



THE IMPACT OF INTERACTIVE LEARNING ON LANGUAGE ACQUISITION

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Annotation: This work focuses on the impact of technology-based interactive learning on the process of language acquisition. The study focuses on how digital tools such as educational applications, online platforms, and interactive multimedia resources influence learners' motivation, engagement, and language skills. Special attention is given to the role of interaction in improving vocabulary development, listening comprehension, and speaking abilities. The article also discusses how technology creates a more learner-centered environment and supports individualized learning. This research highlights the importance of integrating modern technologies into language education to meet the needs of contemporary learners. The annotation highlights the advantages of technology-based interactive learning, including increased learner motivation, active participation, personalized learning opportunities, and immediate feedback. At the same time, the study addresses possible challenges such as unequal access to technology, technical difficulties, and the need for effective guidance from teachers. The purpose of this work is to analyze the role of interactive technologies in language education and to evaluate their effectiveness in enhancing language acquisition in modern learning environments.

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In recent years, educational technology has received considerable scholarly attention, particularly in the field of language learning. Education has evolved significantly over time, especially with the rise of Generation Z, born between 1995 and 2012, who are generally more proficient with digital technologies than previous generations. This shift has created a strong demand for innovative teaching and learning approaches that effectively integrate technology to engage modern learners and support their language development. Traditional teaching methods often fail to fully engage students, whereas technology-based interactive tools offer a more effective and motivating learning environment. This paper explores the role of technology-driven interactive learning in language acquisition, highlighting how digital platforms,



educational applications, and multimedia resources contribute to the development of vocabulary, listening, speaking, and overall communicative competence. The study also examines key challenges, including unequal access to technological resources and the importance of effective guidance from teachers. With the increasing integration of technology in education, traditional passive instructional approaches are gradually being replaced by interactive, technology-enhanced methods. Furthermore, this research investigates how technology-based interactive learning can improve learners' ability to use the target language confidently and effectively in real-life communication, emphasizing its relevance for contemporary learners in digitally rich environments.

Interactive learning in language education is based on the integration of learner centered practices, technology-supported activities, and meaningful learning environments that encourage active participation and practical language use. This approach enables learners to develop language skills through problem-solving, collaboration, and engagement in authentic or simulated communicative contexts.

Unlike traditional passive methods, interactive learning emphasizes active involvement in discussions, collaborative tasks, and experiential activities, allowing learners to construct knowledge through direct interaction with content, peers, and instructors. In foreign language classrooms, interactive learning often includes technology-enhanced tasks such as digital applications, online platforms, and collaborative projects that support the development of speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills. The use of interactive digital tools further strengthens language acquisition by providing immediate feedback, facilitating communication, and expanding learners' opportunities to engage with the target language in diverse and real-life contexts.

Interactive learning is implemented through various classroom practices designed to actively involve learners in the language learning process. These practices include peer-based discussions, situational role-play activities, learning games, and tasks supported by digital technologies. Such methods encourage students to take an active role in learning, cooperate with classmates, and practice language use in meaningful situations. The emphasis on active participation rather than passive instruction allows learners to develop critical thinking and problemsolving skills, as well as improve their ability to communicate effectively. Through the use of interactive learning strategies, students are given opportunities to apply their language knowledge in practical contexts, which supports deeper and more effective language acquisition. It is widely recognized that effective language learning begins with extensive exposure to spoken input, followed by active oral practice in real



communicative situations. The ability to understand spoken language and to express ideas clearly forms the core of language competence and serves as the basis for the development of other linguistic skills. Consequently, there is a growing need to reconsider traditional methods of teaching speaking skills and to adopt approaches that prioritize oral communication, interactive classroom practices, teacher preparation, and curriculum development. The primary objective of learning

English is to develop learners who are able to communicate fluently and confidently in various contexts. In today's globalized world, oral proficiency in English is not only regarded as a key indicator of language mastery but also as an essential skill for academic achievement, professional opportunities, and career advancement. Despite this importance, many university students struggle to participate actively in English-speaking classrooms due to limited experience with oral communication, public speaking, and presentations in English. A strong focus on grammatical accuracy often restricts opportunities for meaningful interaction, leaving students with insufficient speaking practice. Additionally, limited class time and a lack of interactive activities further reduce learners' chances to engage in communication with their peers. Since communicative competence represents the ultimate goal of language education, fostering spoken interaction through interactive learning is essential for successful language acquisition and effective social integration.

The effectiveness of interactive learning in language acquisition is based on several fundamental principles that support active and meaningful learning:

1. Active Engagement

Learners participate actively in tasks that require them to use the target language within meaningful contexts. This active involvement helps improve comprehension and ensures that new knowledge is retained more effectively. 2. Collaborative Learning Students often work together in pairs or small groups, which promotes communication, teamwork, and mutual support. Collaborative activities provide opportunities to practice language skills while learning from peers. 3. Feedback and Reflection Timely feedback, provided either through digital tools or peer interaction, allows learners to assess their language performance, identify errors, and make improvements. Reflection on their own use of language reinforces learning outcomes.

