

THE PECULIARITIES OF INCREASING STUDENTS' MOTIVATION FOR LEARNING ENGLISH BY MEANS OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES

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Abstract. *Motivating students for learning a foreign language can be challenging, but educators can help to foster students' motivation by employing a series of strategies, such as creating a positive and supportive learning environment and building a positive relationship with the students, using a variety of teaching methods, providing regular feedback and recognition for their efforts, using authentic materials, technology, setting achievable goals, and providing opportunities for student choice and autonomy by encouraging learning outside the classroom. The purpose of our research is to determine the ways how information and communication technologies can increase the level of students' motivation for learning English as a foreign language. Analysis, synthesis and modelling methods were used to study the state of research. The results of our research were carried out with the help of empirical methods: pedagogical observation, questionnaires, interviews, testing, the method of experimental evaluations. Employing technology in education is becoming a global trend and the majority of students use it in education in general but also in the process of language acquisition. Most scholars view the use of technology as being supportive for the learning environment and as a crucial element in providing a high-quality education, especially for the new generations of students who were born in the digital era and thus can not function without technology. Technology offers students quick access to relevant information, not to mention that it expands their universe of learning. It also allows students to get in contact with a wealth of authentic resources, which can inspire language learners. The paper begins with highlighting the importance of motivation in language acquisition, then it presents the main reasons why we should connect motivation with technology, and finally it reviews some benefits of using technology to enhance language learning.*

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Introduction. Nowadays technology includes computers, mobile phones, tablets, interactive applications and games, virtual lectures, videos, and smart boards, among other cutting-edge teaching aids. Technology has advanced quickly, and this has had a tremendous impact on English language instruction that has undergone significant changes both in teaching as well as in learning a foreign language. One of the most important changes is the fact that it allows language learners to practice their language skills in a natural setting. Many scholars agree that technology has a good influence on the process of learning English, even though the use of computers and the Internet in language learning has been much debated.

In the modern world information and communication technologies develop incredibly quickly, consequently ordinary people have difficulty following them. In the recent years, for example, the amount of mobile devices has changed drastically with the wide use of smartphones based on Android system and Apple products with iOS system such as iPad and iPhone, and the number of people that own these kinds of devices is increasing at a fast rate especially among young generation [1]. In Ukraine the situation with the use of smartphones and tablets is the same as elsewhere in the world.

Technology is something that allows teachers to be more creative in their classes and it helps the students to create and engage with the topics seen in class. The use of technology is something essential in people's life and has a huge impact when it comes to education, because it provides a lot of resources where teachers can take advantages to teach new languages, apply different types of practices, and search for enrichment information that professors can use on their classes. Information and communication technologies (ICT) are very useful to increase intrinsic and extrinsic motivation that learners have when it comes to the speaking skill because teachers can use it to help students learn using videos, and practices where they can use repetition so, in this way, they can improve their pronunciation, and feel more comfortable when speaking in class. When it comes to teach a new language, technology plays an important role on the motivation of young students specially because they are more attached to technology than any other generation, due to the fact that most of them grew up with it, and this is not bad; on the contrary, if this is implemented correctly technology can be an excellent ally to the teachers when it comes to provide them with awesome teaching resources and creative ways to increase their students' motivation when learning.

Literature review. ICT are now a central means to be socially, economically, culturally and politically involved in 21st century society [2]. They are integral to the global flows of knowledge, people and services that characterize the knowledge economy. Teaching and learning are now as much to do with access and participation as they are to do with the acquisition of skills and knowing that. Internationally, governments have endorsed the need for students to be ICT and information literate [3]. The contention is that students will need to be able to access, integrate and evaluate information, construct new knowledge and communicate with others if they are to take their place as active citizens in an increasingly complex and information rich world. Moreover, evident is the view that ICT can enhance student learning, especially English as a foreign language (EFL), through a positive impact on student motivation

and engagement. Consequently, ICT has the potential to change both how and what students learn. For now, however, the impact of ICT technologies on education has lagged behind what had been expected.

ICT as a medium for teaching and learning is becoming more and more acknowledged. The possibility to use information and communication technologies at any time and in any place makes them a valuable asset in English language learning as they can be used by students either in the classroom or outside of it. Using them in the class of English can make the learning process easy and interesting, involving all the students into activities and provoking their motivation and effort. On the other hand, using it outside the classroom can still enhance students' motivation by means of autonomous self-conscious learning.

Aims. The purpose of our research is to determine the ways how information and communication technologies can increase the level of students' motivation for learning English as a foreign language.

