

Effect of Teaching Fundamental Movement Skills with an Inquiry-Based Instructional Model on Perceived Motor Competence

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Abstract

The aim of this study is to investigate the effect of inquiry-based instruction in the teaching of fundamental movement skills to fifth-grade students on the children's perceived motor competence. Utilizing a post-test experimental design with control group, the study was carried out with 260 fifth-grade students studying in ten different classes at five different schools located in the city centre of Manisa during the 2019-2020 academic year. For collection of the data, the "Perceived Motor Competence Questionnaire in Childhood"

(PMC-C), and a “Personal Information Form” (PIF) developed by the researchers, were used. To test the effectiveness of the quasi-experimental process in the post-test design with control group, t-test was used. In the inquiry-based instruction in the teaching of fundamental movement skills of the students, a statistically significant difference was found in favour of the experimental group in the subscales of perceived motor competence. Regarding the gender variable of the students, a statistically significant difference was found between female and male students in favour of boys in the subscales of fundamental motor skills. In conclusion, it can be said that the inquiry-based instructional model was more effective than the direct instructional model in developing the fundamental motor skills of “locomotor skills” and “object control skills”. Moreover, when evaluated in terms of gender, male students benefited more from the inquiry-based instructional model in terms of “object control skills”.

Keywords: Inquiry-based instructional model, Fundamental movement skills, Perceived motor competence

1. Introduction

The experiences that children gain by using their bodies are very important for their perception and recognition of the world. Especially in the first years of life, the experiences that are gained form the infrastructure of motor development, social-emotional development and cognitive development (Bayhan & Artan, 2009). With regard to all these areas of development, motor skills play an important role in individuals’ lifelong development from childhood onwards (Hürmeriç Altunsöz & Mülazımoğlu Ballı, 2017). In this context, the term “motor skills” generally expresses skills in which the result of both movement and action is stressed (Newell, 1991). Basic motor skills are separated into three groups according to their characteristics. These are balance skills, locomotor skills and object control skills (Gallahue, 1976). The basic motor skills assist children in controlling their bodies, forming more complex skills, and performing movement patterns in sport and other enjoyable activities (Payne & Isaacs, 2002; Seefeldt, 1980, as cited in Gül, 2012).

The identification, and consequently, the development of children’s motor skills in the first stage of adolescence is regarded as an important subject area in education, and numerous studies have been made on the subject. In this context, various measurement tools have also been developed for the measurement of motor skills. Motor skills can be measured in two ways, namely, directly by measuring physical parameters, and indirectly with questionnaires in which people’s perceptions are examined (Berigel, 2015; Demirci & Toptaş Demirci, 2016; Ulutaş et al., 2017; Gürker Tepe, 2018; Duman, 2019, Çayır, 2019). These measurement tools have generally been developed in different countries and are measurement tools that have been adapted to Turkish. In the current literature, it is determined that ten motor skills measurement tools are used in our country (Sevimay, 1986; Mülazımoğlu Ballı, 2006; Tepeli, 2007; Boz & Güngör Aytaç, 2012; Kılıç et al., 2017; Köse, 2018; Taştepe & Köksal Akyol, 2018; Özkara & Kalkavan, 2018; Karatel, 2019; Mülazımoğlu Ballı & Hürmeriç Altunsöz, 2019). When different studies alongside measurement tool development studies are examined, it is seen that for positive guidance of children towards development of basic motor skills, the

importance of successful interventions is also emphasized (Livonen & Saakslähti, 2014), since in the conducted studies, it is stated that children with good levels of motor competence and/or positive motor competence perceptions are physically active, and that their health-related parameters (such as body mass index, aerobic capacity and strength) are positively developed. On the other hand, it is seen that in children with low motor competence, their levels of physical activity are also inadequate (Stodden et al., 2008; Wrotniak et al., 2006). When the relationships between motor development and the other areas of development are examined, it is revealed that increasing children's mobility positively supports not only their motor development, but also all areas of development. In this context, when examining the education programmes of developing countries for getting ahead in the information race, especially in recent years, it is seen that they are directed towards education programmes that place the student at the centre (student-centred), and in which high-level cognitive processes are included (Tatar, 2006). Physical education classes that ensure direct and indirect effects on motor skills and support all-round development are also of importance as an effective tool in education programmes. In this sense, it is necessary to plan physical education lessons, just as it is in all subjects, according to children's needs and to prepare them in accordance with their levels of development (Morgan et al., 2013, cited in Hürmeriç Altunsöz & Mülazımoğlu Ballı, 2017). With the aim of educating contemporary individuals, a new curriculum was put into practice by the Ministry of National Education (MEB) in our country in 2018. This was designed in a flexible structure with an approach that places the student at the centre, and priority was given to the education of individuals who can act by thinking and feeling (MEB, 2018). Developing high-level thinking skills (analysis, synthesis and evaluation), fostering knowledge acquisition methods in students, suggesting and testing new ideas, fostering individual learning responsibility and academic skills, and enabling mental assimilation and exchange of information can all be realised through inquiry-based learning, which is one of the innovative educational practices in physical education classes (Lim, 2001, cited in Fansa, 2012; Throwbridge et al., 2004, cited in Parim, 2009; Kula, 2009).

