

ENGLISH TEACHERS USING TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATION IN THE CLASSROOMS

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ABSTRACT

This paper aims to provide a detailed account of the educators' values, beliefs, and self-assurance as they transition from a traditional classroom setting to one that integrates technology. It has been shown that, in this digital age, technology integration regularly contributes to students' development of 21st-century skills. Language teachers in particular face new difficulties due to this condition, such as the need to be digitally literate and flexible in the face of swift technological advancements. Given the advantages of technology integration in helping students develop 21st-century skills, educators are under tremendous pressure to promote student participation by involving them in relevant learning activities and allowing them to use technology simultaneously. As a result, when choosing, setting up, integrating, testing, and reviewing the various forms of technology used in the classroom, educators should give it their full attention.

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INTRODUCTION

Technology advancements have increased the demand for pedagogical reform in education. The discussion of the teacher's role in education follows as issues with pedagogical approaches acquire importance. Technology has been included in the development and execution of curricula, offering platforms and features that are invaluable for both teachers and students in the teaching and learning process. Face-to-face instruction is starting to give way to web-

enhanced teaching using internet-based resources and systems due to the revolution in the learning paradigm brought about by integrating modern technology into education. To engage the pupils in the classroom, many teachers are utilizing various forms of technology, which has become an essential component of modern education. There are numerous ways that modern technology can be utilized to improve student engagement, ranging from whiteboards with interactive elements and tablets to virtual reality simulations and online learning environments.

BENEFITS OF USING TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATION IN TEACHING PEDAGOGY

- ❖ **Development in the environment's engagement:** Including modern technology in the learning environment can help transform traditionally boring subjects into engaging and enjoyable activities. Examples of these devices include computers, tablets, and other gadgets. Although you may believe that technology is only a distraction, it has the potential to promote student engagement in the classroom.
- ❖ **Different forms of Learning Styles:** Since every student in your classroom is unique, it can be difficult to modify your lesson plan to suit each individual. Thankfully, technology in education allows you to adapt your lessons. The individual in question obtained his degree through online learning and is currently using his understanding of technology integration to enhance the learning environment.
- ❖ Children who might want to sketch the entire class can now make a graphic to show their skills and comprehension of the material, which I might not have noticed or evaluated before. Teachers with an instructional design degree have improved their methods in the classroom, providing students with a more customized learning experience that will help them in their futures.
- ❖ **Develop teamwork:** Instructors have noticed that when students use technology in the classroom, they are more likely to assist one another. Many technology-based assignments require additional components, which puts students in situations where they must ask their teachers or fellow students for assistance. Additionally, when students work in small groups, they are more knowledgeable about technology students can help their more experienced peers. Equips kids for the future. You may help your students succeed by teaching them useful skills like PowerPoint. Early use of instructional technology in the classroom can help students become ready for the demands of the digital age.
- ❖ **Connection with Your Students:** Teachers can improve their relationships with students and colleagues by utilizing technology. Incorporating technology into your lesson plans and leveraging it to increase your subject matter expertise can have a big impact on student learning. Without a doubt, technology will continue to advance, so it's critical to adapt your teaching methods to keep up. "Accept the chance. Try a novel approach. A tool or

strategy's true effectiveness is never known until it is used. Using technology in the classroom fosters critical thinking abilities as well.

