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FEATURES OF THE USE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY IN TEACHING FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Abstract: *The usage of information and communication technologies in teaching foreign languages has accelerated dramatically in the system of education in recent years. It goes without saying that technology-aided direction has an essential role to contribute high quality of teaching skills. Technology is an influential tool for both teachers and students from which they obtain more profit. It is self-evident that our century is the era of technology. That is why today's atmosphere requires from teachers to be aware of information and communication technologies and they need to know how to assimilate it into their teaching process. In addition the way of teaching foreign languages with modern technologies has many effectual strategies in the learning course.*

Key words: *information technology, education system, technological direction, educational process, effective strategies in the curriculum.*

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Introduction

Students can learn the target language with the help of information and communication technologies without any difficulties. Learners get better opportunity to amend their target language skills when teaching is supplied with technology. As a result students can be motivated to succeed better because of technology-based teaching and learning surroundings.

Smart boards, computers, smart phones, screens and etc. are facilitating opportunities to learn foreign languages. Smart boards are helpful instruments in the class [1. 54 p]. For example, students can be taught to pronounce correctly and fluently with easily utilizing of native speaker's voice with the help of smart boards.

This article discusses the features of information and communication technology (ICT) as one of the good advantages in a study environment and also presents effects of technology-based instruction as the main system of today. However, we should pay attention to teaching and learning as social processes and it is a communication between teacher and students, thus technology makes learning process easier, but does not change this social operation.

Teachers should integrate technology in their lessons. Consequence variety of technological materials offer a lot of benefits. It is not great surprise that utilizing technology in teaching styles has positive results in teaching and learning target language. It is time that institutions should supplement traditional teaching with the use of technology [2. 128 p]. Undoubtedly, technology is considered as a part of everyday life nowadays and humans especially young generation are good at using information and communication technologies. Teaching by traditional strategies and methods is not enjoyable. On the other hand technology can make lessons much more interesting because interactive lessons bring effective results.

In our today's world new generation grows with technology. The great extent used technological device is smart phone. It is a helper for students and teachers to improve listening, reading skills. Moreover, students can watch and listen foreign language videos or speeches, as a result they improve their target language progress.

Experienced teachers make a natural atmosphere

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for learners during the lesson. Most teachers account before lessons what they are going to teach and what kind of activities they can do in their lessons [3. 77 p]. In order to provide the lesson effectively they make the plan of the lesson and find resources to use. In this condition technological devices are the best thing to make some useful activities and they enhance teacher's lessons. For instance, teachers make activities on computer and can show students on the smart board or screen. This process is interesting and enjoyable for students and it is the best method learning foreign languages with any kind of activities. It helps to understand and remember the theme easily. Activities help students to learn new words and technology has an important role in methods of teaching [4. 195 p]. Learners can achieve success with undivided motivation with the help of integrating technology to language teaching. Integration can consist of games. Games suggest a lot of benefits to students but we should not forget that too many games are not a good way of teaching. To investigate and integrate the studies with technology-aided instruction is the aim to develop language skills. Nowadays there are computers and the Internet in every studying area. Information and communication technology is the best assistant to the teachers, it can answer the questions "what to teach", "when to teach", "how to teach" and how to integrate all their plans to the agenda.

Computer based teaching methods have already occupied a significant role in teaching foreign languages [5]. We should admit that technology considerably enhance teaching and learning foreign languages. Technology can include all kinds of tools of computers in the classroom. There are many tools that we can use during the lesson like: projector, presentations, videos, conference tools, interactive books, online dictionaries, e-books, interactive boards, learning foreign language websites, video games.

When different kinds of technologies first created people had to think how to use them or present the information with the help of copy machine, computer, screen or how to use tape recorder and others. However, nowadays teachers should find the way how to access information and transform it with technology. Today it is obvious that teaching environment demands change active learning into interactive one by sharing ideas, collaborating with others and creating videos. In today's developed world it is important to remember that textbooks are not sufficient any more to teach foreign languages, teachers need organize alive process and provide supplemental resources [6. 16 p]. We can reach this by creating visual pictures, changing dialogs, making games, quizzes, slideshows and supplementing the lesson with online games, songs, flashcards, videos and etc.

