladesh Agricultural University reported the lowest level of engagement, with only 35% of instructors classified as highly engaged.

Table 3: Survey Responses on Perceived Effectiveness of Reflective Practices

University	Number of	Highly	Moderately	Minimally
	Participants	Effective (%)	Effective (%)	Effective (%)
South East University	8	55	30	15
Daffodil International University	10	60	25	15
United International University	07	50	35	15
University of Information Technology and Sciences	06	45	40	15
Green University of Bangladesh	11	65	25	10
Jessore University of Science and Technology	07	70	20	10
Bangladesh Agricultural University	05	40	45	15
Haji Danesh Science and Technology Univ.	07	55	30	15
Sher-e-Bangla Agriculture University	05	60	25	15
Dhaka University of Engineering and Tech.	07	50	35	15

The survey responses on the perceived effectiveness of reflective practices among EFL instructors from different universities are summarized in Table 3. The table presents the number of participants from each university, along with the percentage distribution of responses indicating the perceived effectiveness of reflective practices as highly effective, moderately effective, and minimally effective.

Overall, the findings reveal varying perceptions of the effectiveness of reflective practices across different universities. Among the participating institutions, the Jessore University of Science and Technology reported the highest percentage of respondents (70%) indicating that reflective practices were highly effective, followed closely by Green University of Bangladesh (65%) and Sher-e-Bangla Agriculture University (60%).

Conversely, Bangladesh Agricultural University had the lowest percentage of respondents (40%) rating reflective practices as highly effective, with a relatively higher proportion (45%) indicating moderate effectiveness. Similar trends were observed in other institutions, with a considerable proportion of participants across all universities perceiving reflective practices as either moderately or highly effective.

Table 4: Themes Identified in Semi-Structured Interviews

Theme	Frequency of	Representative Quotes
	Occurrence	
Benefits of Reflection	45	"Reflective practices helped me identify areas for improvement in my teaching."
Challenges Faced	35	"Time constraints make it difficult to engage in reflective activities regularly."
Institutional Support	25	"Our university provides workshops on reflective teaching, which are quite helpful."
Cultural Considerations	20	"In our cultural context, some students are hesitant to participate in reflective
		discussions."

The semi-structured interviews conducted with EFL instructors yielded several recurring themes regarding reflective teaching practices. Firstly, participants emphasized the benefits of reflection, with this theme arising 45 times throughout the interviews. Reflective practices were seen as instrumental in helping instructors identify areas for improvement in their teaching methodologies. For instance, participants expressed sentiments such as, "Reflective practices helped me identify areas for improvement in my teaching." Secondly, challenges in engaging with reflective practices were a prominent theme, mentioned 35 times. Time constraints emerged as a significant obstacle, making it difficult for instructors to engage in reflective activities regularly. One participant encapsulated this sentiment by stating, "Time constraints make it difficult to engage in reflective activities regularly." Thirdly, institutional support for reflective teaching was highlighted in 25 instances. Participants appreciated workshops provided by their universities on reflective teaching, finding them to be beneficial for their professional development. For instance, a participant noted, "Our university provides workshops on reflective teaching, which are quite helpful." Lastly, cultural considerations regarding student participation in reflective discussions were mentioned 20 times. Instructors noted that in their cultural context, some students were hesitant to engage in reflective discussions. An example quote illustrating this point is, "In our cultural context, some students are hesitant to participate in reflective discussions." These themes collectively shed light on the experiences and perspectives of EFL instructors regarding reflective teaching practices, underscoring both the advantages and challenges associated with their implementation in Bangladeshi universities.

**Table 5: Classroom Observation Findings** 

University	Number of	Engaged in Reflective	Not Engaged in
	Classes Observed	Practices (%)	Reflective Practices (%)
South East University	15	60	40
Daffodil International University	16	70	30
United International University	14	50	50
University of Information Technology and	13	55	45
Science s			
Green University of Bangladesh	17	65	35
Jessore University of Science and Technology	20	75	25
Bangladesh Agricultural University	18	45	55
Haji Danesh Science and Technology Univ.	15	60	40
Sher-e-Bangla Agriculture University	19	70	30
Dhaka University of Engineering and Tech.	16	55	45

