

# The Impact of Technology in Language Learning

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***Abstract*** –

*Technology is a boon that plays a vital role in learning a new language. The advent of technology has also made the language learning easier. It has become an essential factor in the process of language learning as it opens ample resources and promotes collaboration. The key benefits of technology are that it helps the learners to learn individually and trains them to use it in an effective and meaningful manner.*

*Key words: Technology, education, language learning, benefits.*

## **Introduction**

Digital technology has become an essential factor in language learning process as it offers exciting opportunities. A country which is poor in technology can never shine. The need for technology is unavoidable in all important areas and once such area is language learning. Teachers Centered Education has turned into Learners Centered Education by the advent of Technology. This article focusses on the role of using technology in learning new languages.

## **Various Methods in Language Learning**

Podcast:

Podcast helps the learners to improve their language along with cultural background. Also, it enhances their listening skill. It stimulates different parts of the brain. Actually, it is the recording of audio on different topics and sometimes it also offers supplement video components. It's just a speaking partner, whenever and wherever we can easily access.

You Tube:

YouTube is another boon to learn a new language. Language learners are profoundly influenced by it. It is a user-friendly complementary device to learn language. It helps the learners to understand the basic features like polite expressions, greeting, introducing, leave taking, the art of asking questions etc. It helps a lot in enhancing vocabulary and pronunciation, the two basics for speaking with confidence. Also, it teaches the art of public speaking.

eBooks:

Reading is an important portion of language learning and eBooks contribute a lot to it as it helps the learners to read anytime and anywhere. It is a best language learning tool. We can carry thousands of books on our mobile device or tablet. Built in translators are also available on most of the eBook readers.

Blogs:

Blogging is also a good dynamic medium that contributes for language learning. Learning how to write blogs will surely help us in refining our writing skills. As we constantly blog, it enriches our attention to the word choice and sentence structure. It makes us to become an organized thinker.

### Movies and TV Shows:

Exploring movies and TV shows for learning a new language is also a significant tool that works well in adapting a language. Subtitles contribute a lot in attaining our goal as it translates dialogue from a foreign language into the native language of the audience. It is a valuable source of contribution in language learning.

### Use of Projectors:

Learning through visual images have a strong influence than hearing mere words. Top and developing institutions use this in order to keep the learning interesting and interactive. Language learners love to see the appealing visuals, which makes them to stay focused and tuned in.

### Video calls:

Skype and Google Hangouts are the services that allow free video calls and serves the learners to get connected with anybody in the world, who speaks with the language we are trying to learn or improve. The basic requirement for this method is the reliable internet connection. The video chat is possible with the native speakers of the targeted language in all days at any time.

### Instant Translator:

The use of Instant Translator helps the language learners a lot in enriching the vocabulary. It improves communication in multiple languages, its main role is to convert the source language into the target language.

### Virtual Meeting Platforms:

The Covid 19 pandemic has given a firm place for virtual mode of teaching languages. Technology helped both the trainers and learners to make use of the time effectively. Learning has never stopped even in pandemic period due to technology. The platforms like google meet, zoom, Teams, Cisco Webex etc. contributed a lot for the language trainers and learners.

**Positive Impacts of Technology:**

The advent of technology has enhanced the language learning process as it stimulates the urge for learning. It made learning fun and enjoyable. The learners can meet counterparts through online without stepping outside from their place. Helps to develop and maintain bonding with people across the globe as there is no geographical limitations.

**Negative Impacts of Technology:**

However, we have to accept that technology has stopped human interaction. It locates the learner in a virtual world, deviated from the real world, which is also an alarming issue. Relying more and more on digital communication has also decreased the quality of writing skill. At the same time learners at all levels cannot afford the modern technologies. Also, it creates health issues when used over the limit.

**Conclusion:**

Technology is a great gift that has certainly changed our life style. Now a days it has been affordable, easily accessible and handy. It has refined our different facets of life. Learning different languages is unavoidable while seeking for a better future or career. Learning a new language helps us to be more prepared and confident while travelling around and exploring the world. It feeds our brain and keeps us equipped. As technology contributes a lot in learning a new language, the learner should improve his or her skill to deal with the provided technology. To sum up, one should admit that technology has created a genuine bonding between the learner and the trainer or teacher. The teaching and learning process has majorly become learners – centered after the arrival of technology. It promotes the curiosity for learning foreign languages in all young and old minds. No doubt technology kindles the learners' enthusiasm to learn or master a new language, that leads to attain confidence within.

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