SOME FAMOUS TECHNOLOGY TOOLS USED BY TEACHERS

- ❖ **Gamification in Education** fosters a sense of accomplishment, and it has been demonstrated to affect students' learning and engagement. When they realize they will make progress, a lot of students are inspired to go on to the next lesson. Verify the Internet for any gamified learning resources related to your subject matter; you might be surprised at what you find!
- ❖ **Online Conversation** Has promoting a collaborative environment among your students proven to be difficult? If so, you should consider trying out online forums as a great technological solution. To facilitate in-person communication, you can host weekly discussion tables using a video app like Zoom. Your students can get answers to their questions from you, the teacher, or other students in the class by using an online discussion forum. With this resource at their disposal, students can get more out of every lesson and learn from the perspectives of their fellow students to connect with the subject matter and their peers on a deeper level.
- ❖ **Make Use of social media** Since social media already plays a significant role in our lives, some educators have decided to use it in the classroom! Social media can be used in a course in a variety of ways. For example, you can set up a Facebook group where students can ask questions, a class Twitter page where you can share updates or an Instagram account where you can share lesson plans that incorporate both photos and videos!
- ❖ **Make websites for students** A short while ago, you had to know someone who knew how to code to have your website. Nowadays, building a website is simpler than ever thanks to services like Squarespace, Wix, and Weebly. With the advancement of technology, you could assign your students to make a class website! In addition to organizing their documents and data and submitting work, they can additionally customize the page to show off their creativity and feel proud of themselves. This innovative approach to notebooks can assist your students in creating or expanding their digital portfolios
- ❖ **Kahoot!** is a question-and-answer-based educational platform. Teachers can use this tool to create surveys, conversations, and questionnaires to go along with their academic lessons. Students answer questions while playing and learning at the same time as the material is projected into the classroom. Through game-based learning, Kahoot! fosters student engagement and a lively, social, and enjoyable learning environment.

- ❖ **Animoto** Through the help of a digital tool called Animoto, you can quickly and easily produce high-quality videos from any mobile device, motivating students and enhancing academic instruction. Animoto's user-friendly interface makes it easy for educators to create multimedia lessons that are created to the needs of their students.
- ❖ **Paymo** is a free project management tool available to educational institutions. Teachers can supervise and plan lessons and group projects with the aid of this program. You can schedule tasks, assign due dates, provide timekeeping and submission resources for students, and have real-time conversations.
- ❖ With **Padlet**, you can make digital whiteboards for your classroom. You can create anonymous question boards so that students can post questions that you and other pupils can respond to. Additionally, articles and online content can be saved by the app for your class to use as references.
- ❖ **QRCode Monkey:** This is a helpful tool for creating free QR codes that point to web pages, videos, or files. Teachers can access and share online materials in this easy-to-use manner. Instructors can use QR codes to generate QR code scavenger hunts, share educational videos, and provide students with access to lesson plans.
- ❖ **Factory Flashcards** Making flashcards becomes a game with the Pear Deck platform's Flashcard Factory. Students work in pairs to create flashcards using a list of vocabularies. While one student draws a picture, the other writes an essay on the term. The class as a whole can use the flashcard deck that the teacher selects cards to add to. A student can get highlights from the Flash Cards Factory if you select their card.

PROS AND CONS OF USING TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATION IN THE CLASSROOM

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1	Technology increases a student's level of learning.	Technology has a chance to distract.
2	Technology is a more reasonable material than traditional ones.	Quality technology tools are expensive.
3	Due to technology, both teachers and pupils have access to an unlimited number of educational resources.	There is misleading information everywhere.
4	Teachers can save time by using technology.	Learning and integrating new technology takes time.

5	Technology makes it possible to have real learning experiences.	Not every technology-enhanced teaching method improves student learning.
6	Technology creates new avenues for student cooperation.	Technology may lead to isolation
7	Using technology in the classroom helps students become more technologically literate.	Reduced face-to-face communication
8	Organize chances for future exploration	Easy Ways to Cheat
9	teachers can utilize it due to the provides innovative techniques for teaching pupils	Sometimes Technology fails
10	Technology-related engagement between educators and students	Excessive reliance on technology

CONCLUSION

Integrating technology into a classroom can be a great way to raise student interest and create a more lively, interactive learning environment. Technology offers educators a variety of ways to involve their students in experiential learning, whether it be through interactive whiteboards, laptops, or online learning environments. It can also be applied to meet the needs of various learners, personalize instruction, and promote cooperation and communication. But it's crucial to keep in mind that teachers have a variety of tools at their disposal to engage their students, and technology is just one of them. Achieving the ideal balance between technology use and other instructional strategies is crucial, as is taking into account each student's unique needs and preferences. Teachers can use educational technology to improve pupil involvement and create an enjoyable learning atmosphere for their students by adhering to best practices and keeping up with the latest advancements in the field.

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