1.1 Context of and Aim of Study

Regarding the model-based approach, which is seen as a means of crossing the boundaries imposed by the traditional approach to physical education (Kirk, 2013), the consensus of support has been increasing for a long time with regard to model-based practices being a potential implementation in physical education in the future (Casey, Goodyear, & Dyson, 2015; Casey & Dyson, 2009). In parallel with this, in our country, too, model-based physical education practices are becoming increasingly widespread (Alagül & Gürsel, 2019; Filiz, 2019; Asma & Soytürk, 2018; Doydu, Çelen, & Çoknaz, 2013; Soytürk, Birsen, & Çamlıyer, 2017). One of these models is the inquiry-based instructional model (RBIM), which enables a holistic learning approach in terms of development areas by guiding students towards inquiry and investigation. In the model, skills such as observation, experimentation, classification, hypothesis development, deduction, design and planning are used for inquiry in the learning process (Østergaard, 2016). By intensive involvement of students, inquiry-based instruction makes a significant contribution to achieving the aims of basic education. By means of

fundamental investigation and discovery of new facts, students learn critical thinking and how to solve problems (Dostál, 2015). As well as including active learning processes such as problem-based learning, learning by discovery, and project-based learning, the inquiry-based learning environment can be defined as an environment in which students can learn by exploring scientific concepts and in which they are presented with questions, problems and tasks (Hammer, 1997, cited in Akpullukçu, 2011). For this reason, the conducted studies cannot be gathered under a single heading. Inquiry-based learning is a method which directs students towards research by combining their existing knowledge with new information, and in which the teacher is a guide within the process (Friedl & Koontz, 2005, as cited in Altunsoy, 2008). It is a process in which students are actively involved in activities, experiments and discoveries, in which they themselves are responsible for their own learning, and which enables knowledge to be meaningful and permanent in the sense that they apply their learning to daily life (Çalışkan, 2009; Tatar, 2006). The inquiry-based learning model is a means of interrogation, searching for knowledge, and creating something new regarding a phenomenon (NSES, 2000). The most important positive benefit of this model is students' need to process information cognitively in their minds before expressing it through movement. Therefore, teachers must ask questions to enable students to think about possible answers, and they must give students time to put these responses into action. In other words, the main theme of this model is that the student is given a problem-solving task (Bulca, 2017). In Turkey, investigation of the effectiveness, contents and application methods of motor skills programmes implemented at secondary school level will serve as a guide for programmes to be implemented in the future. Moreover, the use of the inquiry-based learning model in the instruction process will form the basis for educating individuals who are more inquiring, critical, problem-solving and creative, that is, who meet the requirements of universal life. It is expected that this study, which has not previously been conducted in Turkey in the field of physical education and sports lessons, will encourage both other researchers and implementers. Therefore, the aim of this study is to investigate the effect of inquiry-based instruction in the teaching of fundamental movement skills to fifth-grade students on the children's perceived motor competence. Moreover, in this process, the sub-aim of the study is to reveal differences between genders.

1.2 Research Question

The question that guided this study was: Does inquiry-based teaching have an effect on children's perceived motor competence in teaching fifth grade student's basic movement skills?

2. Method

2.1 Participant (Subject) Characteristics

The participants of the study consisted of 260 fifth-grade students studying in ten different classes at five different schools located in the city centre of Manisa during the autumn term of the 2019-2020 academic year. The students were determined by choosing two classes from each school whose lessons were conducted by the same physical education teacher. One of these classes was assigned as the experimental group, the other as the control group. There

were 134 students in the experimental group ($x_{(age)} = 10.66 \pm .474$) and 126 students in the control group ($x_{(age)} = 10.57 \pm .497$). Students' ages ranged between 10 and 11. When evaluated in terms of gender, 140 girls (53.8%) and 120 boys (46.2%) were included in the study.

2.2 Sampling Procedures

The research was carried out within the framework of the Cooperation in Education Protocol, which is valid between 2019-2022, signed between Manisa Celal Bayar University and Manisa Directorate of National Education. Students studying in two class of fifth grade at schools with volunteer teachers were included in the study on a voluntary basis. A purposeful sampling method was used for the sampling.

2.3 Data Collection Tools

In order to assess participants' perceived motor competence in the study, the "Perceived Motor Competence Questionnaire in Childhood" (PMC-C), developed by Dreiskaemper et al. (2018) and adapted to Turkish by Mülazımoğlu Ballı and Hürmeriç Altunsöz (2018), and a "Personal Information Form" (PIF) developed by the researchers, were used.

2.2.1 Perceived Motor Competence Questionnaire in Childhood (PMC-C)

The PMC-C, which was used to gather data in the research, is a 24-item, 4-point Likert-type measurement tool. The scale has two sub-dimensions, namely "locomotor skills" and "object control skills". While the locomotor skills sub-dimension consists of the factors of running, hopping, jumping and leaping, the object control skills sub-dimension comprises the factors of catching, kicking, throwing and bouncing. The Cronbach alpha values were determined to be .90 for the locomotor skills sub-dimension, .87 for the object control skills sub-dimension, and .77 for the whole scale.

For the current study, however, the Cronbach alpha values were determined as .82 for the locomotor skills sub-dimension, .87 for the object control skills sub-dimension, and .88 for the whole scale.

2.2.2 Personal Information Form (PIF)

In the study, information on gender, age and class was obtained with the "Personal Information Form".

2.3 Research Process

In line with the aim of the study, the fifth-grade learning outcomes in the curriculum set by the Ministry of National Education were examined, and four outcomes included in the "Motor Skills" sub-domain of the "Motor Competence" learning domain were specified. These are:

PE.5.1.1.1. Performs locomotor movements by showing awareness of space and effort.

