THE ROLE OF DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES IN TEACHING ENGLISH

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Annotation: The rapid development of digital technologies has significantly influenced modern education, including the field of English language teaching. Digital tools provide new opportunities for improving the effectiveness of language learning by creating interactive and engaging learning environments. This article examines the role of digital technologies in teaching English and their impact on students' language skills development. The study highlights the use of online learning platforms, multimedia resources, mobile applications, and virtual classrooms in language education. It also discusses the advantages and challenges associated with the integration of technology in English language teaching. The findings demonstrate that digital technologies enhance students' motivation, improve access to authentic materials, and support independent learning. However, successful implementation requires appropriate teacher training and effective integration of technology into teaching methodologies.

Key words: digital technologies, English language teaching, online learning, multimedia tools, educational technology, EFL, advantages and challenges, complex language concepts, effective teaching process, goals and results.

Introduction. The development of digital technologies has transformed many aspects of modern life, including education. In recent years, the integration of technology into language teaching has become increasingly important. Digital technologies provide teachers with innovative tools that enhance the teaching and learning process.

In English language teaching, technology can be used to support different aspects of language development such as listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Online resources, multimedia materials, and mobile applications allow students to practice language skills in flexible and interactive ways.

Online Learning Platforms

Online learning platforms have become widely used in English language education. Platforms such as learning management systems, virtual classrooms, and online communication tools enable teachers to deliver lessons, share materials, and monitor students' progress.

These platforms provide opportunities for collaborative learning through discussion forums, video conferences, and group projects. Students can interact with teachers and classmates even when they are not physically present in the classroom.

Multimedia Technologies

Multimedia technologies play an important role in improving students' engagement and understanding. Videos, audio recordings, animations, and interactive presentations help explain complex language concepts more effectively.

For example, watching authentic videos or listening to native speakers allows students to improve their pronunciation and listening comprehension. Multimedia resources also make lessons more interesting and motivating.

Mobile Applications

Mobile applications have become popular tools for language learning. Many applications provide interactive exercises, vocabulary practice, pronunciation training, and grammar explanations.

Mobile learning allows students to study anytime and anywhere, which increases flexibility and promotes autonomous learning. Students can practice English outside the classroom and reinforce what they learn during lessons.

Advantages and Challenges

The integration of digital technologies in language teaching offers many advantages. It increases student motivation, provides access to authentic materials, and supports individualized learning. Technology also allows teachers to create diverse and interactive learning activities.

However, there are also challenges associated with the use of technology. These include limited access to digital devices, lack of technical skills among teachers, and potential distractions for students. Therefore, teachers need proper training to effectively integrate technology into their teaching practice.

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Digital technologies have become an essential part of modern English language teaching. They provide innovative opportunities for improving language learning and creating interactive educational environments. The use of online platforms, multimedia resources, and mobile applications can significantly enhance students' motivation and language proficiency.

To maximize the benefits of digital technologies, educators should develop digital literacy skills and integrate technology into well-designed teaching methodologies. With proper implementation, digital tools can greatly contribute to the effectiveness of English language education.

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