

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF INTERACTIVE APPROACHES IN FOREIGN LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION

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Annotation. *This article explores the growing importance of interactive methods in language learning in today's digital age. It emphasizes the need to move away from traditional teaching approaches towards more dynamic and engaging techniques that actively involve students in the learning process. Through examples such as gaming, augmented reality activities, language games, and simulations, the article demonstrates how these interactive methods enhance language acquisition, cultural awareness, critical thinking, and independence among students. It highlights the benefits of interactive learning in fostering a love for language learning, developing communicative competence, and preparing students for intercultural communication in an increasingly interconnected world. Overall, the article underscores the significance of integrating interactive techniques to make language learning enjoyable, effective, and relevant in contemporary education.*

Key words. *Communication, cultural awareness, digital era, interactive methods, language learning, student engagement.*

Introduction. In today's world, proficiency in foreign languages is becoming increasingly in demand. Whether for academic, professional, or personal purposes, the ability to communicate in multiple languages opens new doors to new opportunities, enriching and developing an individual's worldview. However, mastering a new language is no easy task and depends on the student's desire and teaching methods. These two ingredients are the fundamental elements in the process of achieving a comprehensive understanding of any language.

Traditional methods of language learning, which rely heavily on memorization, rote learning, and repetition, are considered outdated in today's society as they do not resonate well with the new generation that has grown up in the digital age. Nowadays, "Interactive methods" are more widely used,

encompassing a wide range of techniques aimed at actively engaging students in the learning process. From role-playing and simulations to multimedia activities and group discussions, these methods create dynamic environments where students are encouraged to participate, collaborate, and communicate in the target language.

Unlike traditional teaching methods that focus mainly on grammar rules and vocabulary memorization, interactive techniques emphasize the practical use of language, and modern technologies help better understand new dialects and actively use them in real life. Through role-playing games and simulations of real-life scenarios, students are provided with opportunities to practice language skills in situations they may encounter outside the classroom. This not only improves language proficiency but also boosts confidence in using the language in practice.

Moreover, interactive methods foster the development of critical thinking and independence among students, placing them at the center of the learning process. Rather than being passive recipients of information, students actively engage in activities that require problem-solving, critical thinking, and creativity. This not only makes the learning process more engaging but also gives students the opportunity to take responsibility for their language learning journey.

In addition to all of this, interactive methods play an important role in developing cultural awareness. By using methods such as debates and discussions on global issues, students gain insight into different cultures, customs, and perspectives. This fosters respect for diversity and prepares students for intercultural communication in an increasingly interconnected world.

Let's consider a few examples:

1. Learning through games:

- This method incorporates elements of gaming, such as points, medals, badges, and leaderboards, into educational activities to increase motivation and engagement. Students receive rewards for completing tasks, such as mastering vocabulary, receiving chocolate, or free internet access, depending on their age, making the learning process more enjoyable and stimulating.

2. Augmented Reality (AR) activities:

- Augmented Reality technology overlays digital content onto the real world, creating interactive learning experiences. Students can use mobile devices with AR support to access language lessons, interactive flashcards, and cultural activities, enhancing vocabulary retention and cultural understanding. A clear example could be the first Japanese game Pokémon GO, in which players must aim their phone camera and find small monsters while solving language tests and tasks that lead to digital adventures.

3. Language games:

- These are interactive lessons designed to make language learning fun and engaging. Games can range from simple vocabulary quizzes and crosswords to more complex board games and online simulations. By incorporating elements of competition, challenge, and enjoyment, language games motivate students to actively participate and reinforce language learning in a playful manner.

4. Simulations:

- Simulations involve creating simulated environments or scenarios in which students can play roles and make decisions based on real situations. For example, students can participate in simulated business negotiations, cultural exchanges, or emergency situations. Simulations immerse students in authentic contexts, stimulating them to use language creatively and solve problems collaboratively.

In conclusion, integrating interactive techniques helps instill a love for language learning, develop communicative competence, and equip students with the necessary skills to navigate in a globalized world. As technology advances, innovative interactive tools and platforms will complement language learning experiences, making the path to multilingualism exciting and enjoyable.

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TEACHING SPEAKING TO CHILDREN WITH THE HELP OF TECHNOLOGY

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Abstract. *The ability to communicate effectively is fundamental to a child's development and future success. For children with speech and language difficulties, technology has emerged as a powerful tool to support and enhance traditional speech therapy practices. From interactive apps to augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) devices, technology offers engaging and personalized learning experiences that can foster speech development and empower children to express themselves with confidence.*

Keywords. *Technology, speaking skills, engagement and motivation, support, concentration, comprehension, negotiation, feedback and reflection*

Benefits of Technology in Speech Therapy:

Technology offers several advantages in teaching speaking skills to children:

Engagement and Motivation: Interactive apps, games, and virtual environments capture children's attention and make learning fun, leading to increased motivation and participation in therapy sessions.