PE.5.1.1.2. Performs balance movements by showing awareness of body and space.

PE.5.1.1.3. Performs object control movements by showing body awareness and displaying movement relationships.

PE.5.1.1.4. Displays combined movement skills in various games and activities.

In line with these outcomes, first of all, the lesson plans were prepared. The lesson plans were created by 1 physical education teacher (1st researcher), who is one of the researchers of this study, and 1 faculty member who has conducted studies in the field of physical education and sport. The physical education teacher has 20 years of professional experience and is proceeding with doctoral education in the field of physical education and sport. The faculty member conducts classes at university level related to school experience, and teaching methods and techniques in physical education, and has published scientific studies in this field. While determining the questions, techniques and details used in the lesson content in accordance with the RBIM, the Bulca (2017) resource was also utilised. Next, the schools in which the experimental implementation was to be conducted were determined, and meetings were held with the administrators and physical education teachers of five different schools. After permission had been obtained from the school administrators, and with the aim of giving the teachers information about the detailed content of the research, implementation process and instruction to be given to the teachers, a separate meeting was held with the physical education teachers who were to conduct the experimental implementation. The implementing teachers were all included in the research on a voluntary basis and took part in all training sessions. The study was carried out with a total of 5 physical education teachers, with 1 physical education teacher from each school. A meeting was held with fifth-grade students who showed willingness to participate voluntarily in the research, and their parents. At this meeting, subjects such as the detailed content of the study, potential benefits, participation in the research, withdrawal from the research, and responsibilities of the participants were clarified. Two classes from each school who had physical education lessons on two different days were assigned, one as the experimental group and the other as the control group. While the assignments were made, the physical education teachers' class schedules were taken into consideration. The material resources of the schools where the implementation was to be made were also examined. The suitability of the lesson plan content and school resources were assessed and the necessary arrangements were made. Insufficient material resources regarded as necessary were supplied by the researchers. Since none of the schools had a sports hall or suitable indoor area, the exercises were performed in the schoolyard. The lesson plans prepared by the experts were conveyed and explained to the teachers, whose questions were answered. In case of any questions or problems that might occur during the implementation process, one of the researchers was present at the schools where the study was conducted and provided support and feedback. Physical education lessons with the inquiry-based instructional model were taught during normal lesson times once a week for two lesson hours over a period of six weeks. The experimental process was carried out during the autumn term of the 2019-2020 academic year.

2.3.1 Specifying the Teachers

In order to contribute to the sustainability of the research and to better understand the

applicability of the model in the teaching-learning process, the suitability of having the practices in the scope of the research conducted by the participants' physical education teachers was decided by the researchers. Therefore, physical education teachers in schools located close to each other and with similar socio-cultural characteristics were included in the research as implementers. Preliminary interviews were held with these teachers, and the content and details of the study were explained. Following the preliminary interviews, teachers who were willing to participate were included in the research. During the preliminary interviews, the physical education teachers were also asked whether they had received any training or information related to any model-based instruction within the training they had received. It was determined that they had received no training or information regarding any model-based instruction. Each of the five teachers had graduated from the same physical education and sport department of the same university, and had studied the same curriculum. Teachers who had graduated before the year 2010 had at least 10-15 years of professional experience. Therefore, it was considered that knowledge and educational approaches related to movement training would show similarity. Furthermore, to keep the teacher effect at a similar level, the teachers were given 18 hours of training related to teaching fundamental movement skills with the inquiry-based instructional model.

2.3.2 Training for the Inquiry-Based Instructional Model

With the aim of enabling the teachers to use the "inquiry-based instructional model" (RBIM) for fostering the fifth-grade outcomes related to fundamental movement skills in the subjects of the curriculum published by the Ministry of National Education (MEB, 2018), to allow the teachers to follow a similar path in the instruction process despite working at different schools, and for the subject content to conform to the daily plan given to them by the facilitators (trainers of trainers), and for the topics to be taught in a synchronised order, first of all theoretical, then practical training related to the use of the RBIM in the teaching of basic skills was given by the researchers. The training was given for two hours a day for three days a week over a period of three weeks. The training consisted of three sections:

- (a) Introduction to the training, information related to the programme and information on basic skills instruction.
- (b) Implementation of the RBIM during basic skills instruction (*e.g.*, for the basic skill of running: "Which is the fastest-running animal?" "What kind of running styles are there?" "Before beginning to run, what kind of position should we take up so that we can run faster? Let's try this out.").
- (c) Assessment carried out during and after training ("How was the rhythm of the 'running' skill we learned in our lesson today?" "How should the rhythm and frequency of steps be during slow, medium and fast running?" "We have also tried out very fast running; during this running, when which part of our foot touched the ground was our speed not reduced?" "For our next lesson, who is the fastest-running athlete, and how does he use his body while running? Investigate." "Similarly, what is the longest running distance, what is it called, and who broke the world record? Investigate.").

After the training period was completed, interaction was maintained with the teachers at the implementation schools throughout the process, support was given, and their questions were answered.

