ENHANCING ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING THROUGH MODERN TECHNOLOGIES AND INNOVATIVE METHODS

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Abstract: in recent years, the integration of modern technologies into the English language learning process has become an essential component of effective teaching. The main goal of this study is to explore how innovative digital tools and methods can enhance students' engagement, motivation, and learning outcomes. The research emphasizes the role of technology-enhanced learning platforms such as interactive applications, virtual classrooms, and artificial intelligence-based systems. The findings indicate that using technology-supported approaches significantly increases students' interest and autonomy in learning English.

Keywords: English language learning, innovative methods, modern technologies, digital learning, motivation.

Introduction:

The rapid development of digital technologies has transformed the traditional approach to English language teaching. Modern students, being digital natives, respond more effectively to lessons that integrate multimedia, online tools, and interactive tasks. The purpose of this research is to highlight the importance of innovative methods and modern technologies in improving the efficiency of English language learning. The relevance of the study lies in the need to adapt language education to 21st-century requirements.

Methods:

This study employs descriptive and analytical methods. The research analyzes recent studies on technology-enhanced language learning, classroom observations, and teachers' experiences in applying digital tools. Key platforms, such as Duolingo, Quizlet, Kahoot, and Google Classroom, are considered as examples of interactive tools that foster communication, collaboration, and autonomy among learners.

The analysis concentrates on four main categories of tools and methods:

1. Mobile learning applications (e.g., Duolingo, Memrise, Busuu);

2. Gamification platforms (e.g., Kahoot!, Quizizz);

3. Virtual and augmented reality (VR/AR) for immersive learning;

4. Artificial intelligence tools for feedback and pronunciation practice (e.g., Grammarly, ChatGPT, ELSA Speak).

Results and Discussion:

The study reveals that integrating innovative technologies into English lessons makes learning more engaging and effective. According to Richards & Rodgers (2014), using communicative digital tools increases learner interaction and promotes active language use. For instance, platforms such as Kahoot and Quizizz make grammar and vocabulary exercises more enjoyable, turning learning into a game-like process that enhances retention and motivation. Warschauer (2013) also emphasizes that technology helps bridge the gap between classroom learning and real-world language use. Through virtual classrooms and video conferencing tools like Zoom and Google Meet, students can interact with native

speakers or peers from different cultural backgrounds, which improves pronunciation, listening comprehension, and cross-cultural communication skills. Furthermore, digital collaboration tools, including Google Docs and Padlet, encourage group writing and peer editing, fostering both teamwork and creativity. Woodrow (2018) highlights that learner autonomy grows when students use online platforms to manage their own progress and receive immediate feedback from teachers or AI-based systems such as ChatGPT and Grammarly.

Overall, the integration of modern technologies supports various learning styles, increases flexibility, and provides real-time assessment opportunities. Students become not only passive receivers of information but also active participants in constructing their knowledge.

Conclusion:

The integration of modern technologies and innovative teaching methods contributes to a more dynamic, student-centered learning environment. Teachers should be encouraged to continuously update their digital literacy skills and adopt new pedagogical approaches to meet the demands of modern education. Future research should focus on developing frameworks that combine traditional teaching with technology-based instruction to achieve better language learning outcomes.

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