# THE ROLE OF TECHNOLOGY IN TEACHING ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE

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## ANNOTATSIYA

Texnologiya butun dunyo bo'ylab ingliz tilini o'qitish va o'rganish usulini o'zgartirdi. Chet tili sifatida ingliz tili sinflarida raqamli vositalarning integratsiyasi talabalarga interaktiv, haqiqiy va o'quvchiga yo'naltirilgan usullar orqali til ko'nikmalarini oshirish imkoniyatlarini yaratadi. Ushbu maqolada texnologiyaning o'qitishga ta'siri, onlayn platformalar, mobil ilovalar va multimedia resurslariga e'tibor qaratiladi. Shuningdek, unda texnologiya asosida takomillashtirilgan o'qitishning afzalliklari, qiyinchiliklari va pedagogik oqibatlari muhokama qilinadi.

## ANNOTATION

Technology has transformed the way English is taught and learned around the world. The integration of digital tools in English as a Foreign Language classrooms provides opportunities for students to improve their language skills through interactive, authentic, and learner-centered methods. This paper explores the impact of technology on teaching, focusing on online platforms, mobile applications, and multimedia resources. It also discusses the advantages, challenges, and pedagogical implications of technology-enhanced learning.

## АННОТАЦИЯ

Технологии изменили способы преподавания и изучения английского языка во всем мире. Внедрение цифровых технологий в программы обучения английскому языку как иностранному предоставляет учащимся возможность улучшить свои языковые навыки с помощью интерактивных, аутентичных и личностно-ориентированных методов. В данной статье рассматривается влияние технологий на преподавание, особое внимание уделяется онлайн-платформам, мобильным приложениям и мультимедийным ресурсам. Также обсуждаются преимущества, сложности и педагогические аспекты обучения с использованием технологий.

**Keywords:** Technology, English language teaching, digital learning, mobile applications, online education, motivation, communication skills, interactive learning, blended learning, innovation, pedagogy.

**Kalit so'zlar:** Texnologiya, ingliz tilini o'qitish, ingliz tilini ingliz tilida o'qitish, raqamli ta'lim, mobil ilovalar, onlayn ta'lim, motivatsiya, muloqot qobiliyatlari, interaktiv ta'lim, aralash ta'lim, innovatsiya, pedagogika.

**Ключевые слова:** Технологии, преподавание английского языка, английский как иностранный, цифровое обучение, мобильные приложения, онлайн-образование, мотивация, коммуникативные навыки, интерактивное обучение, смешанное обучение, инновации, педагогика.

## Technology Integration in English Language Teaching

The integration of technology in EFL teaching offers numerous benefits. First, it enhances student motivation. Learners often find technology-based lessons more engaging because of the interactive nature of multimedia tools such as videos, podcasts, and language learning games. Second, technology supports autonomous learning. Students can practice their skills outside the classroom using applications

like Duolingo, Quizlet, or BBC Learning English, allowing them to learn at their own pace. Another major advantage is the improvement of communication skills through online interaction. Video conferencing tools such as Zoom and Microsoft Teams enable real-time communication between students and teachers, creating authentic language use situations. Moreover, online discussion forums, blogs, and social media platforms allow learners to exchange ideas and receive feedback from peers worldwide.

Technology also facilitates blended learning, which combines traditional teaching with online instruction. According to Graham, blended learning increases flexibility and promotes active participation. Teachers can use Learning Management Systems such as Moodle or Google Classroom to organize lessons, assign homework, and assess progress efficiently. Multimedia resources like films, songs, and virtual reality experiences help improve listening, pronunciation, and cultural understanding. However, the use of technology also presents challenges. Some teachers lack the necessary training or confidence to integrate digital tools effectively into their lessons. Technical issues, internet access, and unequal availability of resources can create barriers, particularly in developing countries. Additionally, excessive reliance on technology may reduce face-to-face interaction and critical thinking if not balanced properly. Despite these challenges, most researchers agree that technology plays a crucial role in improving language learning outcomes. Teachers should adopt a pedagogical approach that integrates technology purposefully, considering learners' needs and local contexts. Continuous professional development and institutional support are essential to ensure the effective use of digital tools in classrooms. Additionally, technology promotes cultural awareness by exposing learners to authentic materials from different English-speaking countries. Access to online newspapers, videos, and podcasts helps students understand various accents, traditions, and communication styles, making language learning more meaningful and globalized. Furthermore, Artificial

Intelligence AI tools such as chatbots and speech recognition systems provide instant feedback, helping learners improve their pronunciation and fluency effectively.

## CONCLUSION

Technology has revolutionized the field of English language teaching. It provides learners with authentic input, flexible learning environments, and opportunities for collaboration. When used appropriately, technology enhances motivation, communication, and learner autonomy. Future research should focus on developing innovative teaching models and training programs that help teachers integrate technology more effectively. Thus, technology is not a replacement for teachers but a powerful tool that supports and enriches the teaching and learning of English as a foreign language.

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