



## ROLE OF TECHNOLOGY IN ENHANCING THE INTEREST TOWARDS LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

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### ABSTRACT

*The inevitability of technology in the persuading technical world, learning and experimentation of language and literature has become an easy access. This paper attempts to explain about the new available technologies like the apps and websites providing a platform for the 'digital born' young minds of the world to enhance their knowledge of language and literature. The role of technology can help and support the teachers, students and the public to get motivated and involved in language acquisition. Usage of the Multimedia, Hypertext, e-books, e-notes, gaming apps, language learning apps and word building apps shall educate the public and help students keep their attention and retention of the skills learnt. The Paper focuses upon the modern technical instruments, which provides a greater pathway to better research and analytical approaches to students as well as teachers.*

**Key Words:** Apps, e-books, Technology, Classroom learning

### INTRODUCTION

English as a second language in our country is increasingly gaining its importance. It enjoys a popular status too. The learning of the language has become more popular with the onset of new technological advancements which aid the teaching and the learning process. It provides a various options for the teachers and the students to enrich their learning experience. And the students of this era, so called 'digital born' are more well versed in technology than the teacher. In order to be effective and hold the attention of these students, reach them out, there is an urgent need for the teacher to get acquainted with the new technological tools that will



bring the teacher and the student together in the pursuit of learning. Using technology in teaching the language will create new opportunities for the teachers too.

In this modern, competitive, populated world one can sustain with only the sound education. Moreover, a sound and upgraded education system has to be utilised. The technology can play a vital role in understanding the modern education system. The young growing children are no longer interested in the conventional methodology of education system. The rapid growth of technology has made the learning easier and better.

## **2. Utilization of technology in Language Learning and Literature Understanding**

Teachers' gain an upper hand in teaching if they effectively use technology in their classroom teaching at all levels of education be it primary, high school or the high education. It is the need of the hour for the teachers to get upgraded themselves with the modern technological devices which are most suited for the teaching purposes. Almost many of the classrooms which we find ourselves now are ICT enabled which makes the teacher makes become more powerful and impressive. Along with the text, they can give relevant references, viewpoints related to the topic through some of the powerful websites like YouTube, which is a rich source of information where we can take our students from the text of the real life experience. It is often told that learning happens in a better way when it is done through a visual mode.

### **2.1 Need of Tech tools to teach for the 'Digital Born'**

The modern day students, so called 'digital born' are more receptive to the digital experience than the methodology of chalk and talk. In this way a teacher can become more relevant and reachable to the students and get a feeling of fulfillment in communicating to the students.

The assignments given to the students should be modified according to the need of the hour. Instead of making them repeat the content what is already available in the text, we can motivate them to do research, suggest them the available websites related to the topic. In this way the teacher can make the learning experience of the students more interactive, enriching experience thereby taking the students attention in reaching the goal of understanding a topic whether it is language learning or understanding a literary work.

This pattern of giving a different kind of assignments which enables the students to get into independent research is already in practice at our institution of which we are successfully involving the students into the process of learning. The students are given the assignments of PPT presentations too through which they gather additional information, share it with the



class. This process enables the students to become confident and fluent in a particular content thereby grooming them in their overall development.

Teachers can start to create materials in ways that would have been impossible some years ago. Nearly every student now carries a powerful phone, video camera and audio recorder in their pocket and teachers are finding new ways to use this technology in the classroom for learning English.

### **2.2 Tech Tools to create impact on Language and Literature**

Web tools and unprecedented access to authentic materials online mean that teachers can create courses tailored to the specific needs and interests of their students.

The following resources are available to help teachers to use technology to enhance learning activities as well as collaborate and engage with other educators.

#### **1. UsingEnglish.com:**

On UsingEnglish.com, you'll find an incredible collection of tools and resources for learning and teaching English as a second language, including a grammar glossary, printable and teacher handouts.

#### **2. Everything ESL:**

EverythingESL is an awesome place to find ESL teaching resources, from lesson plans to teaching tips and resources.

#### **3. Sparknotes.com:**

This is a website which provides a great path for one to come closer to the English literature. One can make use of analysis and summarizing very easily with the help of this website.

#### **4. Microsoft Powerpoint:**

One of the very popular tools in the modern era which helps to narrate, express and teach in a much more convincing and appealing manner.

#### **5. Audiobooks.com:**



A tool to listen for the teachers to enhance the knowledge of the topic and inculcate in the students the same with the better point of view.

