



## Benefits And Drawbacks Using Information And Communication Technology In English Teaching

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**Annotation:** This article analyzes to discuss the advantages and disadvantages of using technology in the classroom. The article ends with recommendations for future studies in education that highlight the importance of digital literacy for academic goals.

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ICTs, or information and communication technologies, are changing many facets of society, but they have an especially big impact on schools. It helps to be aware of the benefits and drawbacks of ICT in education so that you can make the most of them.

Children and students who are digitally literate are better equipped to use technology in a responsible and safe manner. To the best of my knowledge, teaching a language using technology entails both trying to improve teaching methods and comprehending the current historical context. While there are certain advantages that media has brought to language acquisition, these advantages apply to both English language learners (ELLs) and English language teachers.

“Advances in technology provide digital resources for educational curriculums which significantly contribute to digital literacy learning”. According to Bacton Loveless: “Students’ time is limited in traditional classroom environments. Offering technological tools is like opening the door to the entire cosmos. It provides you with the chance to study any language at any time, anywhere, and on any subject”.

Every student has different needs, whether in school or institution. Virtual learning gives opportunities to students who want to work at a speed that is comfortable for them. There are some pupils who are very slow, they can not prepare the task in a short period of time but they will complete it correctly,



while others do the task faster than them and can get higher marks. Online learning allows such students to get higher marks by preparing the proper tasks correctly. No matter if they are slow or fast, the instructor will check the correctness of it. In addition, there are some students who need personalized teaching, while “in a traditional classroom it is easier for educators to talk about a specific topic only once to the whole class. It’s really difficult to provide personalized learning in a large classroom with specific time limits” (A. Chafe, 1999). Today’s digital literacy tools allow everyone for individual learning. This means that students can complete everything at their own pace. [5]

Nowadays, all students have the ability to use digital literacy tools wherever and whenever they choose, as long as they know how to use them. Every student has a variety of technological devices, including laptops, phones, computers, smart TVs, and other gadgets. Outside of the classroom, they can be used by students for academic objectives, knowledge acquisition, and second language acquisition. They begin operating on their own, which also fosters independence. They can carry on with their research no matter where they go if they have limited time.

One of the most common advantages of virtual learning can be to save money and time. Learners can join some online courses which are completely free, or they can watch them via YouTube platforms, it doesn’t matter, they can manage their schedule and at their most convenient times, it may be early in the morning or in the evening. Learning a language without going outside of home saves their money too because on this occasion they don't have to pay for transportation or for eating.

Using digital media also aids students in controlling their behavior. Students get connected to the digital world when they leave the classroom and go home, where they can text, share images, chat with friends, and write messages. Being in a classroom can be boring and frustrating for them because they are used to having regular personal connections. Acting out is a common way for students to vent their frustrations (B. Loveless).

In addition, learning via technology is also more environmental, because “e-learning doesn’t contribute to the pollution that is brought about by paper production”, says Matthew Lynch.

In addition to its advantages, it has certain drawbacks. Initially, it may have an impact on a person’s physical appearance, but inactivity itself can lead to various ailments. Additionally, people become lethargic and passive when working or



learning while seated, making them less likely to engage in other activities. These are other barriers that electronic devices may impact.

Online learning also includes midterm and final assessments as in a regular traditional classroom. The downside of this e-learning is there is no one, either teachers or proctors, to watch over students during the exams. It's easy for students to share the answers or if the exam is from speaking they may read the answers. However, it has negative effects on their future and improving themselves.

Virtual learning may be one of the causes of social isolation because students can not communicate face-to-face with their teachers and classmates. However, social interactions are limited, which may cause boredom among students.

Mostly focusing on theory is also counted as a barrier to technology. However, students spend most of their time watching videos and listening to TED talks, podcasts, and audio. "There is no hands-on experience like conducting experiments" (M. Lynch, 2020). While in school they may pay attention to both theory and experiment, so they will not be bored during their education. Both of these aspects are really important for people to improve their skills. [3]

Acquiring knowledge is not as simple as some may believe. Students must have a great deal of patience. Yes, there will be moments when the person feels like giving up. On these occasions, they need someone's support, and motivation to study hard. Whereas in traditional schools teachers always motivate their pupils and show them easier ways to complete the tasks. Unfortunately in e-learning, students need more self-motivation and time management. If all their tasks are planned with a schedule they can achieve everything.

To get rid of all the flaws listed above, digital literacy must be integrated. This kind of integration could aid educators in controlling how students use digital literacy resources, which could have both positive and negative effects. For doing this, firstly support and motivation, which will be given by educators, instructors or parents, is highly needed.

### **CONCLUSION**

Utilizing digital technologies for academic purposes is the most modern way that requires only internet access and gadgets. However, not everyone can learn individually. Being aware of the advantages and disadvantages can help to decide whether you can learn in this way or not. Overall, while ICT can significantly enhance English teaching by providing diverse resources and



engaging students, it also presents challenges related to access, training, and maintaining focus. Using ICT provides instant feedback, helping students correct mistakes immediately and improving their learning process. Moreover, ICT fosters communication with native speakers or learners from other regions, enhancing language immersion and cultural exchange.

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