

ADVANTAGES AND SHORTCOMINGS OF MODERN TECHNOLOGIES IN FOREIGN LANGUAGE TEACHING

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Abstract

This article provides an in-depth analysis of the advantages and disadvantages of using modern technologies in the process of teaching foreign languages. Along with advantages such as ease of access to educational materials, interactivity, increased student engagement, and ensuring an individual approach, disadvantages such as the need for technical support, teacher qualifications, internet connectivity, and impact on health are also considered. The article discusses the impact of technologies on the quality of education, ways of their effective application, and future prospects. The article can be useful for teachers, methodologists, and researchers.

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INTRODUCTION

When the process of teaching a foreign language is enriched with modern technologies, the learning experience of students becomes more effective and interesting. Today, the internet, mobile applications, interactive platforms, and other modern tools are radically changing the educational process and providing students with new opportunities. With the help of these technologies, students will have the opportunity to learn on time and at their own pace, use various resources, and apply the language in practice. However, there are some shortcomings in the application of modern technologies. Technological problems, distracting students, reduced personal communication, and limited access to resources can complicate the learning process. Therefore, teachers and educational institutions must use modern technologies effectively and in a balanced manner.

Within the framework of this topic, it is important to analyze the advantages and disadvantages of modern technologies in foreign language teaching, to study their influence on the educational process, and to give recommendations for their effective use. This helps teachers learn how to successfully apply modern technologies in their lessons and makes the process of learning a foreign language more effective for students.

I. The Concept of Modern Technologies and their Role in Foreign Language Education

Modern technologies are innovations, tools, and methods in the field of information and communication, which are widely used in various spheres of human life, including education [1, 191]. The role of modern technologies in foreign language education is very important, as they help make the learning process of students more effective and interesting. Below are the role and advantages of

modern technologies in foreign language education:

1. Interactive lessons

With the help of modern technologies, teachers can conduct interactive classes. For example, presentation programs (PowerPoint, Prezi) and interactive whiteboards can make lessons more interesting and engaging. This attracts students' attention and activates the learning process [2, 1175].

2. Online resources

Online resources available via the Internet, such as video lessons, articles, audio materials, and interactive exercises, provide additional assistance to students in learning a foreign language. Students will have the opportunity to learn on time and at their own pace.

3. Mobile apps

Mobile applications designed for learning a foreign language (for example, Duolingo, Babbel) make it easier for students to learn the language. These applications increase students' motivation through exercises presented in game form and make the learning process interesting.

4. Video and audio materials

With the help of modern technologies, teachers can use video and audio materials. These materials show students how to use language in practice and develop their listening skills.

5. Virtual and augmented reality

Virtual (VR) and augmented reality (AR) technologies create new opportunities in foreign language education. Students can practice language and learn culture in a virtual environment. This increases students' interest in language.

6. Online communication platforms

Through online communication platforms (for example, Skype, Zoom), students have the opportunity to communicate in a foreign language. This develops students' ability to apply language in practice and enhances their communication skills.

7. Resources for teachers

Modern technologies provide teachers with many resources that help them plan and conduct lessons. Teachers have ready-made lesson plans, exercises, and assessment tools that facilitate their work [3, 120].

Modern technologies play an important role in foreign language education. They help make students' learning process more effective, engaging, and interactive. By applying modern technologies in their lessons, teachers can increase students' motivation, reinforce their knowledge, and develop their ability to apply language in practice. This, in turn, ensures the success of students in learning a foreign language.

II. Advantages of modern technologies in foreign language teaching

Modern technologies provide a number of advantages in foreign language teaching. They help make students' learning process more effective, engaging, and interactive. Below are the main advantages of modern technologies in foreign language teaching:

Modern technologies, such as interactive whiteboards and presentation programs, allow students to actively participate in the lesson process [4, 90]. This attracts students' attention and makes the learning process more interesting.

Online resources available via the Internet (video lessons, articles, audio materials) provide additional assistance to students in learning a foreign language. Students will have the opportunity to learn on time

and at their own pace.

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Modern technologies provide teachers with many resources that help them plan and conduct lessons. Teachers have ready-made lesson plans, exercises, and assessment tools that make their work easier.

With the help of modern technologies, students have the opportunity to learn in accordance with their needs. Students can choose materials at their own pace and according to their interests.