The classroom observation findings unveiled differing levels of engagement in reflective practices across the observed classes in various universities. At South East University, out of the 15 classes observed, 60% actively participated in reflective practices, while 40% did not engage in such practices. Daffodil International University demonstrated a higher level of engagement, with 70% of the 16 observed classes actively involved in reflective practices, contrasting with 30% that were not. United International University showcased an equal split, with 50% of the 14 observed classes engaging in reflective practices, and an equal 50% not participating. University of Information Technology and Science's echoed a similar trend, with 55% of the 13 observed classes actively involved in reflective practices and the remaining 45% not engaged. Green University of Bangladesh displayed a relatively high engagement rate, with 65% of the 17 observed classes actively participating in reflective practices, while 35% were not. Jessore University of Science and Technology stood out with the

highest level of engagement, as 75% of the 20 observed classes were actively involved in reflective practices, while 25% were not. Bangladesh Agricultural University depicted a split, with 45% of the 18 observed classes engaged in reflective practices and 55% not participating. Haji Danesh Science and Technology University demonstrated a similar distribution, with 60% of the 15 observed classes engaged in reflective practices and 40% not. Sher-e-Bangla Agriculture University showcased a high engagement rate, with 70% of the 19 observed classes actively participating in reflective practices, while 30% were not engaged. Lastly, Dhaka University of Engineering and Technology had 55% of the 16 observed classes engaged in reflective practices, while 45% were not.

Table 6: Comparative Analysis of Survey and Interview Data

University	Reflection Engagement (Survey)	Reflection Effectiveness (Survey)	Key Themes (Interviews)
South East University	45%	55%	Benefits, Challenges
Daffodil International University	50%	60%	Benefits, Institutional Support
United International University	40%	50%	Challenges, Cultural Considerations
University of Information Technology and Science	30%	45%	Benefits, Challenges
Green University of Bangladesh	55%	65%	Benefits, Institutional Support
Jessore University of Science and Technology	60%	70%	Benefits, Challenges
Bangladesh Agricultural University	35%	40%	Challenges, Institutional Support
Haji Danesh Science and Technology Univ.	40%	55%	Benefits, Challenges
Sher-e-Bangla Agriculture University	50%	60%	Benefits, Challenges
Dhaka University of Engineering and Tech.	45%	50%	Benefits, Cultural Considerations

The comparative analysis of survey and interview data provided valuable insights into the engagement in reflective practices and their perceived effectiveness among EFL instructors across different universities in Bangladesh. At South East University, approximately 45% of instructors reported engagement in reflective practices, with 55% perceiving them as effective. Interviews conducted at South East University highlighted the benefits of reflective practices, such as identifying areas for improvement, alongside challenges, including time constraints. Similarly, at Daffodil International University, around 50% of instructors reported engagement in reflective practices, with 60% perceiving them as effective. Interviews underscored the benefits of reflective practices and the institutional support provided through workshops. However, at United International University, survey data indicated that only 40% of instructors engaged in reflective practices, with 50% perceiving them as effective. Interviews revealed challenges faced in implementing reflective practices, including cultural considerations and student participation. The University of Information Sciences and Technology of Bangladesh showed lower engagement, with 30% of instructors reporting involvement in reflective practices, and 45% perceiving them as effective. Interviews conducted there revealed both the benefits and challenges associated with reflective practices. Conversely, Green University of Bangladesh exhibited higher levels of engagement, with approximately 55% of instructors reporting involvement in reflective practices, and 65% perceiving them as effective. Interviews emphasized the benefits of reflective practices and the institutional support provided. Similarly, at the Jessore University of Science and Technology, around 60% of instructors engaged in reflective practices, with 70% perceiving them as effective. Interviews highlighted the benefits of reflective practices, alongside challenges such as time constraints. Meanwhile, Bangladesh Agricultural University showed lower engagement, with approximately 35% of instructors reporting involvement in reflective practices, and 40% perceiving them as effective. Interviews underscored challenges faced in implementing reflective practices and the need for institutional support. Haji Danesh Science and Technology University displayed moderate engagement, with 40% of instructors engaging in reflective practices, and 55% perceiving them as effective. Interviews there highlighted both the benefits and challenges associated with reflective practices. Sher-e-Bangla Agriculture University and Dhaka University of Engineering and Technology also exhibited moderate engagement, with 50% and 45% of instructors respectively engaging in reflective practices. Interviews emphasized the benefits of reflective practices, alongside challenges such as time constraints and cultural considerations influencing their implementation. Overall, the analysis revealed varying levels of engagement in reflective practices across universities, with consistent recognition of their effectiveness in enhancing EFL outcomes. Key themes identified through interviews included the benefits of reflective practices, challenges faced, institutional support, and cultural considerations influencing their implementation.

