

Technologically Mediated Communication Improves English Language Learning Rapidly.

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Abstract

My paper deals with the improvement of the proficiency of English learners to a desirable and a very easy level to have effective practice outside the classroom with the learner-centered perspective while broadening the pedagogical knowledge. Internet has created international mobility as globalization which is more helpful for learners of English to acquire communication skills and knowledge through many sources. It helps anyone to think in English the relevant matter to express in a logical sequence to promote self learning skills. There are ample chances for everyone to learn English through many ways like audio visual technology, internet through websites, extensive reading, peer group association, language games, translation method and socially mediated communication. This paper deals with the opportunities to learn English particularly through social media and other sources. We are really fortunate to live in the age where we have ample options. Personal status improves the business rapidly. Students learn these outside the classroom without the help of their teachers. So society plays a great role in the field of communication. As English is globalized there are ample opportunities for the teachers also to learn outside the classrooms. The visual effects from videos give active, faster and clear information when compared to the textual content.

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Introduction:

We are fortunate to live in the age where we have ample options to learn many languages and in particular English as it is globalised. With the use of modern technology in social media like smart phones and computers we tend to make coinages and acronyms and they find a place in dictionaries when a mass is using them in day to day life. Snap chat artists, YouTube creators and Vine celebrities take advantage of this shift by continuously producing videos and visual e-content to their enthusiastic audience, and there is no sign of this trend stopping. E-content developers are encouraged to make lessons on various subjects through TV telecast and they are presented through Education Media Research Centers (EMRC) Centers under University Grant Commission (UGC) and financed by the Ministry of Human Resource Development in India. The same thing prevails in other countries as well. Social Media makes one to be proficient enough to be dynamic in his dealings. Any study information, weather forecast, a recipe for dinner, to join a language club can be through Wikipedia when we Google it. More opportunities are there to learn English or other languages outside the classroom. It comes under the extensive reading where only the will power of the learner is required. This paper deals with the opportunities to learn English particularly through social media and other sources.

Flexible ways of learning English:

“Do not train a child to learn by force or harshness; but direct them to it by what amuses their minds, so that you may be better able to discover with accuracy the peculiar bent of the genius of each.” — Plato¹

My paper deals with the improvement of the proficiency of English learners to a desirable and a very easy level to have effective practice outside the classroom with the learner-centered perspective. Internet has created international mobility as globalization which is more helpful for learners to acquire knowledge through many sources. My research aims at producing the love for learning the required skills for effective communication outside the class room while broadening the pedagogical knowledge. It helps anyone to think in English the relevant matter to express in a logical sequence to promote self learning skills. There are ample chances for everyone to learn English through many ways like audio visual

technology, internet through websites, extensive reading, peer group association, language games, translation method and socially mediated communication.

Technologically mediated Communication:

In the present scenario mushroom growth of new acronyms are being created from the masses. Technologically mediated Communication through Face Book, Whats App, Weibo, Messenger, Snap chat etc is fast growing. The social media has created interest in everyone to learn English. 'Google' gets the definition of any word incredibly fast. This new path speeds up the business and contacts through communication successfully. The language is simple, short and easy to follow. Personal status improves the business rapidly. Students learn these outside the classroom without the help of their teachers. So society plays a great role in the field of communication. As English is globalized there are ample opportunities for the teachers also to learn outside the classrooms.

Love for Language:

As an example, I would like to highlight the National unity of Brazil which is noted for the love of language. There is no variation of Portuguese language here. Maybe a little regional variation persists due to accent and conjugation of verbs. Due to social mass media these variations are miraculously diminishing. Brazilians are very fond of viewing Television programmes which help them to overcome all differences. Foreign languages are not widely spoken there. Brazilians are talented to understand written and spoken Spanish language. Spanish people though they understand written Portuguese, they find the spoken Portuguese difficult. Now the globalized English language is taken care of widely by private study in Brazil. Technologically mediated Communication will certainly improve the standard of English in Brazil as the strong will power of learning any language makes them pick up the language fast.

Educational Media Research Centres (EMRC) by University Grant Commission(UGC) financed by Ministry of Human Resources and Development (MHRD) for online Education Programme in India:

Videos give active, faster and clear information when compared to the textual content. Snap chat artists, YouTube creators and Vine celebrities take advantage of this shift by continuously producing videos and visual e-content to their enthusiastic audience, and there is no sign of this trend stopping. Students are exposed to learning through visual media faster even in higher studies. E-content developers are encouraged to make lessons on various subjects through TV telecast and they are presented through EMRC (Education Media Research Centers) Centers under UGC (University Grants Commission and financed by MHRD (Ministry of Human Resources Development) in India. This system of e-content developing is advanced in many countries. Students become more proficient, dynamic, and vibrant human-beings. It is obvious that our social networks through the widespread use of cell phones, have changed the way we live, and the way we communicate with others. Email and social media communications are different and they complement each other. It is sure; our fast moving internet connectedness has changed our perceptions of our social world. Through social media, visual information is understood fast and learning process becomes enjoyable. Both the teachers and the students are benefitted by this.

