

TEACHING ENGLISH WITH ICT TOOLS

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Abstract. English, an extensively used language of today, has often been mentioned as 'global language'. It is the lingua franca of the current era and the same is taught and learnt as a second language around the world. In our country also there are given copious opportunities to learn and teach this language. We are surviving in a world where technology is omnipresent and indispensable. Owing to the ubiquitous presence of technology, the pedagogy of teaching English has also undergone a huge change. This article illustrates how ICT tools can be used in teaching ESL and promotes to ensure effective and quality teaching.

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In the traditional way of teaching English as a foreign language, teachers used to play central role, while students were mainly listeners and did peripheral roles in during lesson being silent and passive. However today this concept is being changed and most teachers are giving up traditional methods preferring to conduct lessons with non-traditional approaches conducting lessons with student-centered methods. Using digital tools gives great advantage in learning process. The use of modern technology in teaching English is broadly understood to encompass an innovative application of methods, tools, materials, devices, systems, and strategies that are directly relevant to English language teaching and lead to the achievement of the desired goals. Thus, while technology is now generally accepted as an important educational and auxiliary tool across a range of teaching and learning contexts, it is particularly true of English language teaching since it affords several potential opportunities to enhance both the content and delivery of the pedagogies typically associated with traditional English language instruction [1]. A learning system based on formalized teaching but with the help of electronic resources is known as E-learning.

Learning how to Teach English with Technology is more than using a laptop and a projector to display some PowerPoint slides, so here are some Tools to Teach English with Technology that you can use to make classes more engaging.

Internet

Internet, the most useful technology of modern times which helps us not only in our daily lives but also in professional lives. For educational purposes, it is widely used to gather information and to do research or add to the knowledge of various subjects. Internet plays a very vital role in education. It is no doubt that in this modern era everyone prefers Google for their queries, problems or doubts. Popular search engines like Google, Yandex, etc.

YouTube

It can be incorporated into the classroom to help bring subject matter alive. Whether it is footage of current events like film footage of the biodiversity of the rain forest, videos help engage students - especially those who learn visually. Using YouTube in the classroom can be helpful for teachers and fun for students. Students are often more engaged with visually stimulating activities and are more likely to concentrate when watching videos rather than the teacher giving a lecture to the class.

Quizlet

Quizlet is an online learning tool that lets you create flashcards, short tests and spelling Quizzes, you can take vocabulary lists everywhere or create one according to your language teaching needs. Quizlet reads the word and definition to the student out loud and that's how student can learn the pronunciation of the words. Quizlet makes learning fun because students can play several games to reinforce the learning of new vocabulary.

Kahoot

Kahoot is a free game-based learning platform that makes it fun to learn, with Kahoot you can create your own quizzes and analyze the score at the end.

Phone audio recorder

Use those things that most people don't use, tell students to record a conversation or to answer questions orally and send them to you via telegram.

CrossWord Labs

Crossword Labs is a very nice website to create your own crosswords, don't expect others to do them for you. Students can solve them online.

PowToon

PowToon is a great platform to make cool animated explainer videos and presentations.

Many language teachers around the world, the classrooms of today may look and feel very different from those that we remember from our childhood. Because, we are teaching Z-generation which was familiar with technology advances from their childhood. As we realized that our students today need new sets of skills to prepare them to be successful participants in the globalized society of the future. Communication. Collaboration. Creativity. These four C's of 21st century skills are vital for success in today's workforce and you, as an English teacher, can help your students develop these skills right in English classroom.

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