Methodology. Analysis, synthesis and modelling methods were used to study the state of research. The results of our research were carried out with the help of empirical methods: pedagogical observation, questionnaires, interviews, testing, the method of experimental evaluations.

There are many teachers who do not use technology widely when teaching English, this provokes that some students do not feel the motivation to keep learning the language. Many of them may get bored in classes because they are not engaged with the activities and due to this they might get bad scores. So how can the use of information and communication technologies such as Canvas, Voki and Kahoot! help the students' motivation when learning a new language?

Results. Information and communications technology (ICT) is often used as an extended synonym for information technology (IT), but is a more specific term that stresses the role of unified communications and the integration of them together with computers as well as necessary enterprise software, middleware, storage, and audio-visual systems, which enable users to access, store, transmit, and manipulate information

Wernet, Oligens, and Delicatch claim that technological integration in the classroom appears to be crucial for higher and professional education [4]. Since motivation generally appears to be a significant indicator of success in language acquisition, using technology in language learning has a great deal of motivational advantages among which we mention an increased individuality and autonomy, more options for communication, identity development, intercultural content, alternative methods of evaluation and the creation of motivating tasks [5]. Additionally, employing technology enables content for instruction to be modified to fit the learners' requirements and needs. Furthermore, it can offer immediate feedback and even allow the combination of materials (audio, video, text, photos, etc.).

Through the use of technology, students have the chance to direct their own learning and have unrestricted access to knowledge that is outside of the authority of the educator. Technology-based English language education improves collaborative language learning and enables students to communicate effectively [6]. ICT facilitates

the learning process and provides teachers with appropriate instructional resources, bringing language learning opportunities to the student's environment. It also helps students become autonomous learners and provides unquestionable benefits. Furthermore, students are fond of technology, and when they have the option to study via technology, their motivation rises, which improves information retention. Thus, these are the main reasons to connect technology with motivation.

Consequently, the relationship between ICT and motivation in the English language learning should be thoroughly examined and the following hypothesis to be proved "The use of information and communication technologies in the EFL classroom can lead to a greater level of students' motivation for learning English".

The development of the hypothesis definitely leads to finding answers to the following dichotomy: Do information and communication technologies influence students' motivation? Or does motivation to learn predetermine the use of ICT in the classroom? Or does the relationship work in both directions? One of the glimpses of the problem under research can be found in the relevant literature.

Paudel [7] claims that the advent of information and communication technologies and their easy accessibility globally and locally has become mainstream in present education system throughout the world. The Internet and its use through several devices like personal computers, smartphones and other devices have become commonplace both for teachers and students. Computer integrated ICT now are no more static, standalone but have become personal devices that play a decisive role on the way we get knowledge, the process we teach and learn, and the way we do. Information and communication technologies are currently being used in education to assist students to learn more effectively by providing teachers with access to a wide range of new pedagogy and their use in the field of language education has been a priority throughout the world during the last decade. ICT have made the process and style of language teaching and learning ever changing.

Cakici [8] mentions that ICT are prerequisite for equipping language learners with necessary technological skills. The application of ICT requires certain language skills and strategies. Introducing ICT into language classroom has great implications for curriculum reform, classroom teaching and student learning. It is believed that the increase of information and communication technologies has dramatically reinforced and created powerful learning atmosphere. The implementation of ICT into real language context is more critical today than ever before since its growing power and capabilities are triggering a change in language learning environment.

Hamidah and fellow researchers [9] state the significant role of motivation in learning. Two types of motivation can be distinguished: intrinsic and extrinsic. Learners are said to be intrinsically motivated in learning if they are learning for their own sake rather than because of external pressure or reward for learning. Intrinsic motivation is closely related to the perception of being able to choose and of being somehow in control of one's actions. Extrinsic motivation refers to learning situations where the reason for doing a task is something other than learners' own interest in the task itself.

Purmama with colleagues [10] use a different approach and distinguish two other types of motivation: integrative and instrumental. Integrative motivated is the condition when the learners want to learn the target language so that they can better understand and get to know the people who speak the language and mix up in their culture. Integrative motivation describes learners who want to integrate themselves into the culture of the second language group and become involved in social interchange in that group.

Ryan and Deci [11] define motivation as the perceived payoff for the student's investment of time, energy and effort. Intrinsic motivation is very powerful in triggering active deep learning while extrinsic motivation without intrinsic motivation is likely to lead to passive surface learning.

