

THE ROLE OF EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGIES IN PROGRESSING ORAL SPEECH OF PUPILS AT THE SECONDARY SCHOOLS

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ABSTRACT

The purpose of this thesis is to explore the role of educational technologies in progressing oral speech of pupils at the secondary schools.

Speaking is one of the skills that have to be mastered by students in learning English. Speaking is an essential tool for communicating. In the classroom, improving the speaking abilities of students has always been a concern. In the fast developing 21st century various innovative technologies are being introduced to teach speaking skill in the classrooms. Technology is the vehicle to get access with this modernized world. More than the process of communication, trade and transactions, today technology is widely used in educational sectors. Technological tools have been regarded as ways of helping students improve language skills such as speaking skill. Internet, podcasts, video conferencing, videos and speech recognition software are considered the best tools for teaching speaking skill. This paper aims to discuss some modern technologies available for teachers of English today to enhance speaking skill of second or foreign language learners.

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Of all four key language skills, speaking is deemed to be the most important in learning a second or foreign language. As stated by Ur (1996), speaking included all other skills of knowing that language. Speaking is "the process of building and sharing meaning through the use of verbal and non-verbal symbols, in a variety of contexts" (Chaney, 1998). Speaking is a crucial part of second language learning and teaching, it's an art of communications and one of 4 productive skills, that must be mastered in learning foreign language. Good speaking skills are the act of generating words that

can be understood by listeners. According to Brown and Yule (1983), speaking is the skill that the students will be judged upon most in real-life situations. It is an important part of everyday interaction and most often the first impression of a person is based on his/her ability to speak fluently and comprehensively. So, teachers have a responsibility to prepare the students as much as possible to be able to speak in English in the real world outside the classroom. Despite its importance, for many years, teaching speaking has been undervalued

English language teachers have continued to teach speaking just as a repetition of drills or memorization of dialogues. However, today's world requires that the goal of teaching speaking should improve students' communicative skills, because, only in that way, students can express themselves and learn how to follow the social and cultural rules appropriate in each communicative circumstance. In the preliminary stage, teachers used tape recorders as a technological device to instruct the students, which later evolved as communication laboratory. The communicative orientation principle, which focuses on creating conditions for communication in the classroom, including motives.

Education System in our country, Uzbekistan since ages has maintained the primary focus on academics. And this has been an arguable topic of discussion in recent decades. With more and more opportunities opening up for the youth, the focus should shift from just academics. There should be an equal division in the academics as well as the skill that is vocational education. This type of education makes one more confident in their respective occupations. Vocational education is the need of the hour and the Speech on Importance of Vocational Education can be presented in various ways. It can be a Long Speech on Vocational Education is the Need of the Hour or A Short Speech on Vocational Education is the Need of the Hour. Vocational education is important because it lets the individual hone a skill they are good at and something they actually enjoy doing. Vocational education not only helps the person be good at their skill but also turns it into a skill that makes money. When one does a job of their liking, they seem to enjoy it and are happier than those who are stuck in jobs they hate. Vocational education allows them to prioritize their skill set and monetize it. The cross-disciplinary program in speech communication offers courses designed for all students as part of their general education and as a complement to their professional training. It also offers a major or minor in speech communication as well as an additional endorsement for secondary teachers who already have an endorsement in another content area. Students who major or minor in speech communication will prepare themselves for a wide variety of employment opportunities in business, industry and government, as well as in non-profit and educational organizations. With their effective oral communication, listening, teamwork, problem-solving and leadership skills,

speech communication students find positions in general business management: human resources, benefits, financial services, retail, sales and marketing and serve various organizations as recruiters, trainers, promotions managers, communication specialists, community outreach personnel and event planners. The program also prepares students for the study of law, theology, and for graduate level work in speech communication and related disciplines. Oral presentations have become a useful and effective way to increase students' awareness of communication skills. Thus, students' presentations become an important element in delivering positive learning experiences. An individual learns the basics of oral communication right at home. The school environment takes this learning a notch higher by teaching the student how to interact with peers and teachers alike. The quality of communication in student life will define professional communication later in life. Good communication enables students to assimilate more from the learning process by empowering them to ask relevant questions and discuss doubts. Effective verbal communication nurtures the process of socialization by facilitating new friendships and these in turn aid the learning process. Productive communication is a boost to career development. An ability to convey thoughts in a clear and precise manner would help a student to make a favorable impression at an interview and get the job that he deserves.

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