



THE MODERN TECHNOLOGIES OF TEACHING SPEAKING

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Annotation. This article discusses modern technologies used in teaching speaking skills in foreign language education. It explains the role of digital tools, multimedia resources, online platforms, and artificial intelligence technologies in improving students' speaking abilities. The article also highlights the advantages of technology-based learning in developing communication skills, confidence, and learner motivation.

Keywords: speaking skills, modern technology, artificial intelligence, online learning, communication, digital education.

Introduction

Speaking is one of the most important skills in learning a foreign language. It allows learners to express their thoughts, share opinions, and communicate effectively with others. However, many students experience difficulties in speaking due to limited vocabulary, lack of confidence, and insufficient practice opportunities. Therefore, teachers are constantly searching for innovative methods to improve speaking instruction.



In recent years, modern technologies have transformed the process of language teaching. Digital tools, online communication platforms, multimedia resources, and artificial intelligence applications have created new opportunities for developing speaking skills. These technologies make learning more interactive, engaging, and accessible for students of different language levels.

Main Part

Modern technologies provide numerous opportunities for improving speaking skills. Multimedia resources such as videos, audio materials, interactive presentations, and educational applications help students develop pronunciation, vocabulary, and fluency. By listening to authentic speech and participating in speaking activities, learners gain valuable communication experience.

Online learning platforms such as Zoom, Google Meet, and Microsoft Teams have become essential tools for speaking practice. These platforms allow students to participate in virtual discussions, presentations, and group conversations. Learners can communicate with classmates and teachers regardless of geographical distance. Such interaction increases speaking confidence and encourages active participation.

Artificial intelligence technologies are becoming increasingly popular in language education. AI-powered applications can evaluate pronunciation, identify speaking errors, and provide immediate feedback. Speech recognition software allows students to practice speaking independently and improve their pronunciation accuracy.

Some language-learning applications even simulate real-life conversations through virtual assistants and chatbots. Mobile learning is another important aspect of modern speaking instruction. Smartphones and tablets provide learners with access to language-learning applications anytime and anywhere. Students can record their voices, practice dialogues, participate in speaking challenges, and



communicate through educational platforms. This flexibility encourages independent learning and continuous practice. Technology also supports collaborative learning. Students can work together on projects, participate in online debates, and communicate with international partners through virtual exchange programs. Such activities help learners develop not only speaking skills but also intercultural communication competence. Gamification has become an effective method for improving speaking motivation. Educational games, competitions, badges, and reward systems encourage students to participate actively in speaking tasks. Learners often feel more comfortable speaking in a game-based environment because it reduces anxiety and creates a positive atmosphere. Virtual reality (VR) and augmented reality (AR) technologies are also being introduced into language education. These technologies create immersive learning environments where students can practice speaking in realistic situations such as airports, restaurants, hotels, or business meetings. Such experiences help learners develop practical communication skills and increase confidence.

Despite the numerous advantages of technology, certain challenges remain. Some schools may lack sufficient technological equipment or stable internet access. In addition, students may become distracted by social media and non-educational content while using digital devices. Therefore, teachers should carefully select appropriate technologies and monitor their effective use during lessons. Teachers continue to play a crucial role in speaking instruction. Technology should support, not replace, the teacher's role. Effective speaking lessons require meaningful interaction, encouragement, and communicative activities. By combining technological resources with student-centered teaching methods, educators can create productive learning environments that promote language development.

Conclusion



In conclusion, modern technologies have become an essential component of teaching speaking skills. Digital tools, online platforms, artificial intelligence, mobile learning, and virtual communication technologies provide valuable opportunities for language practice. These innovations increase learner motivation, confidence, and communication competence.

However, successful speaking instruction depends on the balanced integration of technology and effective teaching methods. Teachers should use technological resources strategically to support active participation and meaningful communication. As technology continues to develop, its role in improving speaking skills will become even more significant in foreign language education.

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