2.3.3 Content Applied in Experimental and Control Groups

Daily plans explaining in detail the content of the lesson to be taught to the experimental group were given to the physical education teachers each week at least two days in advance, and the necessary explanations were made. Each week, for each subject content included in the daily plan, activities covering 2-3 basic skills topics (walking, leaping, running, hopping, changing direction, etc.) were included. At the practice stage of these skills, implementation of the lesson content in accordance with the aim of the research was supported with the use of numerous accessories, such as rhythm tools (whistle, drum, goblet drum, etc.), rope, hoops and funnels. Moreover, before beginning the lesson, an attempt was made to achieve the targeted goal of the lesson by enabling students to obtain information from their teachers regarding the lesson content and to ask questions related to the inquiry-based instructional model (e.g., “how does a rabbit hop?”). The lessons in the control group class, however, were taught only with the command style in direct instruction with a traditional educational structure. In each school, the same physical education teacher conducted the lessons of the specified experimental and control groups.

Table 1. Example of use of inquiry-based instructional model in teaching of fundamental movement skills

PHYSICAL EDUCATION LESSON PLAN	
Subject	Physical Education and Sport
Grade	5
Duration	40+40 dk.
Learning Domain	5.1. Motor Competence Learning Domain
Sub-Domain	5.1.1. Motor Skills Sub-Domain
Learning Outcomes	PE.5.1.1.2. Performs balance movements by showing awareness of body and space. PE.5.1.1.4. Displays combined movement skills in various games and activities.
Instruction Methods	Inquiry-Based Instructional Model
Education Technologies, Materials and Equipment Used	CD, Tambourine or Goblet Drum, Whistle
Lesson Location	Schoolyard, Sports Hall
Security Measures	Prior to the lesson, the activity area is scrutinised and delimited. The lesson area is cleared of objects or anything unrelated to the activity.

TEACHING AND LEARNING PROCESS	
Introduction • Drawing attention of students • Acquainting students with objective	<p>The teacher takes attendance and greetings are made. The students form a U shape. The teacher acquaints the students with the topic of lesson/ The lesson has two topics.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. “What are locomotor skills?” 2. “Which locomotor skills do you know?” 3. “Can you show me walking and running movements?” <p>After waiting for 10 seconds, the teacher calls the running students to his side. He/she says, “The movements you made are correct but there are some deficiencies in your running style, and today we are going to correct those.”</p>
Activity 1 (Teacher asks questions while student performs walking technique)	<p><u>Elements of Walking:</u> Using one student as a model, the teacher explains walking technique by demonstrating it to the other students.</p>
Question:	<p>“While you are walking, look at your friend’s feet. How does s/he move?” Answer:</p>
Question:	<p>“While you are walking, look at your friend’s body. What kind of stance does s/he have? How does s/he move?” Answer:</p>
Question:	<p>“While you are walking, look at your friend’s arms. How does s/he move?” Answer:</p>
Question:	<p>“While you are walking, can you hear the rhythm of our footsteps?” Answer:</p>
(Teacher asks questions while student performs running technique)	<p><u>Elements of Running:</u> Using one student as a model, the teacher explains running technique by demonstrating it to the other students.</p>
Question:	<p>“While you are running, look at your friend’s feet. How does s/he move?” Answer:</p>
Question:	<p>“While you are running, look at your friend’s body. What kind of stance does s/he have? How does s/he move?” Answer:</p>
Question:	<p>“While you are running, look at your friend’s arms. How does s/he move?” Answer:</p>
Question:	<p>“While you are running, can you hear the rhythm of our footsteps?” Answer:</p>
Activity 2	<p><u>Running in the Free Area:</u></p> <p>While the teacher creates a rhythm in the background from a CD or with a goblet drum, he/she asks the students to run at different levels in the free area.</p>

Question:	“Who will describe running in the free area to me?” Answer:
Question:	“While you are running in the free area, why do you have to watch your other friends as well?” Answer:
Question:	<u>While the students are running:</u> “Are you running fast?” Answer:
Question:	“When the rhythm of the music changes, how does your running speed change?” Answer:
Question:	<u>When the students stop:</u> “At which level did you perform better running movements?” Answer:
Question:	“At which level did you have the most difficulty?” Answer:
Activity 3	While the teacher creates a rhythm in the background from a CD or with a goblet drum, he/she tells the students to run in the free area and to change direction at short intervals while running.
Question:	<u>Before running:</u> “How many running directions are there?” Answer: (Forwards, backwards, etc.)
Question:	“Which running direction do you think is the most difficult?” Answer:
Question:	“Why could this direction (the direction stated by the student) be more difficult?” Answer:
Question:	<u>After running:</u> “Is it possible to run backwards?” Answer:
Question:	“Which running direction do you think is the easiest?” Answer:
Evaluation of the Lesson	The teacher gives a summary of the lesson: “In our lesson today, we have tried to learn running technique and rhythm, and how running can be in different directions and levels. We have given examples with movements of how a correct running technique should be while running and have tried to put these examples into practice. When coming to our next lesson next week, I would like you to come by investigating what kind of exercises and movements can be done with the running tempo we have learnt today.” The lesson is ended by collecting the lesson materials.

2.3.4 Implementation Schools

The implementation was made at five different schools located in socio-culturally similar neighbourhoods in the Şehzadeler district of Manisa. While the schools were being specified, care was taken to ensure that as far as possible, they had similar equipment in terms of area

and materials necessary for the subject of physical education.

