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THE ROLE OF DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES IN TEACHING ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE

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Abstract: The swift advancement of digital technologies has profoundly reshaped modern education, particularly in the realm of

foreign language. Over the past few decades, digital tools including online learning platforms, mobile apps, artificial intelligence, and multimedia resources have become indispensable in teaching English as a Foreign Language (EFL). These technologies create interactive learning environments, boost learner motivation, and enable communication that transcends traditional classroom limits. This article examines the role of digital technologies in EFL focusing on their advantages, practical applications, and associated challenges. The study also explores how digital tools improve language skills like listening, speaking, reading, and writing while fostering autonomous and personalized learning. The results show that incorporating digital technologies into language enhances teaching efficacy and fosters more engaging learning experiences for students.

Keywords: digital technologies, EFL language acquisition, online learning, ICT, and educational technology.

Annotatsiya; Raqamli texnologiyalarning jadal rivojlanishi zamonaviy ta’limni, ayniqsa, chet tillarini o‘rganish sohasini tubdan o‘zgartirdi. So‘nggi o‘n yilliklarda onlayn ta’lim platformalari, mobil ilovalar, sun’iy intellekt va multimedia resurslari kabi raqamli vositalar ingliz tilini chet tili sifatida (EFL) o‘qitishda ajralmas ahamiyat kasb etmoqda. Ushbu texnologiyalar interaktiv o‘quv muhitini yaratadi, o‘quvchilarning motivatsiyasini oshiradi hamda an’anaviy sinf chegaralaridan tashqarida muloqot qilish imkonini beradi. Mazkur maqola EFL ta’limida raqamli texnologiyalarning rolini, ularning afzalliklari, amaliy qo‘llanilishi va mavjud muammolariga e’tibor qaratgan holda tahlil qiladi. Tadqiqot shuningdek raqamli vositalarning tinglab tushunish, gapirish, o‘qish va yozish kabi til ko‘nikmalarini qanday rivojlantirishini hamda mustaqil va individuallashtirilgan ta’limni qanday qo‘llab-quvvatlashini o‘rganadi. Natijalar shuni ko‘rsatadiki, til o‘qitish jarayoniga raqamli texnologiyalarni joriy etish o‘qitish samaradorligini oshiradi va talabalar uchun yanada qiziqarli o‘quv tajribasini yaratadi.

Kalit so‘zlar: raqamli texnologiyalar, EFL tilini o‘zlashtirish, onlayn ta’lim, AKT va ta’lim texnologiyalari.

Аннотация: Стремительное развитие цифровых технологий существенно преобразило современное образование, особенно в области изучения иностранных языков. За последние десятилетия цифровые инструменты, включая онлайн-платформы обучения, мобильные приложения, искусственный интеллект и мультимедийные ресурсы, стали неотъемлемой частью преподавания английского языка как иностранного (EFL). Эти технологии создают интерактивную образовательную среду, повышают мотивацию обучающихся и обеспечивают коммуникацию, выходящую за пределы

традиционного класса. В данной статье рассматривается роль цифровых технологий в обучении EFL с акцентом на их преимущества, практическое применение и сопутствующие трудности. Исследование также изучает, как цифровые инструменты способствуют развитию языковых навыков, таких как аудирование, говорение, чтение и письмо, а также поддерживают автономное и персонализированное обучение. Результаты показывают, что внедрение цифровых технологий в процесс обучения языку повышает эффективность преподавания и делает обучение более увлекательным для студентов.

Ключевые слова: цифровые технологии, усвоение языка EFL, онлайн-обучение, ИКТ и образовательные технологии.

Introduction. The swift advancement of technology has profoundly impacted numerous facets of human life, particularly education. In today's digital age, innovative technological tools are increasingly supplementing traditional teaching methods to enhance the learning experience. In the realm of English as a Foreign Language (EFL), digital technologies are pivotal for boosting both instructional efficacy and learner engagement.

Digital technologies encompass a range of electronic tools, systems, devices, and resources designed to generate, store, and process data. In the field of education, these technologies encompass computers, smartphones, online learning platforms, multimedia resources, artificial intelligence, and educational software. Incorporating these technologies into English language has transformed conventional classrooms into dynamic, interactive learning spaces.