With the help of modern technologies, teachers have the opportunity to assess students' knowledge and monitor their development. This helps teachers identify students' strengths and weaknesses [5, 228].

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III. Shortcomings of modern technologies in foreign language teaching

Although modern technologies offer many advantages in foreign language teaching, they also have some disadvantages. Firstly, there are technological problems. Online resources and platforms are dependent on the internet, making it difficult to conduct effective lessons in places with poor internet connectivity. Additionally, technical issues during the lesson, such as computer or software malfunctions, can interrupt or complicate the lesson.

Secondly, additional burdens will arise for teachers. For the effective application of modern technologies, teachers must undergo special training, which can be an additional burden on them. Taking a lot of time to learn and apply technologies in lessons can affect other teachers' responsibilities.

The third drawback is the distraction of students' attention. Modern technologies, especially mobile applications and social networks, can distract students, which reduces their attention to the lesson. Students may become addicted to technology and lose their self-management skills.

Fourthly, a decrease in personal communication. Modern technologies often lead to online communication, which can reduce the possibilities of face-to-face communication between students. Reduced opportunities for face-to-face communication can lead to difficulties in developing students' social skills.

Fifthly, the difficulty of self-learning. Students may become more dependent on learning through technology, which can reduce their ability to learn independently. Students are more dependent on the teacher's instructions, which reduces their ability for self-learning.

The last disadvantage is limited access to resources. Each student may not have access to modern

technologies and the internet, which can lead to inequality among students [6, 125]. Although modern technologies offer many advantages in foreign language teaching, they also have disadvantages. Teachers and educational institutions must take these shortcomings into account and use technologies effectively and in a balanced manner. It is important to develop students' self-learning abilities and maintain their ability to communicate face-to-face.

IV. Recommendations for increasing the efficiency of the use of modern technologies

Recommendations for improving the efficiency of using modern technologies include:

1. **Teacher Training:** Teachers must undergo special training to effectively apply modern technologies. They need to learn how to integrate technologies in their lessons.
2. **Adapting the lesson plan:** By incorporating modern technologies into the lesson plan, it is possible to increase student interest and make lessons more interactive. Teachers should use various resources to enrich their lessons with technology.
3. **Taking into account students' needs:** It is important to select and apply technologies taking into account students' individual needs and learning methods. This increases student motivation and makes the learning process more effective.
4. **Use of interactive materials:** Teachers should use interactive materials, such as video lessons, games, and simulations. This attracts students' attention and makes the learning process interesting.
5. **Creating online communication opportunities:** Establishing online communication platforms for students, such as Skype or Zoom, allows them to communicate in a foreign language. This develops students' ability to apply the language in practice.
6. **Assessment and exchange of opinions:** Teachers should use modern technologies to assess students' knowledge and obtain their opinions. This helps to identify the strengths and weaknesses of students.
7. **Providing access to resources:** It is important to provide students with access to modern technologies and the Internet. This reduces inequality among students and gives every student the opportunity to learn.
8. **Encouraging self-learning:** It is necessary to create opportunities for self-learning for students and encourage them to learn independently. This helps students consolidate their knowledge.
9. **Technology updates:** Teachers and educational institutions must continuously update modern technologies and utilize new resources. This contributes to the modern and effective maintenance of the educational process [7, 956].

These recommendations contribute to increasing the effectiveness of using modern technologies and make the process of teaching a foreign language more effective and interesting.

CONCLUSION

In foreign language teaching, the advantages and disadvantages of modern technologies are of great importance. Modern technologies, such as online resources, mobile applications, interactive lessons, and virtual communication platforms, help make the learning process for students more effective, engaging, and interactive. They provide students with the opportunity to learn in a timely manner and at their own pace, as well as increase the possibilities of applying the language in practice. However, modern technologies also have shortcomings. Technological problems, distracting students, reduced personal communication, and limited access to resources can complicate the learning process. Therefore, teachers and educational institutions must use modern technologies effectively and in a balanced manner. It is important to take into account the needs of students, use interactive materials, create opportunities for online communication, and encourage self-learning. Continuous updating of

modern technologies and teacher training also contribute to increasing the effectiveness of the educational process. In general, modern technologies play an important role in foreign language teaching, but their correct and effective application is necessary.

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