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**THE APPLICATION OF DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES IN TEACHING
FOREIGN LANGUAGES**

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Annotation. *This article explores the transformative role of digital technologies in foreign language teaching, highlighting their potential to enhance learning outcomes and foster lifelong language learning skills. It discusses various digital tools, such as mobile learning applications, virtual and augmented reality, artificial intelligence, and social media platforms, which offer interactive, personalized, and flexible learning experiences. The article highlights technology benefits like engagement and feedback while noting accessibility and distraction challenges. It concludes by emphasizing the need for careful selection and integration of digital tools to maximize their effectiveness in foreign language education.*

Keywords: *Digital technologies, foreign language teaching, mobile learning, virtual reality, augmented reality, artificial intelligence, interactive learning, lifelong learning, educational technology.*

In recent years, the application of digital technologies in the field of foreign language teaching has revolutionized traditional methods of instruction. From mobile applications to online platforms, digital tools have made it easier for both educators and learners to access a wealth of resources, enhance the learning experience, and foster language acquisition in ways that were previously unimaginable. This article explores the various ways in which digital technologies are being used in foreign language teaching and how they are transforming the educational landscape. Furthermore, the integration of digital technologies into language teaching has transformed the way foreign languages are learned and taught. With the rapid advancement of technology, educators now have access to a wide array of tools and resources that enhance both teaching methods and the learning experience for students.

In the process of obtaining higher education, the priority areas for the development of lifelong learning skills are information and educational spaces, which include, for example, the use of the educational opportunities of the Internet, web technologies (web services, educational web resources, networks). Thus, the use of web resources will allow the organization of the learning process in such a way that students actively and with interest work not only during lessons but also study



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independently, see the results of their work, and be able to assess them (Moydinova, 2021; 105). The use of digital technologies in foreign language education provides an opportunity to cater to diverse learning styles, increase learner engagement, and improve learning outcomes. This article explores the benefits, challenges, and effective applications of digital technologies in foreign language teaching.

Benefits of Digital Technologies in Language Teaching

One of the key advantages of using digital technologies in language teaching is the ability to create a more interactive and engaging learning environment. Interactive language learning platforms such as Duolingo, Babbel, and Rosetta Stone allow students to practice speaking, listening, reading, and writing in a structured, gamified format (Meskill, 2013). These platforms provide immediate feedback, which is crucial for language learners to correct mistakes in real time and make progress at their own pace.

Additionally, digital technologies provide students with access to authentic language resources that are not easily available in traditional textbooks. Tools such as online dictionaries, podcasts, blogs, and news websites allow learners to immerse themselves in the target language and culture (Stockwell, 2012). For example, listening to native speakers through podcasts or watching foreign films with subtitles helps students improve their comprehension and pronunciation. These resources help bridge the gap between classroom learning and real-world language use, enabling students to practice the language as it is actually spoken.

Digital technologies also promote collaboration and communication among students. Platforms such as Google Classroom, Zoom, and Edmodo facilitate online discussions, group projects, and peer feedback. These collaborative opportunities foster a sense of community and allow students to engage with their peers in the target language, which can enhance fluency and confidence. Thus, digital technologies enhance language teaching by creating interactive environments, offering immediate feedback, providing authentic resources, and promoting collaboration among students through platforms like Duolingo, podcasts, and Google Classroom.

Challenges in Using Digital Technologies for Language Teaching

Despite the many benefits, the integration of digital technologies in foreign language teaching presents several challenges. One of the primary concerns is the accessibility of technology. Not all students have access to the latest devices or a stable internet connection, which can create barriers to learning, particularly in rural



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or economically disadvantaged areas (Bax, 2011). Teachers must be mindful of these disparities and ensure that all students have the opportunity to benefit from digital learning tools.

Another challenge is the potential for distraction. With the wide variety of digital content available, students may find it difficult to stay focused on language learning tasks (Kern, 2014). Social media, gaming, and other entertainment platforms can draw students' attention away from educational content. To mitigate this, educators must create clear guidelines for the use of technology and establish a balance between digital tools and traditional face-to-face instruction. That is why, the integration of digital technologies in language teaching faces challenges, including accessibility issues and potential distractions, requiring mindful educator strategies.

