

# IMPACT OF MODERN TECHNOLOGIES ON LEARNING ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE

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## Abstract

Modern technologies have transformed English as a Foreign Language (EFL) learning by enhancing accessibility, interactivity, and personalization. Digital tools such as mobile apps, online platforms, and artificial intelligence provide learners with authentic materials, immediate feedback, and flexible learning environments. These innovations improve language skills, motivation, and global communication competence in diverse educational contexts. Using contemporary technologies to teach English as a second language is the focus of this paper. It gives some information about apps that can help English language learners enhance their technology-assisted skill learning. These apps include Duolingo, Mondly, Tandem, FluentU, Coursera, Hello talk that teach English online, Presentation software, electronic dictionaries, chat, and computer-assisted language learning programs learning video clips and listening to CD players. A case study was conducted to evaluate how average English language learners responded to employing technology in education and ends with some recommendations and suggestions.

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## Introduction

The rapid development of modern technologies has significantly transformed the field of education, particularly in the learning of English as a Foreign Language (EFL). With the widespread use of the internet, mobile devices, and digital platforms, learners now have unprecedented access to authentic language resources and interactive learning tools. Technologies such as language learning applications, virtual classrooms, and artificial intelligence-based systems have created more engaging, flexible, and personalized learning environments.

These innovations have shifted traditional teaching methods toward more student-centered approaches, enabling learners to practice listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills in real time. Furthermore, technology facilitates communication with native speakers and access to global learning communities, enhancing both linguistic competence and cultural awareness. As a result, modern technologies play a crucial role in improving the effectiveness and accessibility of English language learning in diverse educational settings.

The 21<sup>st</sup> century is frequently thought out as a technological period. Today, technology has a significant impact on our daily lives. It is regarded as the cornerstone of economic expansion. A technologically underdeveloped economy can never prosper in the modern world. This is a result of how much easier and faster technology makes our work. Education is one of the many fields where technology is having an impact.

There are some demands in education for teachers, like using modern technologies or methods. As we know, technology has got lots of effects in our education. According to recent research on how exactly today's students choose to use technology and how using it affects their learning, it has been found that the more students use contemporary tools and equipment, the more engaged and learning they are. Moreover, many people find learning a new language very boring and complicated. Learning languages through modern technologies can significantly improve your language learning journey. But there are innovative ways and techniques to make language learning process easy and fun.

1. Language learning platforms: Use language-learning programs such as *Duolingo*, *Mondly*, *Memrise*, *Babbel*, and *Rosetta Stone*. To make learning enjoyable and interesting, these apps provide gamified activities, interactive courses, and tests. Among them, *Duolingo* is a helpful language program that may give users step-by-step instructions on how to learn a new language independently. The app teaches English to millions of people for free, although some have criticized this developer's method of making money by getting people to translate text for free as a by-product of learning a language. Alex Iliescu and Tudor Iliescu

founded *Mondly* in 2013, and the company is based in Brasov, Romania. The app's team is constantly expanding, and the website states that it currently has over 40 million users. It supports 33 languages, which can be used in any combination, and students can use it to learn English. Duolingo provides different interactive exercises for language learners:

Vocabulary exercises – learning and choosing new words

Translation tasks – translating sentences

Listening exercises – listening and selecting or typing answers

Speaking tasks – practicing pronunciation by speaking

Grammar practice – forming correct sentences

Fill-in-the-blank tasks – completing sentences

Matching exercises – matching words with meanings.

Students can use the *Mondly App* to fix grammar mistakes by using the feedback it provides. The *Mondly App* can impact pupils' capacity to enhance their grammar and vocabulary, it might be determined. It gives different interactive tasks to help learners practice all skills:

*Listening tasks – hearing native speaker dialogues and understanding them*

*Vocabulary exercises – learning new words with images and daily practice*

*Conversation practice – real-life dialogues (e.g., travel, ordering food)*

*Speaking exercises – using speech recognition to check pronunciation.*

*Rosetta Stone* meticulously constructs word and visual sequences so that you can understand each new phrase without the need for translations. It provides immersive and interactive exercises:

Image-based tasks – match words and sentences with pictures

Listening exercises – hear native speakers and understand meaning

Speaking tasks – repeat sentences using speech recognition

Pronunciation practice – get feedback with TruAccent technology

Reading exercises – read and understand simple texts

Sentence building – arrange words to form correct sentences

Conversation practice – simulate real-life dialogues.