In the past traditional way of teaching was only based on transmission of knowledge. However, it is no

longer sufficient today and society of nowadays requires learners to be able to face a great number of complex situations. Therefore, introducing technology to the studying process is also the best tool to consider the goal of the student. Information and communication technology integrated in every sphere of our life and every job, thus educators and teachers must find a balance between using technology and interpersonal skills.

It has been suggested that it takes a lot of time and hard work to master a language and it is seen that there is not enough time in class, because time is limited, therefore language teachers should give information to students about how to access information and knowledge in order to become autonomous learners. For example, teachers need to explain what is good and available in the Internet to learn foreign languages, provide online materials and create online environment. In the Internet learners can communicate with native speakers. It is the best way to improve their speaking skills [7].

Information and communication technology influence in teaching and learning with some features such as interactivity, communicability, speed, adaptability. Technology makes possible actions and interactions notably quickly. It provides communicating in the classroom and beyond the classroom too. One of the big advantages of information and communication technology is interactivity that considering interactive computer resources and applications.

With the assist of technologies, teachers show students video and audio materials according to target culture. In addition, in order to fascinate and involve students in the class using technologies students can communicate with each other easily in target language, collaborating and interacting with course material in variety of methods.

People have always learned something hand in hand with other humans and technology may balance connection between teacher and learner in the education system. Therefore, the role of teacher is indisputable significant. Nevertheless, technology itself is not the essential way as we value it. If there are not enough computers for every student in the classroom, teacher can record a video with topics and they transform or share to their flashcards and watch them at home. Student can also share presentations, project works, assignments with teacher and peers. Thus, we can create teaching and learning environment and organize it more interactive not only in the class even outside the class too [8. 228 p]. However, no doubt that interactivity can also be made by using simple black board and chalk. Class discussions and debates are also lively and natural process while teaching and learning foreign languages, such activities improve and increase students' outlooks and knowledge. Word competitions or role plays are also positive activities

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that can impact students. Therefore, teachers need to create more effective ways of teaching in order to enhance students' knowledge. They should make sure technology is the assistant tool in achieving good results and educational goals.

The usage of videos in foreign language teaching is important nowadays. There are a lot of videos in the internet that teachers can show their students during the classes. Using videos in the classroom helps to increase level of interest and motivation [9. 322 p]. After watching video students might discuss and talk about what they watch and they can do different activities according to the video. The video is visual as well as audio material too. Because it gives an opportunity to students to hear and see the target language. They observe and learn native speakers' speeches, intonation and expression and they try to understand the context. Teachers can present video in the classroom and may give making interviews or some tasks related to video. In that case, student watch the video at home again and try to understand and make their own speech in the target language. The video helps to enrich the learning as useful tool, but we should remember technology delivers content. We make sure with the aid of technology someone can achieve good results if they work hard constantly [10. 47 p].

Technology, teachers and learners are connected phrases to each other in today's world. For sure, we cannot refuse good teaching methods and practices by increasing the number of skillful teachers and at the same time we should admit revolution of educational system integrated with information and communication technologies. Teachers and learners should develop and build technology-based atmosphere during educational process. Technology-aided instruction contribute markedly to teaching and learning and leads to achievement effectively. It is generally believed that integrating technology into language teaching aids learners to improve their knowledge and encourages achieving better results. In the final part, I would like to say that information and communication technology is most important aspect and plays essential part in our everyday life. Among the educational community, utilizing these kind of technologies has risen rapidly. It has already been considered to integrate technology in teaching and learning foreign languages as the best and effective way because it provides many beneficial strategies in the learning process. Technology helps to organize lessons more interactive and interesting as well as to learn target language easily. Learners can take a better chance to improve their language skills when lessons integrated with technology.

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