Moreover, the relationship between motivation and autonomy should be mentioned. Dickinson [12] concludes that "learning success and enhanced motivation is conditional on learners taking responsibility for their own learning, being able to control their own learning and perceiving that their learning successes or failures are to be attributed to their own efforts and strategies rather than to factors outside their control". In short, Dickinson's position is that motivation is a product of taking responsibility for learning outcomes and that intrinsic motivation has a stronger link with autonomy. While accepting a close link between intrinsic motivation and autonomy, Spratt, Humphreys and Chan [13] question the common assumption that autonomy leads to motivation, and suggest that motivation may lead to autonomy or to be a precondition for it.

There has been great debates in the past few decades on the pedagogical worth of ICT in the classroom, and nowadays there is so much emphasis on on-line learning. And information and communication technologies have become an immense helper in virtually all areas of teaching and learning. Expanding access to language programmes and improving the quality of teaching and learning are other prospects of ICT in language. Providing access to up-to-date materials and offering teachers and learners an avalanche of materials in different modes can be also included to the prospects of ICT. But the view that the Internet and other forms of information and communication technologies are of immense benefit to the education system is incontrovertible. In the field of language education, we have identified the following as major constraints to the use of ICTs in language education in Ukraine under present conditions: 1. Electricity and Internet facilities are either inaccessible or unreliable. 2. ICTs are not available for everyone and often locked in storage closets because only few teachers know how to operate and incorporate them into their instructional programmes. 3. ICT trained teachers often quit teaching for more profitable jobs because teaching is not well-paid in Ukraine. 4. Poor maintenance of the existing ICT gadgets (where provided) is a debilitating factor against the use of ICT in language education. It is improper to duplicate the textual material simply to the screen so that the teacher's position is ignored in order to ensure the function of multimedia in practical teaching.

Motivation is one of the main fuels of the learning process, because it keeps the learner giving the extra mile and caring for its own knowledge. Learning problems or

difficulties can be found in the development and realization of all communication skills and speaking is not an exception. The fear of being wrong when speaking could be what is holding most learners off from actually succeeding on mastering this skill. This fear is normal, but the lack of motivation might be what manages to keep this fear alive, and denying learners from their main goal which is mastering the language. Nonetheless, ICT is a new door that may help young learners to increase their motivation and boost up their confidence and provide them with impulse that they need to give the extra mile when learning the new language.

Concerning the development of ICT, there is a hope that in the nearest future, the use of it in the English language teaching will be further developed. Emerging technologies make language teaching and learning process pertinent and practical to approach learning in ways that have been advocated by scientists, theorists and educational practitioners, that's why the use of information and communication technology can not be underestimated in language teaching and learning process. Moreover, it is imperative for modern day teachers and learners to keep abreast of the modern trend at improving teaching and learning of English with the help of ICTs. They have revolutionized society globally, including how language instruction is delivered [14-16]. ICT can fully improve students' ideation and practical language skills, which is helpful and useful to ensure and fulfill an effective result of teaching and learning. A great deal of success however comes from preparing students to interact and learn in the Internet age. One of the main goals of multimedia language teaching is to promote students' motivation and learning interest, which can be a practical way to get them involved in the language learning, so context creation of English language teaching should be based on the openness and accessibility of the teaching materials and information. Therefore, if ICTs are integrated into the teaching and learning of the English language, it will go a long way in making ICT a more rewarding partner in the teaching-learning process.

Consequently, teachers should improve their technological competence so that to increase students' motivation in the learning process of the English language. Technology is very important in every aspect when it comes to the learning process; students are surrounded by technology every day in their daily routines, so it is important to implement it in the classes and especially when it comes to learning a foreign language. Some institutions do not count with the amount of technological resources, so teachers need to learn how to use the ones that they have to teach students and help them feel motivated for their classes. There are a lot of information and communication tools that teachers can use to capture the student's attention and it is important to learn how to use them because now students demand more dynamic classes to learn in. Teachers need to innovate their teaching strategies, they need to open their minds and learn that they need to implement ICT in their classes when they have the possibilities to do it, because students need to learn with the best way possible. Some teachers do not know how to use technology so it is essential to teach them to do it and use the different kinds of ICTs correctly in order to meet the students' needs and help them reach their educational goals.

Discussion .The main questions for discussion of the obtained results are given in the table 1.