Through the simulation of real-life circumstances, the lessons immerse you in the kinds of situations you will face whether speaking, traveling, or working.

2. Online language courses: Online language courses: Reputable platforms like *Coursera*, *FluentU*, *Preply*, and *Udemy* offer online language courses that provide structured lessons with audio and video materials to help you improve your speaking and listening skills. Completing these courses can offer you an international certificate. One of the most well-known *Massive Open Online Courses (MOOC)*s is *Coursera*, a platform with over 107 million users globally that offers thousands of courses in a variety of subjects, including business, technology, linguistics, psychology, research, and health, created by over 275 top universities (About Coursera, 2022). *FluentU* is an online learning platform that uses real-world videos, such as music videos, movie trailers, news, and motivational speeches, to help individuals learn languages. This platform uses real-world videos and interactive exercises:

Video-based tasks – learning through real videos (movies, clips, news)

Listening exercises – understanding native speech from videos

Interactive subtitles – clicking words to see meanings and examples

Vocabulary practice – learning words from video context

Quizzes – answering questions after watching videos

Flashcards – reviewing new words with spaced repetition

Fill-in-the-blank tasks – completing sentences from videos.

We offer a well-known website, an iOS and Android app, multiple YouTube channels, and blogs tailored to particular languages for students. The cutting-edge teaching platform from *Preply* emphasizes in-the-moment interaction between students and tutors while utilizing a tried-and-true language-learning technique. With choices like learning English for commercial purposes, the platform gives students the freedom to select the context in which they want to learn the language. Lessons from *Preply* are more successful than pre-recorded language curricula since they are delivered in real time.

3. Online talking platforms: There are language exchange platforms like *HelloTalk* or *Tandem*, where you can chat with language learners from all over the world via text messages, voice calls, or video chats. A social network of sorts, *HelloTalk* was created with the sole purpose of facilitating language exchanges. Both the desire to learn a new language and their existing understanding of their original language are brought to *HelloTalk* by users. This allows users to assist in teaching their native tongue in the hopes that other users would do the same. The *HelloTalk* app offers various ways to communicate with people and find language partners, as well as some tools to help with learning and communication. However, how helpful this app is to you depends entirely on the kinds of connections you can make and the other user's capacity to teach. It focuses on real communication than traditional exercises:

*Chat tasks – texting with native speakers*

*Voice messages – practicing speaking through audio messages*

*Conversation practice – real-life communication*

*Correction tasks – native speakers correct your mistakes*

*Translation tools – quick translation for unknown words*

*Moments (posts) – sharing posts and getting feedback.*

*Tandem* is a mobile language exchange application and global language learning community available on iOS and Android. The app facilitates communication via text, voice, and video chat, enabling members to improve their language skills while forming cultural connections. As of January 2025, the platform supports over 300 languages, including 20 sign languages, 20 indigenous languages, and six fictional languages, such as Mandalorian and Klingon. *Tandem* is used by over 30 million members worldwide.

### Conclusion

In summary, the manner that English is taught as a foreign language has been completely transformed by contemporary language-learning applications. Through gamification, AI-driven personalization, and live practice with native speakers, these apps provide accessible, dynamic, and interesting learning

experiences. They accommodate a range of learning preferences, which increases the flexibility and enjoyment of language -acquisition. Although these technologies are useful resources, they function best when combined with human connection, real-world experience, and structured learning. In the end, they improve on conventional approaches rather than replace them, increasing the effectiveness and accessibility of learning English.

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