



## Online Learning English - Pros and Cons

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### **Abstract:**

This article deals with taking online training in order to learn foreign languages; attending traditional classroom lessons, opportunities to get well-paid jobs and pros&cons of online learning.

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Today, with the development of mass communications, the need for learning English remotely has increased. Distance learning is the development of a large number of topics and subjects using information technology [1]. The basis of the educational process during this training is the purposeful and controlled independent work of the student, who is able to study in a place convenient for him, according to an individual schedule, and at the same time have with him a set of special teaching aids and an agreed upon possibility of contact with the teacher by phone, e-mail, as well as "in person". The capabilities of distance learning technology make it possible to successfully use them to train almost all categories of students, however, at the present stage, distance learning is most widespread in the following areas:

- teaching students;
- training people with disabilities;
- receiving vocational education;
- advanced training.

The emergence of a distance learning form has entailed the need to develop and implement distance educational technologies. This term refers to educational technologies implemented mainly using information and telecommunication technologies with indirect (at a distance) interaction between the student and the teacher. There are a large number of types of this training: this includes conversational form, question and answer, solving various types of tests, video conferencing, as well as independent study of video materials. Today there are a sufficient number of programs for

distance learning, for example, Skype. It is quite simple and easy to use, but its resource intensity and the need for fast Internet speed do not justify its use. In contrast, there is ZOOM, whose founder is Chinese businessman Eric Yuan. Despite its convenient organization of conference participants and the ability to demonstrate individual applications, it has a time limit of 40 minutes in the free version. As a result, we can say that today there is a huge variety of software and everyone chooses what is closer and more convenient to them.

Let's look at the advantages and disadvantages of distance learning. The advantages include accessibility [2]. By studying remotely, you can gain knowledge from anywhere in the world. The ability to devote more time to mastering difficult material is a huge plus in learning foreign languages, since the grammar contains quite complex topics. In the process of distance learning, the student learns most of the material on his own and in most cases he chooses the time for classes himself. For people who prefer to live in a non-standard schedule, distance learning can be a real boon. This form of education also combines well with work. Even in the distance learning format, it is convenient to broadcast a video, presentation, screen sharing, audio recording or other methods of transmitting information. An important advantage of the distance learning form is its relatively low cost, which allows people with low incomes to receive education. This training has been of great help to people with disabilities, because traditional language learning creates additional difficulties for them.

Learning English has become something of a necessity these days. English is popular all over the world as a language of global communication. With good language skills, you have more opportunities to get a well-paid job that suits you.

If you've decided to get serious about learning English, you'll need to decide whether you'll take online training, attend traditional classroom lessons, or hire a private tutor.

- Pros of distance learning:
- Classes will be held according to the usual schedule and you will always be able to ask your teacher any questions you may have. Whatever form of study you choose - in a group or individually - you can study at your own pace, as you will have 24-hour access to electronic learning materials [1].
- To join a class, you don't need to waste time on the road, you just need to turn on your computer. You'll have more time to study the language, which means you'll be able to learn faster.
- Online classes are cheaper than traditional face-to-face and private lessons. In addition, you save on transportation costs.
- You can study from anywhere in the world, which is ideal for those who travel a lot or do not have the opportunity to attend classes.
- Another advantage of online learning is that it can be tailored to any student. In a traditional learning environment, it is difficult to get the most out of your classes. But with online learning, you can focus on the study material that is challenging for you and requires more time to study. Everyone learns differently, but everyone has access to a variety of learning materials online.
- All you need for online learning is a computer with Internet access. Modern educational materials with an electronic component will allow you to do homework directly on the Internet, and the teacher to check them remotely. These are the types of manuals that are used by the Association of Language departments when teaching English. Assignments can also be sent by email, and the classes themselves are held via Skype or Zoom.

Disadvantages of Distance Learning: Obviously, there are many advantages of online learning. But there are also a number of negative aspects:

- Online learning requires more motivation and self-discipline than classroom learning. You will have to fight your own laziness and disorganization alone. However, the goal you are striving for and awareness of the benefits that you can get from learning English will help you not to relax and continue to move towards your goal [2].
- You depend on the quality and speed of the Internet connection; during the lesson there are technical difficulties, such as a delay in signal transmission or a banal computer freeze. However, thanks to the advancement of technology, electronic textbooks, a variety of videos and audio files are available to you to ensure that you are on the right path.
- One of the disadvantages of online learning is the lack of active live communication with the teacher or other students. However, the video format of classes makes it possible to conduct group lessons, which allows you to use the communicative technique in practice, albeit in a somewhat truncated mode [2].
- In addition to traditional classroom and online learning, there is a blended learning model. It is characterized by the following elements, borrowed from the other two:
- The online course material is available to every student for independent study.
- During the classes, the most interesting and important topics of the course are discussed, as well as the development of practical skills.
- Online communication also gives students the opportunity to work together and communicate with the teacher via the Internet.
- Assessment of student performance can be carried out either online or in the classroom [1].

At the moment, your personal choice of teaching English may be determined by several factors: financial capabilities, flexibility of the training schedule, your level of computer literacy, technical equipment and the availability of Internet communications. However, the result, regardless of the type of training, as before, depends on your motivation and self-discipline.

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