



THE SIGNIFICANCE OF USING MODERN INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGIES IN TEACHING FOREIGN LANGUAGES

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Annotation

The article is about investigating the significance of using modern innovative technologies while teaching foreign languages. Since learners should be able to learn English fluently and appropriately they should develop their reading, listening, writing and speaking skills. Namely, the aim of teaching a foreign language is a communicative activity of learners. Hence, the appropriate use of modern innovative technologies, modern tools such as news programs, podcasts, magazines and web based technologies as well as cooperative learning and project methodology, permit us to solve this problem.

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Nowadays, the modern society needs educated, qualified specialists which differ with mobility, dynamics, constructiveness, true patriots of our homeland who respect culture, scientific achievements, traditions of other nationalities and countries. Considering all the facts, learning foreign languages can be considered as one of crucial aspects of humanization and humanitarian education. In the 21st century intensification and modernization of education requires integration of such innovative technologies which aim at upbringing a person in the measure of intellectual and emotional aspect. The role of modern innovative technologies in teaching foreign languages is very critical specifically, for foreign language teachers and learners. The practical command of the language in the teacher task is to strengthen the performance of each student in the learning process, to create a situation for their creative activity. The appropriate use of modern innovative technologies, modern tools such as news programs, podcasts, magazines and web based technologies as well as cooperative learning and project methodology, permit us to solve this problem. Furthermore, modern innovative teaching is necessary for the present and future of education to help learners to reach their full potential. It is essential to mention that education should serve the long term intellectual needs of





the pupil, for instance, whether providing new material by teachers helped the learner to gain new insights or opened up new channels of intellectual stimulation or enhanced learner's essential and creative thinking power? Modern Innovative teaching is a necessity for all teachers in order to meet the educational needs of the new generations. However, teachers' competency for innovative teaching is a key factor influencing its performance. Some research points out that many teachers lack competencies for innovative teaching.

Let us to contemplate on latest emerging trends in education?

As trends to do, these are changing almost yearly. Consider how quiet iPads in the classroom have been recently, whereas three years ago they were going to replace teachers and were compared to magic. While mobile devices like the iPad can indeed parallel a kind of magic in the learning process, it obviously has to 'fit' into a progressive supporting ecology of assessment, curriculum, and instruction.

With that in mind, below is a list of new ideas every teacher should try. Not all will fit or work—again, it depends on the atmosphere of the classroom, school, and so on. But each of these ideas—some learning models, some concepts, and some technologies—can be transformational for pupils, and teacher`s teaching.

Below 'to-do' list as you seek out new and innovative ideas for your teaching (adapted from <https://edsys.in/16> innovative ideas to make your teaching methods more effective. 2017, August 3).

- **Creative Teaching**

Teaching creatively can be achieved by the help of tools which stimulate creativity. Take the help of tools to stimulate creativity. Include playful games or forms of visual exercises that will excite young minds and capture their interest from the very first lesson. This is a time-tested method to identify every young pupil's creative abilities and encourage creative contributions. Encourage different idea; give them the freedom to explore your lesson.

- **Audio & Video Tools**

Incorporate audio-visual materials such as podcasts and videos to supplement textbooks during your lessons. These can also be models, filmstrips, movies, pictures, info graphics or other mind mapping and brain mapping tools from the Internet. Such tools will assist pupils' imagination thrive and grow. These methods will not only develop their ability to listen but will also help them understand the concepts better. If you are tech-savvy, there are also a number of smart apps for preschoolers that you can utilize to create slideshows or presentations.





How can we use video and podcasts in our lessons? First of all let's discuss what a podcast is. A podcast is a digital audio file available on the Internet that can be downloaded easily without any efforts. Using podcasts in your English classes gives you opportunity to motivate and encourage pupils to take an active part in their learning process. You can use podcasts when presenting new information, explaining any difficult rule. Moreover, podcasts meet the interests of the pupils as they work with our current culture. Podcasts are essential in improving the intonation and pronunciation of the learners. You can choose them with different accents and dialects which will help the learners to be aware of the accents in different English speaking countries. Besides podcasts will help to keep the pupils concentrated and engaged during the whole lesson. After choosing the content and form that suits your lesson you can present it with the tape script leaving gaps with the new vocabulary or with the content of matching activity. Then you can ask the apprentices to listen and fill in the gap or do a matching activity. Another way to use podcasts in the classroom is to have pupils make their own podcasts in groups or pairs. Before assigning making a podcast as homework you need to teach pupils how to actually produce a podcast episode.

Step by step instruction on creating a podcast:

1. Choose a topic.
2. Investigate on the topic.
3. Include the new idioms and phrasal verbs related to the topic.
4. Create a sample outline as: introduction (who you are, what you are going to talk about) – 30-60 seconds; choose the intro music which can get the concentration of listeners (repeat for each show so listeners identify the jingle with your show) – 30-60 seconds; topic 1-3 minutes; topic 2- 3 minutes; interlude to catch the attention of the listeners (music or break)- 30 seconds; topic 3 – 3 minutes; topic 4- 3 minutes; closing remarks (thank audience, thank guests if there are any invited to your show, talk about the next show) – 2 minutes; closing music (same as Intro music jingle) – 2 minutes. As for the video it can be used in the same way as podcasts.