2.4 Research Model

A quantitative research technique was used in the study. The research was carried out in a quasi-experimental post-test design with control group, which is a static group comparison design. Since “ready-made” groups are used in this design, it can also be defined as a single-factor design in which there is no random assignment. The groups’ performance tasks are measured only after the implementation, and a significant difference in skills test mean scores found in favour of the experimental group indicates that the performance tasks have a significant effect, although it cannot be said that this argument is very powerful (Büyüköztürk, Kılıç Çakmak, Akgün, Karadeniz, & Demirel, 2012; Karasar, 2017). According to Büyüköztürk (2014), the combination of the experimental variable with a pre-experimental measurement can result in a different effect from a change depending only on the experimental variable. As a result of this combination, the application of the same test twice with the same subjects at certain intervals can cause an individual to become familiar with the form and content of the test during the pre-test implementation. This situation may have an effect on post-test scores (Büyüköztürk, 2014). In most experiments, implementation of a pre-test is either impossible or is not required. In the quasi-experimental post-test design with experimental-control group, however, the negative effects of a pre-experimental measurement on internal and external validity can be prevented (Karasar, 2017).

Within the scope of the study, the reason for choosing this design was the possibility that the reliability of the study might be negatively affected as a result of the fact that during a pre-test, students may become familiar with the skills transferred in the lesson content and/or that learning may occur (Büyüköztürk, 2014).

2.5 Data Analysis

The frequencies, arithmetic means and standard deviations of the data were determined, and to test the effectiveness of the quasi-experimental process in the post-test design with control group, t-test was used. Whether or not the parametric tests of the data satisfied the preconditions were decided by examining the skewness and kurtosis values and equality of variance test results for each variable (Büyüköztürk, 2014). Table 2 shows the means, standard deviations, and skewness and kurtosis values related to the post-test scores of both groups for perceived motor competence. Type 1 error was set at 5%.

Table 2. Means, standard deviations, and skewness and kurtosis values related to post-test scores of experimental and control groups for perceived motor competence

Group	Perceived Motor Competence	n	\bar{X}	sd	Skewness	Kurtosis	Min.	Max.
Experimental	Locomotor skills	134	3.18	.042	-.120	-.842	2.08	4.00
	Object control skills	134	3.05	.041	-.305	-.167	1.58	4.00
Control	Locomotor skills	126	2.91	.047	-.702	.437	1.25	3.92
	Object control skills	126	2.83	.047	-.506	-.267	1.50	3.92

With regard to the post-test scores of the experimental and control groups for perceived motor competence, as well as the central and distribution criteria, the skewness and kurtosis values can be seen. Accordingly, the skewness and kurtosis values are within the -1, +1 range, and fulfil the conditions of normal distribution.

3. Findings

Table 3. Values for experimental and control groups in sub-dimensions of perceived motor competence scale

Perceived Motor Competence	EXPERIMENTAL (n = 134)				CONTROL (n = 126)			
	Min.	Max.	\bar{X}	sd	Min.	Max.	\bar{X}	sd
Locomotor Skills	2.08	4.00	3.18	.490	1.25	3.92	2.91	.538
Running	1.33	4.00	3.24	.651	1.33	4.00	3.08	.633
Jumping	1.33	4.00	3.05	.633	1.00	4.00	2.75	.708
Hopping	1.67	4.00	3.27	.505	1.00	4.00	2.96	.671
Leaping	1.67	4.00	3.17	.605	1.00	4.00	2.83	.696
Object Control Skills	1.58	4.00	3.05	.483	1.50	3.92	2.83	.537
Throwing	1.33	4.00	3.14	.646	1.67	4.00	2.93	.634
Catching	1.00	4.00	2.98	.635	1.00	4.00	2.78	.663
Bouncing	1.00	4.00	2.97	.701	1.00	4.00	2.68	.814
Kicking	1.33	4.00	3.10	.689	1.00	4.00	2.92	.758

Table 4. Comparison of post-test scores obtained by students in experimental and control groups in sub-dimensions of perceived motor competence scale

Perceived Motor Competence	Group	n	\bar{x}	sd	df	t	p
Locomotor Skills	Experimental	134	3.18	.490	258	4.351	.001**
	Control	126	2.91	.538			
Running	Experimental	134	3.24	.651	258	2.057	.041*
	Control	126	3.08	.633			
Jumping	Experimental	134	3.05	.633	258	3.548	.001**
	Control	126	2.75	.708			
Hopping	Experimental	134	3.27	.505	258	4.232	.001**
	Control	126	2.96	.671			
Leaping	Experimental	134	3.17	.605	258	4.213	.001**
	Control	126	2.83	.696			
Object Control Skills	Experimental	134	3.05	.483	258	3.414	.001**
	Control	126	2.83	.537			
Throwing	Experimental	134	3.14	.646	258	2.612	.010*
	Control	126	2.93	.634			
Catching	Experimental	134	2.98	.635	258	2.473	.014*
	Control	126	2.78	.663			
Bouncing	Experimental	134	2.97	.701	258	3.001	.003**
	Control	126	2.68	.814			
Kicking	Experimental	134	3.10	.689	258	1.960	.051
	Control	126	2.92	.758			

Note. **p < .01; *p < .05.

As a result of the independent groups t-test performed to determine whether or not the inquiry-based instructional model in the teaching of fundamental movement skills to fifth-grade students had an effect on their perceived motor competence, significant differences were found. A significant difference was obtained in scores for locomotor skills in favour of the experimental group ($t_{(258)} = 4.351$; $p = 0.001$). Moreover, differences in favour of the experimental group were obtained in scores for running, jumping, hopping and leaping sub-skills ($p < .05$). A significant difference was also obtained in scores for object control

skills in favour of the experimental group ($t_{(258)} = 3.414$; $p = 0.001$). While there were significant differences in the throwing, catching and bouncing sub-skills ($p < .05$), the difference in the kicking sub-skill was not statistically significant ($p > .05$).