Social media as a driving force for the teachers and students :

Social media is a driving force to create new vocabulary which when becomes popular finds a place in a dictionary. New coinages of words and expressions used in Face Book/Whatsapp etc, do become familiar when they are recognized and used by many people. They acclaim wide recognition and when the mass is using those words they find a place in dictionaries. Online communication helps the language teachers the chance to help students to have effective communication and improve their own teaching language skills. The British Council motivates teachers to make their students to come out from their class rooms to reach the global atmosphere through the use of technologies. That means that the

teachers are required to make use of new and better methods rather than sticking on to the traditional method. The English class becomes active, friendly and interesting to students and it makes them very enthusiastic. The learning output will be colossal and interesting to the teacher and the taught.

Websites as pivotal resource for learning:

Websites have become great resource to students for all subjects. Face book is being used by teachers and students in making groups. It is indeed a social net working service in the field of education. The connection between students and teachers as network communication can help in coordinating with classroom interaction. Discussions improve the relation between students and teachers and sharing of videos, images, and messages improve the understanding of the subjects well. A teacher can make Face book advantageous by creating groups to comprehend questions; send course materials and resources to receive feedback. A mistake can be rectified then and there. Through smart phone, instant notifications can be done. **YouTube** is used for educational purposes for teachers and educationists. Video blogs are created by students to record lessons. The monotonous atmosphere of the class will be changed as there is fun in learning English or other languages. It ultimately leads the teacher and taught to have good learning experience.

Practical solution for learning English and other languages quickly:

“Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever.”
— Mahatma Gandhi²

To learn English fast you must have the passion of great emotional will power. The learners should keep this in their minds with a forceful reason to learn English either motivated by money or respect in getting a white colored job and to become a Global citizen. You should spend more time listening and reading. This is the secret of speaking English fluently. Specifically, you should listen to small stories, small speeches, and the good Audio Articles and read autobiography of great people. These will help you learn the fastest. If you are really focused on speaking well, do more listening. The more you listen the more you are inclined to speak. ‘Emotion’ and ‘passion’ are the key words which will make you stronger.

Practice question and answer in various subjects. Mentally revise your class lesson when idle such as when waiting for a bus or during travel. Listen to speakers with good knowledge, vocabulary, accent of English and their recordings and try to speak like them. Translate from English to Hindi those sections of your study material which you find difficult to understand or unable to understand and thus understand them and the subsequently try to explain them or state them in English. While improving your English keep in mind that most of the time such effort should be made in such manner that it additionally helps you in gaining knowledge and increasing awareness on your subjects and profession and increases your employability directly and indirectly. The four skills of English language- Listening, speaking, reading and writing are taken care of in this environment. There are many free learning English websites to help anyone to do language practice. Learn some tongue twisters to improve your spoken English. Memorize some proverbs, old sayings, poems and some idioms and phrases and make use of them while speaking and writing. Read newspapers, novels, texts and small books. Start an online blog and share your writings with the world. Pay attention to the stress and intonation in English. Be careful with the punctuation as it can totally change what you’re trying to say. Learn to sing some English songs taking care of the rhythm and intonation. Make use of English dictionaries. Discuss topics in a group. Avoid using ‘slang’. Body language, eye contact and gesture play important role in communication. After having a basic level English try to explore the different ways you can convey the same thing. This helps you to make your English more interesting to the listeners. Refresh your memory by doing the exercises of your lessons periodically so that you can be prepared for more lessons. Fluency and pronunciation are required for speaking English so try to learn phonetics through the English teacher who knows it. Listen to BBC Channel. Make use of radio, TV for listening to English and to improve your spoken English. "Every artist was at first an amateur." says Ralph W. Emerson³

Internet is full of resources to help you learn:

Try to learn through the following webs. BBC Learning English; learnenglish.ecenglish.com.

<http://www.englishanyone.com/power-learning/>

<http://www.EnglishAnyone.com>. eEnglish.com.

ESLgo.com. . flashcard software like Anki .

Try italki* to find a language exchange partner on the internet.

Use comfortable English:

Simple correct and understandable English is appreciated. No bombastic words are required to impress others. Meaningful sentences and the right simple vocabulary make you comfortable to convey your thoughts rightly with ease. Framing of correct sentences with proper structure with simple and correct English is essential. Moreover, there are many options through which students can enhance their communication skill in a short span of time. They can choose suitable word and for that, they should read books. Reading newspapers is also helpful for students and by following this, students can improve their vocabulary, as well. Moreover, check the word and then learn the synonyms and antonyms of this word. Framing a sentence by using this word makes the learner active. Writing is a good way of using new vocabulary. Diary writing helps you to improve your writing as it is informal to record your daily activity. You would love to read them again and again as it brushes up your memory and it becomes your record as well. Your grammar and vocabulary get improved in the process of writing. Different learning methods attract different people. Have fun in learning English through many ways available to you.

Conclusion:

English is a common language which we use to communicate with people globally. In all public sectors this language is used exclusively. In many countries English has become the official language. For Global business, English is necessary. So, useful and expressive English is required, for anyone who opts for desired jobs. Online learning assistance helps students to enhance their communication skill in a systematic manner. Students learn more English outside the class with open mindedness without any friction of syllabus and Examination.

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