

Technology Based Teaching and Learning English Language

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Abstract: Everything is changing inevitably in our social milieu, as well as technology, educational teaching and learning methods. There is a change in the nature of everything that we are part of. Changing is the law of nature which influences our routine life. Educational institutions have to accommodate themselves to the changing environment. Technology and technological tools play a key role in the developing world in various aspects. Computers and language teaching have united as inseparable phenomenon for a couple of decades and technology has become main part of teaching and learning tool in the language classroom. In foreign language teaching and learning process, we can benefit from such technological tools as TV, Radio, Computers, The internet, CD player, Audio Cassettes, Electronic Dictionary, Mobile devices, Power point videos, Skype, different social networks and DVDs. Internet access and software programs have eased in many aspects of our lives, as well as our educational life. Owing to technological tools, Learners learn and pick up things quicker and easier than ever due to the use of technological devices.

Computer-based education is one of them, which has brought new facilities in our life. Computer-based teaching provides influential, motivating and different way of supporting knowledge to learners. Today most of the educational foundations started teaching language teaching lessons through the operation of computational devices. Using technology in the classes brings brilliant success and outcomes. This paper attempts to present the significance of Technology in foreign language teaching. It also aims to make English language educators aware of the approaches to practice it in an active way.

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Introduction

In the couple of last decades of the 21st century the field of technological tools obtainable to use in language learning and teaching has become very diversified and the techniques are being used in schoolrooms all around the world.

Old-fashioned teaching devices have changed rapidly over the past years. Institutes and educational areas started using whiteboards with dry erase markers instead of blackboards and chinks in some places, from thick learner-books to computers, electronic devices that place a enormous world of current, up-to-date information at learners' fingertips. Furthermore, people started using smart boards which are more beneficial, practical and ease everything for users.

The usage of technology in a number of fields has been very effective and useful for educators to gain some certain targets particularly in schooling and for those who are learning a foreign language. The impact of technology is seen all around us nowadays. Web- based teaching, learning and non – stop internet assess supplies numerous new opportunities for the development of educational technology. English language is spoken and used by many people around the world. Thanks to technology, learners learn faster and easier than ever. It is obviously known that English has become a necessity of today.

The numbers of people, who are in need of English language, are increasing day by day. Technology supplies numerous possibilities to make teaching more fascinating and also make teaching more creative .Technology is one of the vital important tools for social and linguistic changes. The usage of English language has improved quickly after 1960. Nowadays English language is known as public context, political, sociocultural, commerce, schooling, industries, media, library, communicating along with boundaries, and essential matter in curriculum. As there is enough number of English learners in different parts of world, a good number of new teaching methods have been applied to investigate the effectiveness of the teaching process. As educators, we always seek for new approaches of instruction, new skills to use in the classroom to maintain the needs of our learners. Multimedia is one of them in ELT so as to form English contexts. English is being learned and used by a good number of speakers.

Explanation and Significance of Technology

Technology is a device that could change the nature of education. Essentially, technology is a word which is used to define different things to different persons. Pcs and digital devices are combined into education, no matter where you are or what you are doing. As a matter of fact, technology is a complicated norm in our life, which is changing our society and nowadays world. Briefly, Technology is designed to ease person`s life. Technology has become an indispensable part of our lives in recent years. We wake up with technology, we live with technology, and we act with technology, now it is essential to know how to benefit from technology and get our learners involved in the importance of technology in daily and academic life.

Technology plays great role in learning, teaching communicating, and in today's economic world. We are all somehow involved in technology in our daily lives. As for educational world, it eases everything both for our students and teachers. Since, things can be done easily, quicker and cheaper than ever. Technological devices should be used in the right place at the right time properly. Technological tools should be provided for teachers by educational institutions.

Teaching English via Technology

Writing and reading in English language quite different from each other, that is why, one needs to have correct pronunciation of each word that he or she hears. In this case, technological tools would play great role so as to get proper sound of the word by using technological devices, multimedia is the best option for those kind of complications. Each institute likes to have qualified instructors who are good at using technological tools.

If we do not follow new developments of Technology, we would remain behind humanity, since technology is a norm which never stops. As instructors we should aware of everything regarding technological inventions than anyone else in order to be a creative, productive and open-minded one. Contrary to teachers who use advanced technology, there are still a good number of teachers still teach in the traditional way. The traditional way has been used so far by majority of teachers as the easy and the known one. Nevertheless, there are numerous ways to be used by learners to advance their knowledge, especially for EFL learners who learn the language for pleasure. If the learners keep up with ELT via technology, especially, multimedia, they will get more confidence and success.

The Development of ELT Owing To Technology

Indication recommends that there can be important variability in practitioner and learner confidence with ICT (Wild, 1996; Ertmer and Ottenbreit-Leftwich, 2010, Ertmer et al. 2011), even though this is a speedily changing image as new generations of learners who have grown up in a digital world come into classes.

Globalization has progressed rapidly in the 21st century and is vital to comprehend on different foreign languages and especially, English language placed first. English Language Teaching has been taught for years and the importance of it is increasing day by day, nowadays, technology-based learning has become more popular by using the Internet.

Eventually, if educators do not use or be familiar with technological developments, they will not be able to catch up with new improvements regarding technological devices. Therefore, it is necessary for today's language instructors to be involved in the up-to-date and finest innovations of technology and have a full knowledge of it, that they can be used in any given condition. Using technology colors and stimulates classes.