Table 5. Comparison of post-test scores obtained by female students in experimental and control groups in sub-dimensions of perceived motor competence scale

Perceived Motor Competence	Group	n	\bar{x}	sd	df	t	p
Locomotor Skills	Experimental	73	3.16	.473	138	2.474	.015*
	Control	67	2.94	.556			
Running	Experimental	73	3.23	.632	138	.963	.337
	Control	67	3.12	.638			
Jumping	Experimental	73	3.04	.616	138	2.189	.030*
	Control	67	2.79	.731			
Hopping	Experimental	73	3.28	.510	138	2.570	.011*
	Control	67	3.03	.629			
Leaping	Experimental	73	3.09	.601	138	2.324	.022*
	Control	67	2.83	.723			
Object Control Skills	Experimental	73	2.93	.468	138	2.112	.037*
	Control	67	2.75	.513			
Throwing	Experimental	73	2.94	.662	138	2.112	.342
	Control	67	2.83	.633			
Catching	Experimental	73	2.94	.586	138	.954	.077
	Control	67	2.75	.637			
Bouncing	Experimental	73	3.00	.707	138	1.784	.065
	Control	67	2.77	.772			
Kicking	Experimental	73	2.83	.657	138	1.863	.139
	Control	67	2.65	.763			

Note. * $p < .05$.

As a result of the independent groups t-test performed to determine whether or not the inquiry-based instructional model in the teaching of fundamental movement skills to

fifth-grade female students had an effect on their perceived motor competence, significant differences were found. A significant difference was obtained in scores for locomotor skills in favour of girls in the experimental group ($t_{(138)} = 2.474$; $p = 0.015$). Furthermore, differences in favour of the experimental group were obtained in scores for jumping, hopping and leaping sub-skills ($p < .05$), though no difference was found for the running sub-skill ($p > .05$). A significant difference was also obtained in scores for object control skills in favour of girls in the experimental group ($t_{(258)} = 2.112$; $p = 0.037$). Scores for throwing, catching, bouncing and kicking sub-skills were not found to be statistically significant ($p > .05$).

Table 6. Comparison of post-test scores obtained by male students in experimental and control groups in sub-dimensions of perceived motor competence scale

Perceived Motor Competence	Group	n	\bar{X}	sd	df	t	P
Locomotor Skills	Experimental	61	3.21	.512	118	3.715	.001**
	Control	59	2.86	.519			
Running	Experimental	61	3.26	.677	118	1.957	.053
	Control	59	3.03	.630			
Jumping	Experimental	61	3.06	.657	118	2.837	.005**
	Control	59	2.71	.685			
Hopping	Experimental	61	3.25	.504	118	3.397	.001**
	Control	59	2.87	.711			
Leaping	Experimental	61	3.28	.598	118	3.766	.001**
	Control	59	2.84	.670			
Object Control Skills	Experimental	61	3.19	.466	118	2.893	.005**
	Control	59	2.92	.554			
Throwing	Experimental	61	3.38	.538	118	2.893	.005**
	Control	59	3.05	.621			
Catching	Experimental	61	3.04	.689	118	3.180	.002**
	Control	59	2.82	.695			
Bouncing	Experimental	61	2.92	.697	118	1.730	.086
	Control	59	2.58	.853			
Kicking	Experimental	61	3.42	.586	118	2.363	.020*
	Control	59	3.23	.632			

Note. * $p > .05$; ** $p < .01$.

As a result of the independent groups t-test performed to determine whether or not the inquiry-based instructional model in the teaching of fundamental movement skills to fifth-grade male students had an effect on their perceived motor competence, significant differences were found. A significant difference was obtained in scores for locomotor skills in favour of boys in the experimental group ($t_{(118)} = 3.715$; $p = 0.001$). Moreover, differences in favour of the experimental group were obtained in scores for jumping, hopping and leaping sub-skills ($p < .05$), though no difference was found for the running sub-skill ($p > .05$). A significant difference was also obtained in scores for object control skills in favour of boys in the experimental group ($t_{(118)} = 2.893$; $p = 0.005$). While there were significant differences in the throwing, catching and kicking sub-skills ($p < .05$), the difference in the bouncing sub-skill was not statistically significant ($p > .05$).

Table 7. Comparison of post-test scores obtained by students in experimental group in sub-dimensions of perceived motor competence scale according to gender variable

Perceived Motor Competence	Gender	n	\bar{X}	sd	df	t	p
Locomotor Skills	Female	73	3.16	.473	132	-.620	.537
	Male	61	3.21	.512			
Running	Female	73	3.23	.632	132	-.308	.759
	Male	61	3.26	.677			
Jumping	Female	73	3.04	.616	132	-.181	.857
	Male	61	3.06	.657			
Hopping	Female	73	3.28	.510	132	.412	.681
	Male	61	3.25	.504			
Leaping	Female	73	3.09	.601	132	-1.852	.066
	Male	61	3.28	.598			
Object Control Skills	Female	73	2.93	.468	132	-3.236	.002**
	Male	61	3.19	.466			
Throwing	Female	73	2.94	.662	132	-4.232	.001**
	Male	61	3.38	.538			
Catching	Female	73	2.94	.586	132	-.935	.351
	Male	61	3.04	.689			
Bouncing	Female	73	3.00	.707	132	.702	.484
	Male	61	2.92	.697			
Kicking	Female	73	2.83	.657	132	-5.386	.001**
	Male	61	3.42	.586			

Note. ** $p < .01$, * $p < .05$.