- **“Real-World” Learning**

Infusing real-world experiences into your instructions will make teaching moments fresh, and enrich classroom learning. Relating and demonstrating through real-life situations will make the material easy to understand and easy to learn for pupils. It will spark their interest and get the children excited and involved to the lesson.





- **Brainstorming**

Make time for brainstorming sessions in your classrooms. These sessions are a great way to get the creative ideas to the situation and numerous solutions to the problem flowing. When you have multiple brains focusing on one single idea, you are sure to get numerous ideas and will also involve everyone into the discussion. These sessions will be a great platform for pupils to voice their thoughts without having to worry about right or wrong. Set some ground rules before you start. You can have simple brainstorming, group brainstorming, or paired brainstorming.

- **Classes outside the Classroom**

Some lessons are best learnt, when they are taught outside of the classroom when the weather is nice. Organize field trips that are relevant to the lessons or just simply take pupils for a walk outside of the classroom. Pupils will find this fresh and exciting. Without taking much effort, they will learn and remember what you teach them as their minds will be relaxed in a non-strained atmosphere.

- **Role Play**

Teaching through role-playing is a great way to make children step out of their comfort zone and develop their interpersonal skills. This method comes in handy, especially when you are teaching a foreign language. The role playing approach will help a learner understand how the academic material will be relevant to his everyday tasks and how it is used in real life. Role playing is most effective for learners of almost any age group. You just need to customize depending on the age group. You can even use this method for teaching preschoolers. Just make sure you keep it simple enough to capture their limited attention span.

- **Storyboard Teaching**

Storyboarding is a best way to teach any subject which requires step-by-step memorization or visualization of highly-conceptual ideas. You can also encourage the use of storyboards as a form of communication and let the pupils tell a story in pictures using their imagination.

- **Stimulating Classroom Environment**

A classroom environment that is well-decorated, fun, and engaging will help stimulate a pupil's mind and will help think and learn better. Such a creative and stimulating environment will help them explore and will encourage them to learn about the subject taught. Children, especially young ones cannot be expected to sit all day and





learn. An environment that positively impacts children is beneficial for a teacher as well.

- **Puzzles and Games**

Learning is fun and healthy when puzzles and games are part of education process. Children may not require taking conscious effort when their lessons are introduced through games. Puzzles and games help children to think creatively and face challenges without any harm to their health.

- **Start School Clubs or Groups**

Being a teacher you may not get enough time to work on interesting topics that you are passionate about. You can share your views and learn more from others when you have organized school clubs or groups. Besides, school clubs and groups are instrumental in teaching process as they help to improve the speaking skills while socializing with a teacher and friends.

- **Introduce Lessons like a Story**

Everyone likes to watch movies because there is always an interesting story to keep you engaged. Like that, learning sessions become more interesting when you introduce it as a story.

- **Making your class fun**

It does not really matter as to what grade and age you are teaching. It could be a first grader or it could be senior as well. Every learner likes to have a good time in class. In the modern world, there are plenty of opportunities for gaming and you can make it a part of your teaching routine as well. You can be sure that utilizing these techniques will make your teaching much more effective than what it was earlier and it will be far more interesting.

All things considered, these days, learning foreign languages cannot be imagined without the use of multimedia teaching aids which help to improve the listening, speaking, pronunciation, reading, intonation, as well as writing skills. Besides that, Media provides virtually limitless opportunities for learning and self-study. Today's requirements for education, where learners' independent work is a key, make high school use can enhance the process of learning teaching methods and forms of work organization, which develop the ability to learn, to find the necessary information to use different sources of information and develop cognitive independence of learners. Modern teaching science aims to use new technologies in teaching. Most of the wide





variety of interactive educational software for learning English is aimed at independent elaboration of the phonetic and grammatical aspects and bring them to the automatism used. Moreover, new conditions dictate the need to modernize teaching methods and the transition to innovative technologies in education, significantly improving the quality of teaching, developing learners' ability to know a way around non-standard situations, to completely analyze the reality, to make the most favorable decisions, to work with a large flow of information and understand it well, to effectively solve problems. In fact, there are several ways in which the modern innovative technologies can be used in the teaching and learning process. First of all, it is necessary to use them to get the pupils engaged and ask their opinions on what they may have on the topic, on what is being taught in class as well as any and every other aspect of the process. When as a teacher one can create a closed chat group or even a special account on Twitter, what's up or Imo for that matter it will help an instructor improve their communication with their learners.

Ultimately, improved communication can lead to better understanding and friendly relationship between a teacher and learners which has been the most crucial aspects throughout the history of education. It is important to search for such techniques and methods of teaching that would develop learners' critical and creative thinking, stimulate cognitive activity and independence, create conditions for learner initiative, free exchange of views, opportunities to establish themselves, interact with both the teacher and each other.

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