THE ROLE OF MODERN TOOLS IN LEARNING LANGUAGE

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Abstract: *This article explores the growing importance of modern technological tools in language learning. Over the past two decades, digital innovations have reshaped educational practices, offering learners unprecedented access to resources and interactive experiences. Modern digital platforms, including mobile applications, online dictionaries, and integrated e-books that can be both read and listened to anytime and anywhere, have simplified what was once a complex learning process. Beyond mere comvenience, technology now functions as a bridge between traditional instruction and real-world communication, creating opportunities for learners to personalize their educational journey and connect across cultures.*

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Introduction:In today's interconnected world, technology is no longer an accessory to education- it is the very foundation of how knowledge is shared, practiced, and preserved. The field of language learning, has undergone one of the most profound transformations, as digital tools have expanded the classroom into a global and interactive environment benefited immensely from the evolution of modern technology. With the rise of online platforms, mobile applications, and artificial intelligence tools, learners can now study independently and engage with authentic materials across diverse contexts. From the simpliest online dictionaries to advanced artificial intelligence systems, technology enables learners to experience language as a living, evolving phenomenon rather than a static subject

Modern approaches to language learning now reflects the reality of global communication, where messages are exchanged instantly across borders and cultures. As learners increasingly depend on digital environments for communication, technology naturally becomes a vital partner in developing linguistic competence. The shift from textbooks to multimedia resources has allowed learners to practice language skills in ways that mirror authentic, real-world use. This evolution marks a transition from passive learning to active exploration, where each learner becomes an independent participant in the creation and understanding of meaning.

As many fields of life, in 21st century, technology has become indispensable in language learning due to the increasing globalization and digitalization of education. As communication and information exchange occur mostly through technological means, learners must acquire language skills that align with modern digital contexts. Online platforms, social media, and virtual classrooms have created new spaces for language interactions, allowing students to engage in authentic communication with people from different linguistic and cultural backgrounds. Futhermore, the rise of online education- particularly after the global pandemic- has demonstrated the necessity of integrating technology into language teaching to maintain accessibility and continuing of learning. Technological resources also address various learning preferences by offering visual, auditory, and interactive modes, which enhance both comprehension and the ability to remember and keep information in the memory after learning it. In support of this Warschauer and Healey[1] emphasize that technology has significantly reshaped the landscape of language learning by promoting greater learning autonomy, motivation, and interaction. They argue that digital tools enable learners to take a more active role in their education, shifting from teacher-centered learning. According to their research, computer-assisted language learning (CALL) environments provide authentic opportunities for communication, allowing learners to engage in meaningful language use beyond classroom boundaries. Different scholars have explored various aspects of technological advancements in the field of education. Godwin-Jones highlights that mobile and digital technologies have become essential tools in fostering independent and interactive language learning. His research in "Language learning& Technology" [2] emphasizes that mobile-assisted language learning provides learners with continuous opportunities to engage in authentic communication and exposure to real-world language use. According to Godwin-Jones mobile applications and online learning environments not only increase accessibility but also encourage self-directed learning, as students can control their pace and choose materials that match their interests and proficiency levels. He further notes that technology supports the development of both linguistic and intercultural competence, enabling learners to connect with diverse communities across the globe. Collectively, his studies illustrate how mobile technologies have transformed language education from a traditional classroom-based process into a flexible, learner-centered experience.

In conclusion, technology plays a crucial role in shaping modern language learning by fostering accessibility, interactivity, and learner autonomy. The integration of digital tools not only enhances students' motivation but also enables them to communicate and collaborate across diverse contexts. As scholars have highlighted,

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technological innovation continues to redefine the goals and methods of language education, emphasizing adaptability and digital competence. Therefore, educators and learners should adopt technology critically and purposefully to ensure effective and sustainable language learning in the digital era.

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