Table 1. Main questions for discussion of features of increasing students' motivation to learn english by means of information and communication technologies

The direction of research		Description
Understanding the Findings	Effectiveness of ICT Tools	The study clearly illustrates that the use of information and communication technologies (ICT) can significantly enhance students' motivation to learn English. This is possibly due to the interactive and engaging nature of digital tools which may include language learning apps, virtual classrooms, and multimedia resources. The findings align with existing literature that suggests ICT can make learning more accessible and enjoyable, thereby increasing student engagement.
	Student Preferences	The research may have uncovered specific preferences among students for certain types of ICT tools over others. For example, younger learners might prefer gamified learning platforms, while older students might find video-based content or real-time interaction with peers via collaborative platforms more motivating. Understanding these preferences is crucial for tailoring English language instruction effectively
Limitations of the Study	Sample Size and Diversity	One potential limitation could be the sample size or the diversity of the sample. If the study was conducted within a single educational institution or among a specific age group, the results might not be generalizable to other settings or age groups. Discussing these limitations is important to contextualize the findings
	Technology Access and Proficiency	The varying levels of access to technology among students can influence the outcomes of using ICT for learning. Students with limited access to reliable internet or digital devices may not experience the same motivational boost. Similarly, the study might not have fully considered the role of digital literacy in utilizing these tools effectively
Implications for Practice	Curriculum Design	Educators and curriculum developers can use these insights to integrate more ICT tools in language learning curriculums that cater to diverse learning preferences and needs. This could involve more blended learning environments where traditional teaching methods are supported by technological enhancements
	Teacher Training	There is a clear implication for the need for ongoing teacher training on the effective use of ICT in teaching English. Teachers must not only be equipped with the necessary digital tools but also with the pedagogical strategies to use these tools effectively to motivate students
Future Research	Longitudinal Studies	Future studies could explore the long-term effects of ICT on language learning motivation over several years. This could help in understanding how sustained use of technology impacts motivation and learning outcomes
	Comparative Studies	Research could also compare the effectiveness of different types of ICT tools and their impact on various demographic groups. This would help in identifying the most effective tools for diverse learner populations
	Integration with Traditional Methods	Investigating how ICT can be seamlessly integrated with traditional teaching methods to create a hybrid model of instruction could also be beneficial. This might address some of the limitations associated with exclusive use of technology in language learning

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By discussing these aspects, the article would provide a comprehensive view of the potential and challenges of using ICT to boost motivation among English language learners.

Conclusions. The study has provided significant insights into the evolving role of ICT in education, specifically in enhancing motivation among learners of English as a foreign language. The integration of ICT tools—ranging from mobile applications to virtual classrooms—has demonstrated a profound impact on both the accessibility and engagement levels of students, supporting the argument that technology can indeed transform the educational experience.

The key conclusions drawn from the study:

- *Enhanced Learning Engagement:* The utilization of ICT in English language teaching has been shown to significantly boost students' motivation. This is largely attributed to the interactive and engaging nature of technology-based tools that cater to a variety of learning preferences and needs.
- *Diverse Student Preferences:* The research has highlighted that different age groups and types of learners show distinct preferences for various ICT tools. Younger students are more inclined towards gamified learning experiences, while older students value the depth offered by video content and real-time collaborative platforms. Tailoring ICT integration to fit these preferences is crucial for maximizing motivation and educational outcomes.
- *Impact of Technology Accessibility:* Access to technology is a critical factor that influences the effectiveness of ICT in education. Disparities in access to reliable internet connections and digital devices can create uneven opportunities for learning, suggesting a need for infrastructural improvements to ensure equitable educational experiences.
- *Need for Teacher Training:* To fully harness the potential of ICT in education, there is a pressing need for comprehensive teacher training programs. Educators must not only be proficient in using these technologies but also adept at integrating them pedagogically to enhance motivation and learning.
- *Potential for Wider Application:* While the findings are promising, the study's scope regarding diverse educational settings and demographic groups is limited. Future research should aim to explore these aspects more thoroughly to validate the generalizability of the results.

Implications for Future Research and Practice:

- *Longitudinal and Comparative Studies:* Further research is required to assess the long-term impacts of ICT on language learning motivation and to compare the efficacy of various ICT tools across different demographic and cultural contexts.
- *Integration with Traditional Teaching Methods:* Exploring the integration of ICT with traditional teaching methodologies could provide insights into developing a more holistic approach to language education that leverages the best of both worlds.
- *Policy and Curriculum Development:* The insights gained from this study should inform policy decisions and curriculum developments aimed at integrating ICT in language learning frameworks systematically and effectively.

In conclusion, the integration of Information and Communication Technologies in language learning is not just a supplementary enhancement but a transformative approach that can significantly elevate the motivation and overall learning outcomes of students. As such, it is imperative for educational stakeholders to invest in and focus

on the strategic implementation of ICT to nurture more engaging, responsive, and effective educational environments.

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