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INNOVATIVE EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGIES IN TEACHING FOREIGN LANGUAGES

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Annotation. *This thesis explores how innovative educational technologies, including artificial intelligence (AI), virtual reality (VR), mobile applications, and gamification, influence the teaching and learning of foreign languages. The study aims to identify the advantages and challenges associated with these tools and provide recommendations for their optimal implementation in language education.*

Key words: *Foreign language teaching, educational technology, artificial intelligence, gamification, virtual reality, mobile learning, innovation in education.*

Introduction

In today's interconnected world, proficiency in foreign languages has become essential for global communication, professional development, and cultural exchange. Traditional teaching methods, such as textbooks, grammar drills, and rote memorization, often fail to engage modern learners who are accustomed to digital interaction. The rapid development of educational technology has provided new opportunities to enhance language learning, making it more interactive, engaging, and effective. In this thesis, we can find answers to the following questions:

1. How do innovative educational technologies enhance foreign language learning?
2. What are the benefits and challenges of integrating technology into language education?
3. How can educators effectively implement these technologies in the classroom?

The role of technology in Foreign language learning

Through the purposeful use of technology: Students read, listen to, and view authentic, engaging, and timely materials from the target culture. Students practice



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interpersonal skills as they interact via video, audio, or text in real-time with other speakers of the target language.

Technology made foreign language learning more accessible, efficient and interesting. From traditional classrooms to online platforms, modern tools provide learners with immersive experiences, personalized content, and real-time feedback. So, we can say without any doubt that we cannot imagine our life without modern technology. It plays a crucial role not only in learning a language, but also in every field such as healthcare, business and finance, transportation, agriculture and ect. It is obvious that everything has two sides, that is, advantages and disadvantages. Similarly, it is possible to say that modern technology includes both negative and positive effects.

Benefits and challenges: Modern technology has revolutionized various aspects of life, making processes more efficient, improving communication, and enhancing convenience. However, it also presents significant challenges. Below is a balanced analysis of its pros and cons.

First and foremost, it allowed us accessibility and flexibility. In our daily life, we use various online platforms with the aim of learning a new thing. Some apps like Duolingo, AlisaTalk and Babbel allow learners to study anytime and anywhere. Research by Kukulka-Hulme (2012) suggests that mobile learning enhances flexibility and engagement, but challenges such as distraction and lack of structured learning persist. In another case, Kahoot! has been widely used in classrooms to test students' language skills through interactive quizzes, increasing participation and engagement (Wang, 2015).

Secondly, immersive learning with AI and VR. Artificial intelligence has significantly impacted language learning by enabling personalized education. AI-powered chatbots and virtual tutors, such as Duolingo and ChatGPT, provide instant feedback and adaptive learning pathways. AI can analyze students' progress and suggest customized exercises, making learning more efficient. However, researchers argue that AI lacks the human touch necessary for deep cultural understanding and spontaneous conversation practice (Chappelle, 2016). VR and AR technologies create immersive language-learning environments where students can practice real-life conversations in simulated settings. For instance, applications like Mondly VR allow learners to interact with virtual characters in different scenarios, enhancing their speaking and listening skills (Chen, 2021). Studies indicate that immersive learning



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improves retention rates and reduces language anxiety. However, the high cost of VR devices remains a limitation for widespread implementation.

Finally, it is worth emphasizing that during the COVID-19 pandemic, many students turned to Zoom and Skype for virtual language tutoring. Research by Hampel & Stickler (2021) found that online language tutoring was as effective as in-person lessons, particularly for speaking and listening skills.

Despite having these benefits, it has also some drawbacks, which I stated.

Conclusion

In conclusion, technology has revolutionized foreign language learning by offering interactive, immersive, and personalized experiences. As AI and digital tools continue to advance, language acquisition will become even more effective and engaging. However, technology should complement, not replace, traditional learning methods, ensuring a balanced approach to mastering a new language.

A balanced approach that combines traditional methods with modern technologies can create an effective and inclusive language-learning environment.

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