Digital technologies enable students to access authentic language resources, interact with speakers globally, and hone their language abilities through innovative methods. Consequently, technology has become an indispensable component of contemporary language education.

Literature Review. Numerous scholars have investigated how digital technologies influence foreign language. Prior research highlights that technological tools boost students' motivation, engagement, and language skills.

Recent research indicates that integrating technology into language learning fosters interactive communication and collaborative study, while digital tools like mobile apps, virtual classrooms, and online platforms enable students to practice independently and receive instant feedback

Moreover, foreign language is increasingly incorporating innovative technologies such as artificial intelligence, virtual reality, and

gamification. These technologies facilitate immersive learning environments that enable students to practice real-life communication scenarios and cultivate cultural awareness

Scholars also emphasize the role of technology in fostering learner autonomy. Online learning platforms allow students to study at their own speed, access a wide range of educational resources, and track their progress using digital assessment tools.

In summary, existing research indicates that digital technologies substantially enhance the quality of English language and learning.

Enhancing Student Engagement and Motivation. A key benefit of digital technologies in language is their capacity to boost student engagement. Multimedia resources like videos, animations, podcasts, and interactive presentations enhance the learning experience by making it more engaging and dynamic

Gamified learning platforms and interactive applications also encourage students to actively engage in classroom activities. When students engage with digital tools, they are more likely to stay focused and enthusiastic about learning English.

Improving Language Skills Development. Digital technologies assist students in developing all four core language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing.

One can enhance listening skills by utilizing audio materials, podcasts, and online videos that feature native speakers. Video conferencing, pronunciation apps, and online communication tools can all help improve speaking skills. Access to digital libraries, online articles, and interactive texts enhances reading skills, whereas writing abilities are improved through digital platforms that offer immediate feedback on grammar and vocabulary.

Research indicates that technological tools substantially enhance students' language proficiency by offering authentic learning opportunities and instant feedback. The input appears to be corrupted or unreadable. (eurasia-science.org)

Supporting Personalized Learning. Another key function of digital technologies is their capacity to facilitate personalized learning. Digital platforms enable teachers to tailor lessons to match each student's unique learning needs, abilities, and interests.

AI-driven learning systems can evaluate student performance and suggest targeted exercises to address areas of weakness. This tailored method enables learners to advance more effectively and boosts their confidence in using English.

Facilitating Communication and Collaboration. Digital technologies facilitate communication between learners and teachers, overcoming geographical barriers. Online platforms enable students to

engage in discussions, collaborate on projects, and communicate with peers from around the world.

Virtual classrooms, discussion forums, and collaborative tools enable students to hone real-life communication skills and cultivate teamwork abilities. These digital environments also alleviate communication anxiety, encouraging students to share their ideas more freely.

Challenges of Using Digital Technologies in EFL Teaching.

Although digital technologies offer numerous benefits for language education, their implementation also brings specific challenges.

A significant hurdle is the insufficient technological infrastructure present in certain educational institutions. A lack of access to computers, reliable internet, and modern devices can impede the effective integration of technology in the classroom.

Another challenge is the requirement for both teachers and students to possess digital literacy. To fully leverage the advantages of technology, educators must receive training on its effective use. Without adequate training, technology can become a distraction instead of a valuable teaching tool.

Furthermore, overreliance on technology can diminish face-to-face interaction, a crucial component of language acquisition. Consequently, digital technologies ought to serve as a supplement to, rather than a substitute for, conventional teaching approaches.

Conclusion. Digital technologies have become an essential component of contemporary English language. Integrating them into the educational process boosts student engagement, advances language skill development, and facilitates personalized learning. By leveraging tools like online platforms, multimedia resources, and AI applications, students can access innovative learning opportunities that were previously unattainable in traditional classrooms.

Nevertheless, the successful deployment of digital technologies depends on adequate infrastructure, comprehensive teacher training, and the balanced utilization of technological tools. When utilized effectively, digital technologies can substantially enhance the quality of English as a Foreign Language education and equip learners for communication in a globalized world.

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