## 6. Google Drive:

Google Drive is a free online storage cloud that has Google's version of Word, PowerPoint and Excel built into it. It allows students to create documents for free on the go. They can access and edit these documents on a tablet device or computer from various locations with their Google account login. They can share the documents they are working on with other students and can even work in one document at the same time to co-create pieces of work. They can also share the document with their teachers while they work or once they've finished to get instant feedback.

Teachers can help students with the creative writing process by getting them to share their stories as they write without stopping their creative flow. The teacher could also get students to co-create a presentation with one another on an element of the social or historical context of a text you're studying. Once finished, they can share the document with the teacher for the further discussions.

## 7. I-Pomo Rooms:

This is an app utilized by many of the educational institutions for taking attendance, recording internal marks. They have an additional feature called I Pomo Rooms, wherein the teachers can post their articles, links for the various websites which they want their students to go through before stating any new topic. This is a feature which facilitates both the teacher as well as the students. The app has a provision for conducting polls, quizzes too. Similar apps are used in various colleges which can be best used for the benefit of students and teachers interaction.

## 8. You Tube:

This is a very popular video sharing website which is no longer only an entertainment channel but also a helping tool to the teachers. The teachers can use maximum amount of videos available in the website related to almost any topic of both Language and Literature. Teachers can make use of this media to a greater extent. One can create youtube channel, upload information, create playlists of different topics and make it available to the students to view before they come to the classes. If one cannot create videos, they can gather the videos and create a Play list. The videos could best prepared by the students. It will definitely encourage them to read and understand the subject.



## 9. Blogging :

A basic blog gives an opportunity to have a rolling front page of updating posts and static pages accessed via tabs, often along the top of the page. It is a great record of the year for the students to look back over. This could be made used by teaching and learning fraternity. Making the students to create their own blogs and use them as digital portfolios for the year, posting up their best work would really keep them connecting. One can also create a blog for the class. We could update the main page with homework tasks, recommended reading and updates from the classrooms. The blogs can also be made as a record of lessons by uploading presentations and photos. If a student is absent, this is a valuable tool to understand the lessons.

## 3. Impact of technology on language and literature learners

The modern era or the so-called 'digital born' generation is filled with sound opportunities to learn the language in more technological way. Yes, this has been a talk of the town nowadays since the modern technology has grown drastically to enhance the knowledge of literature and learning of the language. The current generation is moderate enough to utilise the technology for their easy learning. Rather it could be said the learning has become easy with the access to the technology. The 21st century has been constantly witnessing the growth in technology which has helped our world to grow rapidly. Thus, all thanks to this growth of Technology, Research and learning in the field of education has also become Rapid and easy. As it's rightly mentioned the digital born generation is much addicted to the technology based learning, where it can create virtual world for them to imagine and understand better. The students of modern era are no longer interested in the conventional lecture method of classroom as they really mean towards the swift understanding and virtual reality. The lecture Method can only create imagination within the four walls and a single perception by a teacher. Whereas, the growth in technology and learning based on that has helped them not only imagine but give more practicality to their imagination.

Students of this generation belong to the practical oriented Swift learning. This has given them Wings to learn, explore, experiment and innovate the thought process of education. The kids of 90's belong more towards paper learning, hence they carried heavy load of books on their back to the schools. This has been greater improvisation with regard to education system now as the years move on. Children are no longer burdened with lots of heavy books, all thanks to technology based learning which has immensely impressed modern-day learners to educate themselves.



The language learning has also been an easy going factor with the rapid growth of technology and innovation based learning. The modern gadgets have helped them to have easy access to Fun learning their education. Language learning has been quite moderate now since many mobile apps and websites help them learn in an innovative manner. Book based learning still exist but slowly it is being over powered by these technical gadgets. The reasons behind the growth of this learning is very simple as they are easy, fun to learn and anytime accessible.

As there is a great saying "*a picture can speak thousand words*", maybe this saying is true because of human behaviour of understanding. Visual aids create more impact on the learners mind than any other method of learning. Hence these modern apps and websites are best learning tools to create this visual treat for the students to understand better.

Students in the classroom can access many things quickly with the ICT based learning. Schools and colleges have started implementing this technical based teaching to make students learning more practical and easy. The technology in education has spread in almost all the fields like science, humanities, commerce, industrial learning and even in sports education.