As a result of the independent groups t-test performed to determine whether or not the inquiry-based instructional model in the teaching of fundamental movement skills to fifth-grade students in the experimental group had an effect on their perceived motor competence according to gender, significant differences were found in object control skills. A significant difference was obtained in scores for object control skills in favour of boys ($t_{(132)} = 3.236$; $p = 0.002$). While significant differences in throwing and kicking sub-skills were also found in favour of boys ($p < .01$), differences in catching and bouncing sub-skills were not statistically significant ($p > .05$).

Table 8. Comparison of post-test scores obtained by students in control group in sub-dimensions of perceived motor competence scale according to gender variable

Perceived Motor Competence	Gender	n	\bar{x}	sd	df	t	p
Locomotor Skills	Female	67	2.94	.556	124	.849	.397
	Male	59	2.86	.519			
Running	Female	67	3.12	.638	124	.843	.401
	Male	59	3.03	.630			
Jumping	Female	67	2.79	.731	124	.619	.537
	Male	59	2.71	.685			
Hopping	Female	67	3.03	.629	124	1.422	.158
	Male	59	2.87	.711			
Leaping	Female	67	2.83	.723	124	-.133	.894
	Male	59	2.84	.670			
Object Control Skills	Female	67	2.75	.513	124	-1.760	.081
	Male	59	2.92	.554			
Throwing	Female	67	2.83	.633	124	-1.917	.057
	Male	59	3.05	.621			
Catching	Female	67	2.75	.637	124	-.578	.564
	Male	59	2.82	.695			
Bouncing	Female	67	2.77	.772	124	1.301	.196
	Male	59	2.58	.853			
Kicking	Female	67	2.65	.763	124	-4.569	.001**
	Male	59	3.23	.632			

Note. ** $p < .01$.

As a result of the independent groups t-test performed to determine whether or not the direct instructional model in the teaching of fundamental movement skills to fifth-grade students in the control group had an effect on their perceived motor competence according to gender, significant differences were found in the kicking sub-skill. A significant difference in scores for the kicking sub-skill was found in favour of boys ($t_{(124)} = 4.569$; $p = 0.001$).

4. Discussion

This study examined the effects of lesson content aimed at fostering basic motor skills taught with the inquiry-based instructional model, which is one of the models used in secondary school physical education lessons, on students' perceived motor competence. Moreover, comparisons based on gender were made and an attempt was made to reveal differences. According to the findings obtained, significant differences were found in students' levels of perceived motor competence for lesson content taught with the inquiry-based instructional model, according to group (experimental/control) and gender factors.

When studies in the literature are examined, the use of direct instruction in the control group in experimental design studies is a frequently encountered situation. Direct instruction in physical education lessons, or as it is commonly known, the command style, is evaluated as a very effective method for realising physical and cognitive learning. This teaching style is used essentially for achieving goals such as uniformity, simultaneous performance, conformity with a model, promoting the team spirit mentality of the group, and using time productively, by providing the opportunity for a greater number of repeated movements under the control of the teacher (Mosston & Ashworth, 2008). However, student-centred styles (guided discovery, problem-solving, student design, student initiation, and self-teaching style learning) and models (the sport education model, the tactical games model, the inquiry-based instructional model, and the personal and social responsibility model), which are used less frequently than direct instruction, also enable the student to be significantly influenced in a cognitive sense (Mirzeoğlu, 2017). Among these models, the inquiry-based instructional model appears before us as one of the least used models due to difficulties in its implementation and the broad scope that it has. In this context, it is seen that the number of studies conducted with the inquiry-based instructional model in the field of physical education and sport is very low. One of these was carried out by Uzunozmanoglu, Gursel, and Arslan (2012) in an experimental design with control group. As a result of their study, it was determined that at the end of the health-related fitness programme carried out with the inquiry-based instructional model, scores of the experimental group for flexibility, sit-up, pull-up and sit-up run skills were higher than those of the control group. In another study conducted in an experimental design with 10th-grade students, instruction in tiger spring and cartwheel skills in gymnastics skills was carried out with the inquiry-based instructional model in the experimental group and command-based instruction in the control group, and following measurement of psychomotor skills, it was concluded that both methods of instruction were effective (Firmansyah, 2016). In a study in which the effect of the inquiry-based instructional model on the teaching of soccer skills was investigated, it was found that this instructional model was more effective than the direct instructional model (Hendrayana & Widyawan, 2016). In another study carried out on male students studying in

the physical education department at a university, implementation of network information technology learning in basketball was more effective with the inquiry-based instructional model than with other methods (Aimin, Jianjun, Ganchen, Yuanping, & Shaoyong, 2015). It was seen that during the preservice physical education teachers' learning, receiving instruction related to the inquiry-based instructional model resulted in their being more effective and productive in their teaching practices. Moreover, in terms of teaching skills, this model enables retention of knowledge that can be transferred to working life (Østergaard, 2019). In a study made by Samaha (2019), however, the inquiry-based instructional model and interactive instruction for fostering the perception of muscle function in first-year university students in a physical education and sport department were applied to different groups in a single session, but in the knowledge dimension, no difference between the groups was obtained.

