



THE ROLE OF DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES IN IMPROVING ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING

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Abstract: *In the modern educational landscape, digital technology has transformed the way foreign languages are taught and learned. This paper explores the role of digital tools, mobile applications, and online platforms in enhancing English language acquisition for students. It highlights the transition from traditional teacher-centered classrooms to student-centered, interactive environments. The article discusses key benefits such as personalized learning, increased engagement, and access to authentic materials, while also addressing challenges like the digital divide and screen fatigue.*

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The globalized world of the 21st century operates on the axis of rapid information exchange and intercultural communication, where the English language serves as the primary lingua franca. Consequently, achieving high proficiency in English is no longer merely an academic asset but a socio-economic necessity. This soaring demand has continuously challenged traditional educational frameworks to evolve beyond conventional, teacher-centered paradigms. Historically, the grammar-translation method and rote memorization dominated classrooms, often producing students who possessed theoretical knowledge of grammar but lacked functional communicative fluency. The emergence and rapid integration of digital technologies have fundamentally reshaped pedagogical strategies worldwide. Digitalization has transformed the passive classroom into an active, immersive, and learner-centered ecosystem. From intuitive smartphone applications to sophisticated artificial intelligence models, technology provides modern learners with unprecedented access to authentic linguistic resources. [1,p.58]. This article aims to critically evaluate the



role of digital technologies in optimizing English language acquisition, breaking down specific tools, exploring their systemic benefits, addressing pedagogical challenges, and offering a vision for future implementation within the framework of modern higher and secondary education.

To comprehensively understand the impact of digital media on English language acquisition, this study utilizes a qualitative and analytical framework, reviewing contemporary educational practices, empirical studies, and technological integrations. The core focus centers on how technology shifts the language learning process from a static experience (textbooks and blackboards) to a dynamic, interactive experience. The integration is assessed based on four primary linguistic pillars: receptive skills (listening and reading) and productive skills (speaking and writing). [3,p.112].

Digital technology in language education is not a homogenous concept; it encompasses a diverse spectrum of hardware, software, and web-based environments designed to facilitate targeted linguistic development.

Digital Tools in Language Learning

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[MALL Apps]	[AI & Chatbots]	[Multimedia]	[LMS]
(Duolingo,	(ChatGPT, Grammarly)	(Podcasts, TED)	Google
Classroom,			
Memrise)		Moodle, Canvas)	

Mobile-Assisted Language Learning (MALL).

Mobile phones and tablets have revolutionized the spatial and temporal limitations of education. MALL applications (e.g., Duolingo, Babbel, Memrise, Quizlet) utilize micro-learning techniques—breaking down complex syntax and extensive vocabulary into bite-sized, manageable daily exercises. These tools heavily



rely on spaced repetition algorithms, ensuring that vocabulary is reinforced at mathematically optimized intervals to move information from short-term to long-term memory. [2, p.159].

Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Automated Feedback Systems.

Artificial Intelligence represents the frontier of modern educational technology. AI-driven language platforms and Large Language Models (LLMs) like ChatGPT act as tireless, 24/7 conversational partners. Learners can engage in text-based or voice-activated dialogues without the psychological inhibition or embarrassment often experienced when speaking with native speakers or peers. Furthermore, automated writing evaluation tools (e.g., Grammarly, Hemingway Editor) provide instantaneous formative feedback on syntax, punctuation, coherence, and lexical density, transforming the writing process into a continuous loop of self-correction. [4,p.22].

Multimedia Integration and Authentic Content Platforms.

Authentic input is vital for developing natural listening comprehension. Digital platforms such as YouTube, Spotify (podcasts), Netflix, and TED Talks provide unlimited access to natural speech, idiomatic expressions, regional dialects, and varied cultural contexts. Unlike controlled textbook audio tracks, authentic digital media exposes students to the real-world pace, rhythm, and intonation of the English language.

Learning Management Systems (LMS) and Virtual Classrooms.

Platforms like Moodle, Google Classroom, Canvas, and Microsoft Teams serve as the administrative and structural backbone of modern blended learning. They allow educators to transcend the physical limitations of the classroom, providing a centralized hub for resource distribution, assignment submission, interactive discussion boards, and continuous tracking of student metrics.

In conclusion, digital technologies play an indisputably vital role in improving and accelerating English language learning. They effectively democratize access to authentic content, maximize cognitive engagement through gamification,



provide precise formative assessment through AI, and break down the temporal and spatial barriers of traditional education.

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