Language learning was one of the greatest challenges in the earlier days. It used to be a herculean task for one to learn language, language English in particular. Since the language English has become Universal communicative language, the need of learning this has also grown vital. The composition of learning English language is now made easy with the so-called digital era. Earlier the teacher can make a child learn English only through enforcing their mind with the grammar and using newspaper as a tool to learn, which used to be time consuming and hectic process. The differentiation between the rural and urban high class and low class could be easily found based on their quality of teaching and access to learn especially in the non-native English speaking areas. But the modern generation have more quick access to learn language in a more accurate, innovative and entertaining manner because of the technology getting more easy and cheaper access. The differentiation of earlier days in learning as mentioned above has started declining now. The students of the whole sphere have access to technology does learning language English is now not a hard nut to crack anymore. Whereas, the modern day kids are cracking these nuts quickly and easily.

Let's look at some of the examples where the education and learning has become much easier with a certain tech tools to learn. These tech tools which are explained in the following make a student to Fun learn. So here are some of the tech tools to learn in Modern era for the students which are bringing them closer towards language learning and understanding literature.



## 1. YouTube

The video broadcasting website is now a greater path for the children to learn, share the ideas. YouTube gives access to almost any aspect of the world for learners to learn including learning of English language. The videos with conversations and videos based on examples help student to understand and imagine the topic better. YouTube is now a great learning site for the students.

## 2. Dictionary apps

The mobile based dictionary applications which helps carry students heavy load of words in the fingertips and their pockets. Google gives meaning for almost any word in the world, along with the pronunciation and examples. So that now we see anybody asking Google with their trouble in understanding a new and difficult word. There are other plenty of dictionary apps which also helps to understand the most difficult word easily along with the pronunciation in the smartphones to the learners. This has lessened their burden of carrying heavy books like dictionary.

## 3. Gaming apps

The gaming apps which could improve one's English like word search word link comma puzzle world, word cookies and so on brings a learner more closer towards the words and their meaning. Also there are some of the quiz based games which brainstorms a learner in learning English making it more excited.

## 4. Learning apps

The learning based apps like Byju's, Extramarks, British Council, Hello English and so on help and nurture students to make their textbook learning greater and easier. They give them conversational practice as well as exercises so that learners of any age can learn bright. The focus cannot be only on language learning. The students of this Era also have easy access to the core English literature where the understanding of the same is the most challenging one.

Earlier reading and understanding of the English literature was believed to be a Mindfreak. the interest towards the beauty of understanding and analysing of literature would become very meek. But these technical learning has brought the people towards literature even closer with the easy access. Maybe one of the strong reasons behind is the dependency in understanding literature was on the teachers guide and help to understand. People must had to go to specific library and shops to get the books of their choice. But now the dependency of



understanding has drastically gone down as because of the apps and websites which provide you not only text but also the in detailed summary and analysis to understand literature better. The access to books have become much more easier as the technology provides better easy access to any ebooks.

## **1. Literature based websites and apps**

Websites like Wikipedia, Shampoo.com, sparknotes.com, and enjoyed.com provides you great platform to understand analyse and share your thoughts with the others. Apps like guide to English literature and audio English gives more chance to go through the books in the mobile anywhere without the need to go to any teacher for understanding.

## **2. E-books apps**

Reading of books is a great love for many but as mentioned earlier moving in search of books and finding access to them at different libraries and shops is a hectic process. But the technology has given the reading lovers a great time to access any book of their choice at their fingertips and without moving anywhere.

E-books has been a very popular category now for readers. E-book apps like Kindle and Google Play Books gave great access now to buy and read any books easily. This has reduced burden of going long in search and finding disappointing boards like 'out of stock'. These E-books will provide you reading anytime anywhere as reading is a great time pass for many and also to explore.

## **4. CONCLUSION**

It is very clear and accurate that the modern technology based teaching and learning provides best research and innovative techniques, the method for disseminating study material, provides advanced search tools, and can also provide the page that helps the teacher guide the student in implementing the new techniques.

But it should be kept in mind that technology is only one approach that needs to be adopted. The success of this method is not guaranteed at all costs, it can be effective and innovative for the learning and teaching. We as lecturers should keep in mind the fact that inadequate and excessive use of technology adversely affects students and this impact can be very serious for their future. Hence, the students must be guided in a proper way to decide how by what purpose we should use it and how to prevent its negative influences on our students.





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Technology offers lot to the learners but at a great cost, but one has to make sure that technology should powered by human, not the humans should be overpowered by technology.

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