



Develop Speaking Skills with the Help of Modern Technology

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Abstract: The technology brought revolutionary changes in language usage. Technology is actively used in educational sectors rather than trade and transactions. It is the mode of communication. In order to communicate, speaking skills has to be excelled by the learners in learning English. In the fast developing 21st century various innovative technologies are being introduced to teach speaking skills in the classrooms. The present world is driven by technology, which cannot be denied. It is the means to get access with this modernized world. Though technology cannot play the crucial role of a teacher, it can be used as a additional tool for improving teaching methods in classroom. Internet, podcasts, video conferencing, videos and speech recognition software, TELL, Blogging are considered to be some of the best tools for teaching speaking skills. This paper aims to discuss some modern technologies available for teachers of English today to enhance speaking skill of second or foreign language and the availability of various technologies, their impact, their practical uses and the problems associated with the application of modern technological tools

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Introduction

Speaking is considered to be one of the most important skills of a language in learning a second or foreign language. In the rapid developing 21st century



various innovative technologies are being introduced to teach English in the classrooms. To stay abreast we need to exploit all the resources available and would the learners to use the technology at their disposal for their benefit. Students have to update their knowledge by using modern technologies. Otherwise they will be relegated in the real world. Good speaking skills are the act of generating words that can be understood by listeners. According to Brown and Yule (1983), speaking is the skill that the students will be judged upon most in real-life situations. It is an important part of everyday interaction and most often the first impression of a person is based on his/her ability to speak fluently and comprehensively. So, teachers have a responsibility to prepare the students as much as possible to be able to speak in English in the real world outside the classroom. Maggie Sokolik observes: Machines are now used as tools for communication rather than simply as ways of delivering automated drills or exercises.

MODERN TECHNOLOGIES IN DEVELOPING SPEAKING SKILL

Technology helps and encourages the playfulness of learners and involves them in a different ways of learning. Technology gives learners a chance to engage independently, provide opportunities for self-paced interactions, privacy, and a safe environment where mistakes are corrected and exact feedback is given. Feedback helps the learners to exercise and focus on particular error which adds additional value by its ability. At present, there are number of qualitative feedback software's available on the web. On the other hand, links are provided for explanations, additional help, references, the value of technology is further augmented. The usage of Internet has brought tremendous change in the field of teaching and enhancing English learning. It is believed that people tend to forget everything within three days after they hear.

Modern technologies available in education today are:

- ☑ Communication lab
- ☑ Video conferencing
- ☑ Video Library
- ☑ CALL (Computer Assisted Language



Learning)

- ☐ Speech recognition software
- ☐ Programmes through educational satellites
- ☐ Blogging
- ☐ Internet
- ☐ TELL (Technology Enhanced Language

Learning)

- ☐ Pod casting
- ☐ Quick Link Pen
- ☐ Quicktionary

It is the need of the hour to incorporate modern technologies to promote the level of English teaching. The current technologies lighten up the mind of the students to get into the subject with full involvement rather than a complex task to do. “New technologies in language learning by multiple intelligence and mixed abilities replace with old methods of teaching”. The practice of Internet has brought fabulous change in the field of teaching and enhancing English learning. Language can be learnt by imitation and learnt as they speak in mother tongue.

VIDEO CONFERENCING

Video Conferencing is the gateway where one can access the speech of others across the universe. It is the live relay program where students get the best opportunity to post the questions immediately and get a platform to get the answers for their queries from the experts. In addition, they have a chance to listen to the speech of the great personalities and subject experts and know what is going in the world within their area.

VIDEO LIBRARY

It is most helpful for the absentia students. This is vividly helpful for the students who do not attend an important session or lecture. The teaching faculty records the lessons and made available to the learners and the students have a scope to play and listen to them in their leisure time, as many times as they can and understand the concept excellently.



SPEECH RECOGNITION SOFTWARE

This software helps the student to improve speaking skills, which convert spoken form to machine-readable input. It recognizes the accuracy of the learner and provides feedback and encourages the learner to practice again till they get proficiency. This software evaluates and provides scores of grammar, pronunciation, comprehension and provided with the correct forms, for examples if a student mispronounces a word, the learning tool can immediately spot it and help to correct it. This device can be a very useful device for distance learners because they don't have a teacher who corrects their speech and this device can help improving their speaking skills.

INTERNET

The use of Internet is widely used by the man across the globe. In the process of learning, students use this aid in the classroom to learn English where they Google the suitable materials for their topics. The teachers also instruct the students to collect the information and participate among the friends for discussions. For these, the students browse the different applications and online teaching aids and materials like Skype, MSM Messenger and grow themselves by connecting with friends, other students, teachers, experts and improve their oral proficiency with the native speakers and also improve intercultural awareness, motivation and raise the level of interaction. They find lot of learning materials like audio, video, audio-video recordings and get exposed to a target language and helps in improving their speaking skills.

CONCLUSION.

The article has investigated the impact of multimedia environment on the speaking skills of students by conducting pre and post-tests. The results have shown effective use of multimedia as compared to the traditional methods of teaching. The results clearly recommend the expansion of multimedia usage in teaching theoretical curriculum and the implementation of computers as a valuable tool in teaching and learning practices. An interactive learning environment tends to provide an effective alternative to traditional education. It is more effective for the cognitive abilities of students in comparison to



traditional methods. Moreover, it is best for EFL students as in today's world where technology is playing a significant role in every aspect of life, it has become the need of time. The non-native students can learn the language more quickly through interactive lessons planned by the teachers as nowadays students are very tech-savvy and have more than a basic knowledge of computers which can ease the facilitators' role in imparting knowledge.

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