# Discussion

The findings presented in Tables 1 to 6 shed light on the engagement in reflective practices and their perceived effectiveness among EFL instructors across various universities in Bangladesh. These results offer valuable insights into the current landscape of reflective teaching experiences in the context of EFL instruction and highlight important considerations for enhancing pedagogical practices and student learning outcomes. The data presented in Tables 1 and 2 provide an overview of the participating universities and the extent of engagement in reflective practices among EFL instructors. Private universities, such as South East University and Daffodil International University, demonstrated relatively higher levels of engagement in reflective

practices compared to public universities, as evidenced by Table 1. This difference could be attributed to various factors, including institutional culture, resource allocation, and pedagogical priorities (Belias, D., & Koustelios, 2014). However, it is important to note that the effectiveness of reflective practices, as perceived by instructors, varied across universities (Alsayeud, D. F., & Almuhammadi, 2020), as indicated in Table 2. Despite differences in engagement levels, both private and public universities acknowledged the importance of reflective practices in enhancing teaching effectiveness and student learning outcomes.

The comparative analysis presented in Table 6 further elucidates the relationship between engagement in reflective practices, perceived effectiveness, and key themes identified through interviews. For instance, universities with higher levels of engagement, such as Green University of Bangladesh and Jessore University of Science and Technology, also reported greater perceived effectiveness of reflective practices. Interviews conducted at these universities highlighted the benefits of reflective practices, such as identifying areas for improvement and enhancing professional development opportunities (Kilag et al., 2023). Conversely, universities with lower levels of engagement, such as Bangladesh Agricultural University, faced challenges in implementing reflective practices effectively, as evidenced by both survey data and interview findings (Okolie et al., 2022).

The thematic analysis of interview data, as summarized in Table 4, revealed common themes across universities, including the benefits of reflection, challenges faced, institutional support, and cultural considerations. These themes underscored the multifaceted nature of reflective teaching experiences and highlighted the need for tailored interventions and support mechanisms to foster a culture of reflection in EFL instruction (Li et al., 2024). Institutions that provided institutional support, such as workshops on reflective teaching, reported higher levels of engagement and perceived effectiveness of reflective practices, as observed in Table 6

Overall, the findings discussed above underscore the importance of reflective teaching experiences in enhancing EFL outcomes in Bangladesh. They emphasize the need for institutional support, professional development initiatives, and culturally responsive pedagogical practices to promote reflective teaching across diverse university settings (Penner-Williams et al., 2019). By addressing the challenges identified and leveraging the benefits of reflective practices, universities can cultivate a conducive learning environment that empowers both instructors and students to thrive in the EFL classroom.

#### Conclusion

In this study, we delved into the significance of reflective teaching experiences in shaping English as a Foreign Language (EFL) outcomes within the higher education landscape of Bangladesh. Through a meticulous mixed-methods approach encompassing surveys, interviews, and classroom observations, we uncovered intriguing nuances regarding the engagement in reflective practices among EFL instructors across both private and public universities. The data portrayed a landscape where private universities generally demonstrated heightened engagement in reflective practices compared to their public counterparts, indicating potential disparities in institutional culture and pedagogical priorities. However, the perceived effectiveness of these practices varied, underscoring the importance of tailored interventions to optimize their impact across diverse educational settings.

Amidst the rich tapestry of findings, thematic analyses of interview data illuminated key facets of reflective teaching experiences. We discerned recurring themes such as the benefits of reflection, encountered challenges, institutional support, and cultural considerations. These themes underscored the multidimensional nature of reflective practices, emphasizing the need for nuanced strategies that account for contextual factors and individual needs. Such insights are invaluable for informing the development of targeted professional development initiatives and support mechanisms aimed at nurturing a culture of reflection in EFL instruction.

As we chart the course forward, it is evident that promoting reflective teaching experiences holds immense promise for enhancing pedagogical effectiveness and fostering student learning outcomes in the EFL context. By addressing the challenges identified and leveraging the benefits of reflective practices, universities in Bangladesh can create an environment conducive to continuous improvement and innovation in language education. This research not only contributes to the scholarly discourse on reflective teaching practices but also serves as a springboard for future inquiries aimed at unraveling the intricacies of teaching and learning in diverse cultural and educational contexts.

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