Benefits of Technology In Teaching And Learning English Language

Developing Learners' Awareness in Study

Since technological learning, teaching, and multimedia technology, entered to our life, naturally, the stereotyped traditional teaching methods is not used as it used to be. Because, multimedia technology compromises a sense of reality and functions very well, furthermore, technological devices color and ease the teaching and learning for both teachers and learners. At the same time, urge learners and instructors to take part in study and in class activities.

Upgrading Learners' Communication Capability

Traditional-based teaching and learning have hindered learners' capability to understand definite language and comprehending to meaning, function and structure of the language, in this case, learners are reluctant to knowledge. Therefore, it is difficult to get the goal of communication. We can see that multimedia technology teaching has great influence on students' positive thinking and communication skills in learning.

Advancing Learners' Awareness to Obtain Conceptual Understanding to Different Ethos

The multimedia-based classes can provide limitless resources to learners; furthermore, due to the multimedia; learners do not have to have more textbooks than ever, and owing to fast internet access, learners gain new innovations regarding education, vivid cultural background, wealthy content and language equipment, which are much vital and more important to us. Owing to these developments of multimedia of technology, students much more advance their listening ability and different culture as well. Students can enrich their knowledge by visiting different web sites or apply to different materials which are based on technological devices such as; computer Radio, TV, CD player, Computers, Audio Cassettes, Power point videos, The internet, Electronic Dictionary, Mobile devices, social networks, Skype and DVDs. Those devices that we mentioned above are going to help to students to be more active in classes and take part in discussions and communications.

Developing Teaching Effectiveness

Multimedia technology-based teaching improves teaching substance, accomplishes the better classes and provides to learners much more the "student-centered" classes. Owing to big classes, it is hard to have speaking classes with learners. The traditional teaching method most of the time delivered by instructors, which is known as teacher-centered learning as well, and the sources provided or given to students are limited owing to traditional courses. On the contrary to all these, multimedia technology improves all the time, proves more vivid, visual, authentic atmosphere for language learners.

Improving contact between instructor and learners

Multimedia teaching stresses the role of students, and improves the significance of "interaction" between teachers and students. One of the best advantages of multimedia teaching is to educate and advance learners' capability to language skills, especially, listening and speaking skills. Multimedia technology in framework formation makes a decent stage for the interchange between educators and learners.

Forming Framework for Language Teaching

Multimedia based teaching makes a framework for language teaching. This process forms the class dynamic and fascinating. There are features of technological tools which have their own features such as, distinguishability and dynamism. As we are having classes by using technological tools, especially, multimedia devices for language teaching, echoes and images could be established together, which enriches the enterprise of both educators and learners. As using multimedia software, which provides to students to see pictures, sounds and images to color and improve the content of lessons. Multimedia devices could be used by learners to comprehend the content of classes attentively and easily.

Learning

Teaching depends on the willingness of the learning. In order to teach better, it is essential to comprehend how one can learn. In this case, we need to find out that how mankind picks up and then we could plan teaching platforms for active learning. Furthermore, for active learning as teachers we need to identify about concepts of learning which are vital in learning. Before we teach, we should have clue regarding the theories of learning as well.

Internet-Based Learning

Things have been improved rapidly regarding learning in recent years; web-based learning has become popular nowadays. Via internet, one could keep up with new technological innovation and even could study by coining on line educational programs, at the same time, this called as technology- based or distance learning as well. A plenty of fundamental language skills could be advanced due to the web-based system. As we know that; there are four fundamental skills in language learning which are speaking, listening, reading and writing. One can get limitless materials on these skills by visiting appropriate web sites. There are enough tools to communicate in internet such as e-mail, blogs, chat rooms and educational web sites. These devices ease the way of learning by using internet both for educators and learners. Learners normally get positive atmosphere regarding web-based learning devices, when devices are; Well-prepared, designed attractively and easy to learn. When the device is used as maintenance, but as replaced of teachers.

The Role of Technological Tools in Effective Teaching and Learning English Language

Skype

Skype is a social program that provides to learners have both visual and sound functions that can be used on device called laptops, which have cameras on them. So learners are able to talk with their teachers. There are a lot of similar programs on internet that can be used in the same way, such as tango, messenger, and face book and so on.

Through these tools, learners can communicate with native speakers of English language and evaluate their pronunciation with the correct one. Learners can deal with different people who are native from different places for a very short time and with less expenditures, especially by

getting in touch with university professors and lectures, learners can develop their speaking comprehension skills too. These skills can be advanced by using this relevance.

Portable Devices

The world is changing rapidly, as well as technology by which, we are doing our routine daily works. Developing of technology is fast. Portable tools learning are one of those technologies which have been used for a very short time. Portable devices allow learners to expose to the target language any time.

iPod

iPod is one of the portable media tools which allow users to create, arrange, send, and utilize media; furthermore, users can allocate texts, images, audio or video with their partners and instructors. Listening skills in language learning can be developed by using podcasting and iPod.

Conclusion

We do not only learn or teach in the classroom; but also learn wherever we are. Learning is continuing constantly. Therefore, technological tools need to be continuously used by learners and instructors. So as to make an available contact among language students and educators, Internet networks and portable tools are beneficial approaches in English language learning. As computer database providers, designers, and bilingual persons increasingly impulse the new developments regarding this area, English language teachers might be able to use the fundamental devices of internet. It could be stated that, academics or investigators make sufficient researches on web based language learning, henceforth, they ought to create collaborative language classes and hearten tutors to build their own class works by using webs and as a result, instructors should be able to use technological tools in their classes, and be aware of every single innovation regarding technology.

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