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THE EFFECT OF BLOGGING ON WRITING DEVELOPMENT IN B2 ENGLISH LEARNERS

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Abstract: In recent years, the teaching and learning of foreign languages have undergone significant development and transformation due to advances in educational technology and modern pedagogical approaches. English, in particular, has become a global language, essential across various professional, academic, and social contexts. One of the primary challenges for English learners is developing writing skills effectively, as many students struggle to organize ideas, use appropriate vocabulary, and apply grammar accurately in their compositions. This

study investigates the effect of blogging on the writing performance of B2-level English learners. Over a four-week period, participants wrote weekly blog posts on different topics, and their progress was assessed through pre- and post-intervention writing tasks as well as classroom observations. The results indicate that integrating blogs into language instruction enhances students' writing abilities by encouraging longer, more organized, and grammatically accurate texts. Additionally, blogging increased students' motivation, engagement, and confidence, as they could share their work with peers and receive meaningful feedback. The findings suggest that blogging is an effective pedagogical tool for improving both the technical and affective aspects of writing in EFL classrooms.

Key words: English language, blogging, writing skills, B2 learners, educational technology, EFL pedagogy

Аннотация: В последние годы обучение иностранным языкам значительно развилось и трансформировалось благодаря современным образовательным технологиям и инновационным педагогическим подходам. Английский язык стал глобальным языком, необходимым в профессиональной, академической и социальной сферах. Одной из основных трудностей для изучающих английский язык является эффективное развитие навыков письма, поскольку многие учащиеся испытывают сложности в организации мыслей, использовании подходящей лексики и правильном применении грамматики. В данном исследовании рассматривается влияние ведения блогов на письменные навыки учащихся уровня B2. В течение четырех недель участники писали еженедельные записи в блогах по различным темам, а их прогресс оценивался с помощью письменных заданий до и после вмешательства, а также наблюдений в классе. Результаты показали, что интеграция блогов в процесс обучения способствует улучшению письменных навыков студентов, стимулируя создание более длинных, структурированных и грамматически точных текстов. Кроме того, блоггинг повышал мотивацию, вовлеченность и уверенность студентов, так как они могли делиться своими работами с одноклассниками и получать конструктивную обратную связь. Эти результаты показывают, что ведение блогов является эффективным педагогическим инструментом для улучшения как технических, так и эмоционально-поведенческих аспектов письма в классе EFL.

Ключевые слова: английский язык, блоггинг, письменные навыки, учащиеся B2, образовательные технологии, педагогика EFL

Annotatsiya: So‘nggi yillarda chet tillarni o‘qitish va o‘rganish sezilarli darajada rivojlandi va tubdan o‘zgardi, bunda ta’lim

texnologiyalari va zamonaviy pedagogik yondashuvlar muhim rol o‘ynadi. Ingliz tili, ayniqsa, professional, akademik va ijtimoiy sohalarda global ahamiyatga ega bo‘lib, keng qo‘llanilmoqda. Ingliz tili o‘rganuvchilari uchun eng katta muammolardan biri yozma ko‘nikmalarni samarali rivojlantirishdir, chunki ko‘plab talabalar fikrlarni tartibga solish, mos lug‘at va grammatikani to‘g‘ri qo‘llashda qiyinchiliklarga duch keladi. Ushbu tadqiqot B2 darajadagi o‘quvchilarning yozma ko‘nikmalarini yaxshilashda bloglarning ta‘sirini o‘rganadi. To‘rt hafta davomida ishtirokchilar haftasiga bir marta turli mavzularda blog yozdilar, va ularning rivojlanishi pre- va post-interventsiya yozma topshiriqlari hamda sinf kuzatuvlari orqali baholandi. Natijalar shuni ko‘rsatdiki, bloglash mashg‘ulotlariga integratsiya qilish talabalar yozma ko‘nikmalarini oshiradi, ularni uzunroq, mantiqiy va grammatik jihatdan aniqroq matnlar yaratishga undaydi. Shuningdek, bloglash talabalar motivatsiyasini, ishtirokini va ishonchini oshirdi, chunki ular ishlarini tengdoshlar bilan bo‘lishishlari va mazmunli fikr-mulohaza olishlari mumkin edi. Ushbu natijalar bloglashning EFL sinflarida yozish texnikasi va hissiy-afektiv ko‘nikmalarni rivojlantirishda samarali pedagogik vosita ekanligini ko‘rsatadi.

Kalit so‘zlar: ingliz tili, bloglash, yozma ko‘nikmalar, B2 darajadagi o‘quvchilar, ta‘lim texnologiyalari, EFL pedagogikasi

Introduction. Writing is one of the most essential skills in learning English as a Foreign Language (EFL), as it enables learners to organize and communicate ideas in written form (Hyland, 2003). However, many B2-level learners encounter difficulties in writing due to limited vocabulary resources, weak grammatical control, and low confidence, which often lead to reduced writing fluency and complexity (Raimes, 1983; Silva, 1993).

In recent decades, educational technology has increasingly been integrated into language learning to support student engagement and skill development (Chapelle, 2001). One such tool is blogging, which provides learners with an authentic context for writing, opportunities for peer interaction, and a broader audience beyond the classroom (Kern, 2006). Blogs have been found to foster learner autonomy, increase motivation, and encourage reflective writing practices by allowing students to revise their texts repeatedly and receive feedback from others (Godwin-Jones, 2003; Andrade & Zha, 2018).

