

Teaching English through Modern Internet Resources

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Abstract:

Modern Internet resources play an important role in making the English language teaching process more effective and interactive. This article presents the best online lesson plans, games, and communication tools for English teachers. Resources such as Minecraft Adventures in English, Kahoot, Breaking News English and Film English are used to engage students and develop their language skills. The article gives tips to teachers on how to make their lessons more interesting and effective.

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The use of technology in education is one of the topics that has generated great interest over the past few decades. While technology has the potential to transform education, it is important to integrate it in a thoughtful and responsible way¹.

The Evolution of Technology in Education There is a history of technology use in education dating back to the advent of radio in the 1920s. However, digital technologies that have emerged over the past 40 years have the greatest potential to transform education. This period saw a revolution in content delivery, learning management systems, testing methods, and language teaching. Recent advances in artificial intelligence have further expanded the possibilities of educational technology¹.

How Does Technology Impact Education? Technology clearly enhances learning under certain circumstances. However, it is important to recognize that there is no one-solution-fits-all approach. A key contribution of digital technologies is that they enable the personalization of education and

the extension of available learning time. It also encourages interaction and communication by engaging learners¹.

How do we evaluate the effectiveness of technology in education?

In assessing the impact of technology, the focus should be on learning outcomes, not just the implementation of digital tools. In Peru, for example, when laptops were distributed without integration into pedagogy, technology alone did not guarantee improved learning. Also, the exclusive reliance on distance education in the US has widened learning gaps¹.

What Problems Does Technology Have in Education?

It warns that inappropriate or excessive use of technology can have a negative correlation with student performance. In China, for example, providing quality textbooks to rural students led to a 32% improvement in achievement and a 38% reduction in the urban-rural learning gap¹.

Using modern technologies and Internet resources for English language teachers is one of the important ways to make the educational process more effective and interactive. Today, with the help of various online platforms and programs, teachers have the opportunity to use new methods in teaching English to students.

Cambridge English Resources

Cambridge English provides a variety of online lesson plans, blogs, courses and much more for teachers¹. These resources help teachers deliver their lessons online or in blended classrooms.

Minecraft Adventures in English

Minecraft Adventures in English is one of the best interactive games to engage students using game-based learning². This award-winning game allows young learners to practice their English skills while playing.

Kahoot

Kahoot is a digital quiz tool designed to make English lessons more fun². Teachers can use it to review topics covered in class and assess student progress.

Other Resources

Also, platforms like Breaking News English, Film English, LiveXP are useful online resources for English teachers³⁴. They help teachers prepare lesson plans based on news, short videos.

- Arizona State University TESOL: This course helps teachers develop the necessary skills to teach English¹.
- Vanderbilt University: "Innovative Teaching with ChatGPT" course teaches problem-solving skills¹.
- University of London: Teaching EFL/ESL Reading: A Task Based Approach teaches teachers how to use a task-based approach to teaching English¹.
- Rice University: "Introduction to Teaching English Learners" course teaches the basics of teaching English learners¹.
- Coursera Project Network: Create and Sell Digital Teaching Printables with Canva course teaches computer graphics and graphic design skills¹.

Also, the English for Teaching Purposes course is offered by the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona and helps teachers teach their subjects in English². The FutureLearn platform also offers free TEFL and TESOL courses for teaching English³.

- CELTA (Cambridge English): CELTA is the gold standard for teaching English to foreigners. This course focuses on developing practical techniques and involves a minimum of 120 hours of study. The course can be taken face-to-face or online, full-time or part-time².
- Learning to Teach Online (UNSW Sydney): This course teaches teachers planning skills for teaching online. Designed for teachers, this course covers a variety of online teaching methods¹.
- Teach English Now! Teaching Language Online (Arizona State University): This course provides teachers with the skills and knowledge to teach English online. The course covers the technologies and teaching tools needed to teach English online¹.
- Training and Practicing in English Public Speaking (Shanghai Jiao Tong University): This course teaches teachers English public speaking skills. The course focuses on developing communication skills¹.
- Get Interactive: Practical Teaching with Technology (University of London): This course teaches teachers practical ways to teach interactively using technology. The course teaches teachers how to use technology to make lessons more engaging and effective¹.

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