

MODERN METHODS OF TEACHING FOREIGN LANGUAGES IN THE ERA OF DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

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***Annotatsiya:** Texnologiyalar, xususan, elektron ta'lim texnologiyasi o'qitish va o'qitishni takomillashtirish uchun tobora ko'p qo'llanmoqda. Tezis materialini raqamli texnologiyalar yordamida chet tillarini o'qitishning zamonaviy usullaridan foydalanishning afzalliklariga bag'ishlangan. Texnologiya integratsiyasining afzalliklarini tushunish texnologiyani ta'limga muvaffaqiyatli integratsiya qilishda muhim qadamdir.*

***Kalit so'zlar:** zamonaviy texnologiyalar; chet tilini o'rgatish; multimedia texnologiyasi; onlayn platforma.*

***Аннотация:** Технологии, особенно технологии электронного обучения, все чаще используются в обучении для улучшения преподавания и усвоения знаний. Материал тезиса посвящен современным методам обучения иностранным языкам с помощью современных технологий. Использование цифровых технологий в преподавании языка имеет множество преимуществ, таких как доступность, вовлеченность, персонализация и доступ к аутентичным материалам. Понимание преимуществ интеграции технологий является решающим шагом на пути к успешной интеграции технологий в образование.*

***Ключевые слова:** современные технологии; обучение иностранному языку; мультимедийные технологии; онлайн-платформа.*

***Annotation:** Technology, especially e-learning technology, is being increasingly employed in instruction to enhance teaching and learning. The material of the thesis is devoted to the modern methods of teaching foreign languages with the help of the modern technologies. Using digital technologies in language teaching has*

numerous advantages such as accessibility, engagement, personalization, and access to authentic materials. Understanding the benefits of technology integration is a crucial step in integrating technology into education successfully.

Keywords: *modern technologies; foreign language teaching; multimedia technology; online platform.*

The world is changing rapidly, and so are the methods of teaching foreign languages. The days of old textbooks and grammar drills are slowly fading away, making room for more interactive and dynamic approaches to language learning. With the rise of digital technologies, teachers now have a wide range of tools at their disposal to create engaging and effective lessons that cater to the needs of modern learners. One of the most significant developments in this field is the use of online platforms and mobile applications. Websites like Duolingo, Babbel, and Memrise offer users the opportunity to learn a foreign language on their own terms, at their own pace, and from anywhere in the world.

These platforms use gamification techniques to make the learning process more enjoyable and motivating. Users earn points, unlock new levels, and compete with other learners, which helps them stay motivated and engaged. Additionally, these websites often provide audio recordings and pronunciation exercises, allowing learners to practice speaking and listening skills, even if they don't have access to a native speaker. Another trend in modern language teaching is the incorporation of multimedia resources. Nowadays, students can watch movies, TV shows, and documentaries in their target language with subtitles, or even without them, to improve their listening and comprehension skills.

YouTube offers a wide range of videos specifically designed for language learners, including tutorials, interviews, and vlogs. Furthermore, there are numerous language learning podcasts available that cover a variety of topics and difficulty levels. By exposing themselves to authentic spoken language, students can develop their listening skills, become familiar with different accents, and learn new vocabulary in context. Social media has also become an invaluable tool for language learners. Online communities such as Facebook groups, Reddit threads, and language

exchange forums allow users to connect with speakers of their target language from around the world. Students can ask questions, share resources, and receive feedback on their writing or speaking skills.

Language exchange apps like HelloTalk and Tandem help connect learners with native speakers for one-on-one conversations via voice calls, video chats, or instant messaging. These platforms provide an opportunity to practice real-life communication and learn about different cultures, all from the comfort of their own home. The use of artificial intelligence (AI) has also made its way into language education. Language learning chatbots, such as Duolingo's Bots and Replika, are designed to simulate conversations in a foreign language. These AI-powered programs can understand natural language and respond accordingly, providing students with an interactive and immersive experience. Moreover, virtual reality (VR) is starting to be used in language classrooms to create realistic and engaging environments.

Students can explore virtual cities, order food at a restaurant, or participate in virtual job interviews, all while practicing their target language in a safe and controlled setting. In addition, technology appears to improve language learners' academic ability. Lee (2000) [4] believes that Computer Assisted Language Learning (CALL) can do just this. This improvement is probably achieved by changing students' learning attitudes and boosting their self-confidence. Along this line, Galavis (1998) [3,27] and Dunkel (1990) [2,31] assert that the use of technology enhances learners' language proficiency and their overall academic skills. While digital technologies offer numerous advantages, it is important to remember that they are just tools, not substitutes for effective teaching methods. The advent of technology and development in the field of education has accelerated a shift from teacher-centered to learner-centered approaches in language learning and teaching. To meet the needs of digitally grown-up learners, teachers need to adopt a different role. They need to be facilitators, rather than the traditional bench-bound instructors, and they need to support and guide students' learning (DEECD 2010) [1].

The role of the teacher remains crucial in guiding and supporting learners throughout their language journey. Teachers can curate online resources, create customized lesson plans, and provide feedback on students' progress. They can also use technology to enhance traditional classroom activities, such as using interactive whiteboards for vocabulary games or online quizzes for formative assessments. By combining the best of both worlds - the dynamism of digital tools and the expertise of experienced instructors - we can create a truly effective and student-centered language learning experience. It is important to strike a balance between technology and traditional teaching methods, as the role of the teacher remains essential in facilitating effective language acquisition. As we continue to embrace new advancements, let us not forget the power of human connection and guidance in the language classroom.

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