Furthermore, not all digital technologies are equally effective in supporting language learning. While some tools offer valuable practice opportunities, others may not be designed with language acquisition principles in mind. Educators must carefully select digital tools that are pedagogically sound and aligned with the goals of the language curriculum. Inappropriate or poorly designed tools can lead to frustration and hinder the learning process.

When used effectively, digital technologies can greatly enhance foreign language instruction. One of the most promising applications is the use of mobile learning (m-learning). Smartphones and tablets enable students to engage with language learning content on the go, making it possible to practice language skills outside of the classroom. Language learning apps like Memrise and HelloTalk allow students to practice vocabulary, grammar, and pronunciation anytime and anywhere, fostering a more flexible and autonomous learning environment.

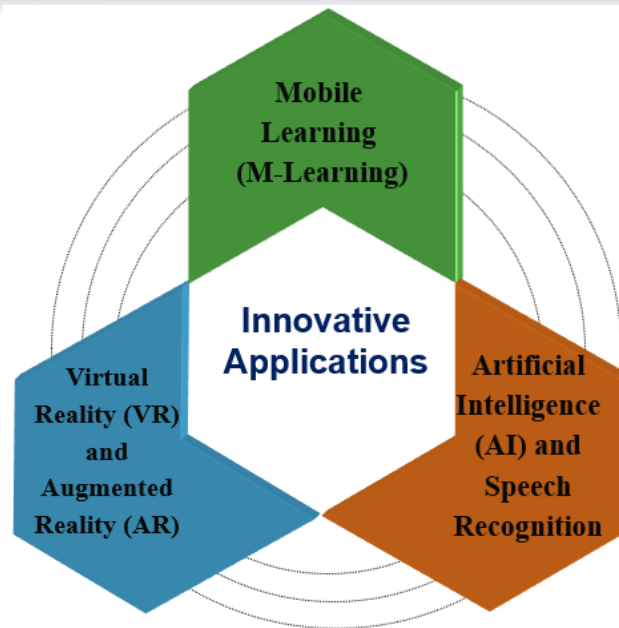
Social media platforms also offer unique opportunities for language learning. For instance, Facebook groups, Twitter, and Instagram can be used to follow language teachers, join language exchange communities, or engage with native speakers. These platforms provide a space for students to communicate in the target language informally, helping them gain exposure to real-world usage and idiomatic expressions.

Innovative Applications of Digital Technologies:



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1. Mobile Learning (M-Learning)

Mobile devices enhance language learning through m-learning, enabling flexibility in practice anytime, anywhere. Apps like Anki utilize spaced repetition for efficient vocabulary acquisition, particularly beneficial for busy individuals seeking short, effective practice sessions.

2. Virtual Reality (VR) and Augmented Reality (AR)

Virtual reality (VR) and augmented reality (AR) offer immersive language learning experiences. VR tools like MondlyVR allow students to practice conversational skills in realistic scenarios, such as navigating a foreign city or ordering food in a restaurant. By immersing learners in simulated environments, VR encourages active participation and contextual learning. AR tools, such as Google Lens, enable learners to translate text and view real-time information by pointing their smartphones at objects. These technologies engage students in an interactive way, making the learning process both fun and practical.

3. Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Speech Recognition

AI language learning platforms, such as Rosetta Stone and Speechling, utilize speech recognition technology for pronunciation improvement, providing real-time feedback and personalized materials to enhance speaking skills based on learner performance.

Another innovative tool is virtual reality (VR), which immerses students in simulated environments where they can practice the target language. VR applications



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like MondlyVR allow students to experience language in context, such as navigating a foreign city or ordering food in a restaurant. These immersive experiences provide a rich, interactive environment that can accelerate language acquisition by promoting active participation and contextual learning.

Conclusion

The use of digital technologies in foreign language teaching offers numerous benefits, including increased interactivity, access to authentic materials, and enhanced collaboration. However, challenges such as accessibility issues, distractions, and the need for carefully selected tools must be addressed to maximize the effectiveness of these technologies. As technology continues to evolve, educators must adapt to new tools and find innovative ways to integrate them into their teaching practices. When used thoughtfully, digital technologies can create a dynamic and engaging language learning experience that meets the needs of modern learners.

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