

English Language Teaching in Virtual Learning Environment

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Abstract:

Technology has occupied vital role in making teaching and learning effectively in 21st Century. It has brought multiple series of innovations in educational experiences. Digital natives want to learn the language wherever they can and whenever they want. In order to adapt the changing scenario, teachers are also building digital literacy skills to nurture their own competencies. Immersion of Virtual Language Environment (VLE) can be considered as one of the best effective tools in English Language Teaching and Learning. Especially, to inculcate and strengthen the opportunities to achieve language learning objectives. The aim of this paper is to explain few significant VLE allied tools; their advantages and disadvantages in teaching and learning English language.

Key words: Technology, VLE (Virtual Learning Environment), E-learning, Teaching, Learning.

Introduction

Technology supported innovations in education have significant effect on pedagogy of 21st Century education. The modern trends in form of On-line courses, e-learning technologies, Social networking tools and other emerging technologies are being popular among the young generation and further leads to technology supported pedagogical innovation with full access of information communication technology. The new curriculum also encourages the integration of technology in all aspects of English Language teaching and learning because the tools demand the teenagers' interests and real-life experiences. Variety of digital tools and technologies are available for making pedagogical designs and planning instructional practice for excellent educational experiences. In addition to these the language teachers should integrate the technology in learning environments except in the formal classrooms. Learners should be provided with various alternative learning environments which can help them to increase their curiosity and motivation. Virtual language classroom is one of the best ways of such environments. One of these virtual classrooms, namely Goolge Classroom can easily be used in every step of language teaching and learning.