According to Purichia (2015), inquiry-based learning lies at the basis of the effect created by the RBIM, and when students encounter a problem or question, they learn in a deep and authentic way, since the inquiry-based instructional model encourages students to think, take action, and to use all of both their cognitive and physical competencies. Therefore, it is a very motivating and interesting model for students (Østergaard, 2016). It stimulates students' curiosity and participation and encourages them to take action. This situation enables students to make more gains especially from physical education, and in terms of importance for their lives, leads them to develop a deeper understanding (Lynott III & Bittner, 2019). It is stated that with these characteristics, the inquiry-based method of instruction can effectively complement and improve traditional instruction (Aimin et al., 2015). In contrast with traditional methods, it includes inductive reasoning and places the student more at the centre. It gives more importance to students' taking responsibility for their own learning (Duncan & Lyons, 2008). Dostál (2015) states that when inquiry-based instruction is used in the general education curriculum, students who learn in this way think critically, make effective decisions, can demonstrate their ideas, are conscious of their responsibility for their own decisions, and can evaluate the consequences of their own actions. Gore, Griffiths, and Ladwig (2004) interpreted the combined use of inquiry-based learning and Moston's guided discovery models as mutually supportive and similar in physical education lessons. It is argued that these models support a productive pedagogical framework by means of activities guided by students, and that they provide the opportunity for students to establish relationships among experiences with the knowledge that they create during activities (Gore et al., 2004, cited in Usher, Edwards, & Meyrick, 2015).

Studies conducted in different fields in an experimental design with the inquiry-based instructional model can also be found. For example, inquiry- or research-based instruction has been implemented in numerous studies conducted in the field of science, and significant results in favour of experimental groups have been achieved (Lord & Orkwiszewski, 2006; Altunsoy, 2008; Parim, 2009; Tatar, 2006; Tatar & Kuru, 2009; Panasan & Nuangchalerm, 2010; Tretter & Jones, 2003; Von Secker, 2002; Çalışkan, 2009). Similar findings were also made in a study carried out in the field of social sciences, and it was determined that critical thinking levels in students subjected to an inquiry-based learning approach were better

developed that those of other students (Çalışkan, 2009).

When the abovementioned research studies are evaluated, it is seen that the use of the inquiry-based instructional model in both the field of physical education and sport and in other fields develops critical thinking more than traditional instructional practices, that it has a positive effect on student outcomes, that it provides more support for their cognitive skills in particular, and that their findings are in parallel with those of the present study.

In the experimental group in which the inquiry-based instructional model was implemented, both female and male students obtained higher scores in locomotor and object control skills than those included in the control group. Moreover, when participants in both groups were compared within themselves in terms of the gender factor, it was found that the object control skills of male students in the experimental group were at a better level than those of female students. In terms of the subdimensions, too, it was revealed that scores of males in the experimental group for throwing and kicking skills were higher than those of females. In the control group, however, it was seen that male students' scores were higher than those of females only in the kicking subdimension. Based on these findings, it can be said that male students were more affected by the experimental variable in the scope of the research. When studies related to the subject are examined, in a norm study conducted in Turkey, the motor skills of students in educational stage II (5th-8th grade) were assessed with the Dordel-Koch test, and it was seen that apart from flexibility requiring strength, agility and resilience, males had higher values than females in all skills. In the same study, in the side-jumping test (in which coordination, agility and maintaining strength of the leg muscles are a priority), however, it was revealed that girls in the 11-12 age group had higher values than boys, but that in the 13-14 age group, the exact opposite finding was made (Gözel Tepe, 2016). In a study made by Aydın (2009), it was also found that locomotor and object control skill scores of girls aged 10 were higher than those of boys. In a study carried out in Brazil by Spessato, Gabbard, Valentini, and Rudisill (2013), however, it was revealed that boys' object control and locomotor skill values were superior to those of girls. Considered from the viewpoint of this review of the studies, it is seen that this study conforms to studies in the literature, except that in both groups separately, there was a difference between genders in the "kicking" skill in favour of boys. This finding can be associated with the fact that ball games are very widespread as a street game in Turkey, since it can be observed that both girls and boys use this skill widely with balls and similar materials as soon as they begin to walk.

5. Conclusion and Recommendations

As a result of the study, it can be said that the inquiry-based instructional model was more effective for the development of the motor skills of "locomotor skills" and "object control skills" than the direct instructional model. Moreover, when evaluated in terms of gender, male students benefited more from the inquiry-based instructional model regarding "object control skills". Based on the results that were obtained, recommendations for practice and research are given below.

5.1 Recommendations for Practice

It was seen that there is a need for developing awareness and skills related to model-based instructional practices with in-service training or additional courses for physical education teachers, especially those with many years of experience and those who have difficulty in keeping up with current educational issues. The inquiry-based instructional model should be used by physical education teachers in school for the purpose of techniques and especially of tactical training in branches of sport, in order to develop high-order thinking skills in students. In the literature, it is seen that physical education teachers generally use direct instructional methods. It is recommended that motivation-increasing policies that will steer teachers away from this approach are developed by the Ministry of National Education, and that these are supported and implemented by teacher training institutions.

5.2 Recommendations for Future Research

Discussion of the inquiry-based instructional model together with other models that differ from direct instruction in the teaching of fundamental movement skills will contribute to the literature. By combining models for the instruction of physical education and sport, educational experiments can be made in line with different course objectives.

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