4. Learner Autonomy Interactive learning encourages students to take responsibility for their own learning by allowing them to choose how they approach tasks and interact with materials. This autonomy fosters motivation and self-directed progress. 5. Real-world Contexts

Language activities are designed to replicate real-life situations where students must use the language for authentic communication. Examples include



ordering in a restaurant, navigating public spaces, or giving presentations, which help learners apply language practically.

6. Language Learning Apps

Digital applications, such as Duolingo or Babbel, provide exercises covering vocabulary, grammar, and pronunciation in an interactive format. Students can complete tasks at their own pace, receive instant feedback, and track their progress independently.

7. Role-playing and Simulations

Classroom activities can include role-plays or simulations of everyday scenarios, such as shopping, traveling, or attending job interviews in the target language. These exercises encourage contextual learning and prepare students for real-life communication.

8. Interactive Digital Platforms

Websites and platforms like Memrise or FluentU combine multimedia content, quizzes, and interactive tasks to replicate authentic conversations. These platforms create immersive experiences, enhancing learners' exposure to the target language and supporting skill development. Many scholars have highlighted the potential of technology to enhance language learning. For example, Noam Chomsky emphasizes that integrating innovative technological tools into language education can provide diverse opportunities for students to practice and develop their language skills. According to him, using modern approaches in teaching can make the learning experience more engaging and effective. Similarly, technology enables learners to access authentic materials and maintain communication with speakers of the target language through platforms such as video calls and online exchanges, creating meaningful contexts for practicing language skills. Several studies have examined the effectiveness of these technological tools. Wang and Li investigated how interactive language platforms influence English learners and found that students using online applications performed better than those taught through traditional methods. In another study, Garcia and Wang explored the role of social media in language learning and concluded that it can enhance learners' proficiency, boost their confidence, and increase cultural awareness.

When implementing digital tools, it is essential to select reliable and well-designed resources to maximize their benefits. Johnson suggests best practices for integrating technology into the classroom, emphasizing careful planning to ensure that online tools effectively support learning objectives. Active learning strategies, such as online simulations and quizzes, can increase students' engagement and motivation, keeping them involved throughout the learning process. According to Clark and Mayer, immersive digital resources help sustain students' attention and foster enthusiasm for language



study. Digital media resources, including video lessons, interactive presentations, and educational software, provide varied opportunities for language development. Meskill notes that these tools enrich learning content and make lessons more engaging. Additionally, exposure to the target language in daily activities supports fluency, as students practice their skills in realistic contexts. Swain argues that authentic interaction in the second language allows learners to build confidence and enhance their communicative competence, making the learning process both practical and meaningful. Games can also be competitive or cooperative, and research suggests that cooperative environments often enhance learning outcomes and emotional engagement. Cooperative games help maintain appropriate levels of challenge, encourage constructive feedback, and create a supportive atmosphere where learners feel motivated to participate actively. Overall, interactive games combine enjoyment with meaningful language practice, contributing significantly to learner engagement and skill development. Interactive games are a widely used method to engage learners in language acquisition, offering opportunities for practice, communication, and collaboration. Guessing games are a type of information-gap activity where one student thinks of a person, place, or object, and others ask questions to uncover clues and identify the answer. A common example is 20

Questions, which encourages students to formulate questions and use deductive reasoning in the target language. Search games involve students seeking and exchanging information to complete a task. For instance, in Find Someone Who, learners are given a grid with different criteria, such as “someone who is vegetarian,” and they interact with classmates to fill in the correct names. This activity promotes both speaking and listening skills while encouraging movement and social interaction.

Learning a language demands consistent effort and sustained practice, and interactive activities such as games can play a significant role in supporting this process. According to Wright, Betteridge, and Buckby, games help maintain learners’ engagement by providing meaningful contexts in which the language can be actively used. Richard-Amato (1996) similarly emphasizes that while games are often associated with enjoyment, their educational value in language learning should not be underestimated. Through games, learners experience increased motivation, reduced anxiety, and opportunities for authentic communication, allowing them to practice language in realistic situations. Despite misconceptions that games are purely for entertainment, research highlights their potential as effective pedagogical tools that enhance both engagement and language acquisition. By incorporating games into classroom activities, teachers can create interactive learning



environments that support active participation and practical skill development. Using games in the language classroom offers numerous benefits for both teachers and learners. One significant advantage is that games naturally increase students' motivation to engage with the language. McCallum (1980) highlights that well-designed games can capture students' attention and serve as highly effective motivational tools. Similarly, Avedon (1971, cited in Deesri, 2002) notes that the competitive and interactive nature of games encourages learners to become fully absorbed, often leading them to put forth greater effort than in traditional lessons. In essence, games spark interest in classroom activities, fostering a positive learning environment where students are more willing and enthusiastic to participate in language learning.

Findings demonstrate that incorporating interactive strategies in the classroom not only boosts student engagement and motivation but also fosters autonomy and the development of core language skills. Interactive approaches effectively support the enhancement skills, providing learners with a balanced set of competencies. By creating an enjoyable and participatory learning environment, these strategies benefit students of varying proficiency levels and offer practical advantages for educators aiming to improve teaching effectiveness. The research reinforces the value of learner-centered methods and underscores the potential of interactive learning to drive innovation and creativity in language education.

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