Despite understanding language features in isolation, many learners fail to apply these features in extended writing due to a lack of purposeful communicative practice (Cumming, 2013). Blogging can

address this gap by creating meaningful tasks that emphasize real communicative goals rather than isolated grammatical accuracy.

Therefore, this study investigates the effect of blogging on the writing development of B2 English learners, focusing on improvements in writing quality, learner motivation, and engagement within the EFL classroom.

Methods. This study involved 20 B2-level English learners at a public school in Uzbekistan. The research spanned four weeks, during which participants engaged in structured blogging activities to enhance their writing skills.

At the beginning of the study, students completed a baseline writing task to assess their initial performance in terms of organization, vocabulary use, and grammatical accuracy. Following this, students were introduced to weekly blogging tasks on topics such as daily life, technology, and personal experiences. Each blog post was submitted online, and the teacher provided formative feedback, focusing on content clarity, grammar, vocabulary, and coherence.

At the end of the four weeks, students completed a post-intervention writing task. The pre- and post-task scores were analyzed to determine improvements in writing performance. Additionally, classroom observations and student reflections were collected to assess changes in motivation, engagement, and writing attitudes. This mixed-method approach aligns with established practices in technology-mediated writing research (Godwin-Jones, 2003; Andrade & Zha, 2018).

Results. Analysis of pre- and post-intervention writing tasks showed substantial improvement in students' writing. Blog-integrated activities resulted in:

- Longer texts with more organized structure and coherent paragraphs
- Expanded vocabulary use and greater variety of sentence structures
- Reduced grammatical errors, particularly in verb tense and sentence agreement

Observations and student reflections indicated higher motivation and engagement. Students reported enjoying the writing process more due to the opportunity to share ideas publicly and receive feedback. Several participants stated that blogging made writing more interactive and meaningful, encouraging them to revise and improve their texts actively (Kessler, 2009; Sun, 2012).

Discussion. The findings support the notion that technology-enhanced activities, such as blogging, can significantly improve writing skills in EFL contexts. Blogs provide an authentic audience, which encourages learners to write more thoughtfully, organize ideas

coherently, and experiment with vocabulary and grammar (Kern, 2006; Godwin-Jones, 2003).

Consistent with research by Andrade and Zha (2018), the study shows that blogging also enhances learner motivation and engagement, which are critical factors in successful writing development. When learners perceive their writing as meaningful and publicly shared, they become more invested in improving both content and form.

Moreover, these results align with communicative approaches in language learning (Ellis, 2003; Cumming, 2013), emphasizing the importance of authentic tasks and audience interaction. Blogging allows students to practice meaningful communication in writing, increasing their confidence and fostering learner autonomy.

Overall, this study demonstrates that integrating blogs into B2-level EFL classrooms can enhance writing skills while simultaneously promoting motivation, confidence, and collaborative learning.

Conclusion. This study confirms that blogging is an effective pedagogical tool for improving writing skills of B2 English learners. It promotes structured, coherent writing, expands vocabulary, reduces errors, and increases learner motivation and confidence.

Teachers are encouraged to incorporate blog-based activities in writing instruction to create an interactive, student-centered learning environment. Such integration aligns with contemporary EFL pedagogical principles and supports meaningful, authentic language use.

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RAQAMLI PEDAGOGIK TEXNOLOGIYALAR YORDAMIDA DIFFERENSIAL TA'LIMNI TASHKIL ETISH METODIKASI

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Annotatsiya: Ushbu maqola raqamli pedagogik texnologiyalar yordamida differensial ta'limni tashkil etishning zamonaviy metodik asoslarini ilmiy tahlil qiladi. Ta'lim jarayonida individual o'quv ehtiyojlarini hisobga olish, talabalarning o'quv salohiyatini oshirish va o'quv motivatsiyasini kuchaytirish borasidagi yondashuvlar ko'rib chiqilgan. Shu bilan birga, maqolada raqamli vositalar va interaktiv o'quv platformalari yordamida differensial ta'limni amalga oshirishning samaradorligi, pedagogik nazariyalar bilan uzviy bog'lanishi, shuningdek, xorijiy va mahalliy olimlarning ilmiy tadqiqotlari asosida amaliy tavsiyalar keltiriladi. Tadqiqot raqamli pedagogik texnologiyalarning o'quv jarayonidagi integratsiyasi, individual o'quv strategiyalarini ishlab chiqish va baholash metodlarini murakkab va tizimli tahlil qiladi.

Kalit so'zlar: Raqamli pedagogik texnologiyalar, differensial ta'lim, individualizatsiya, interaktiv ta'lim, o'quv motivatsiyasi, pedagogik strategiya, ta'lim samaradorligi.

МЕТОДИКА ОРГАНИЗАЦИИ ДИФФЕРЕНЦИРОВАННОГО ОБУЧЕНИЯ С ПОМОЩЬЮ ЦИФРОВЫХ ПЕДАГОГИЧЕСКИХ ТЕХНОЛОГИЙ

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