MAIN DIFFERENCES BETWEEN ONLINE AND OFFLINE LEARNING. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE LANGUAGE TEACHERS

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ABSTRACT

In schools in many countries around the world since the start of the COVID pandemic in 2020 classes have moved to online education as the only method of teaching, and online education has entered the educational process as another form of traditional (offline) education. This article compares online and offline learning in today's modern world. At the same time, it explores the controversial aspects of online and offline learning. In addition, feedbacks are collected to compare the efficiency between online learning and offline teaching. Factors that influence the efficiency difference are analyzed and suggestions are given for having better studying experience. The differences between offline and online learning are considered and some tips and recommendations for language teachers are given. In addition, several mistakes of teachers during the lesson are mentioned and advice is given to them in this regard.

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In today's developing modern world, the demand for online education is increasing. Because as technology develops, many changes and developments are taking place in education. Distance education is a clear example of this. As we discuss this topic, we can get a lot of information about online learning by answering the following questions in detail. That is, "What is online learning?", "Why is it necessary?", "What are the advantages and disadvantages of them?" and we will find answers to these kinds of questions.

Online education is a form of education that provides an opportunity to receive and give virtual knowledge between students and teachers. In online learning, students use online platforms and resources created by various researchers and professors from different countries of the world. In this case, the internet connection should be good, as well as the technological knowledge of students and teachers should be sufficient. Because it is very important to know computer skills and apply them to the public in online education. For example, various presentations, videos, life chats, virtual whiteboards and virtual conference rooms are important tools of online education[1]

Why do we need online education? I mean, we will not mistaken when we say why it was necessary. Because after the arrival of the Covid pandemic in 2020, the position of online education in our country has increased even more. At the same time, many things have changed and developed due to the need for online education. The number of electronic books has increased and new electronic platforms have been created for pupils and students. In addition, distance learning allows students to learn from anywhere. Most importantly, distance education is the best option for students with disabilities who cannot go to schools, colleges and universities.

Just like there are two sides of a coin, there are advantages and disadvantages of distance education. As for its drawbacks, online education makes students lazy and can harm their health. For example, because of learning only from home, they do not go out, go to libraries and read original and reliable books. Besides, students who is participating in regular online classes may arise a number of diseases. For example, eye diseases, back and joint pain.

In addition, one of the advantages of online education, as I mentioned above, is that it is very useful for children with disabilities. Moreover, distance teaching and learning is a more flexible approach in teaching. Because it allows students to learn from their homes and have easy access to educational materials.

Although online education is developing, requirement for offline studying is also valuable. It is important that both of them have own benefits and main differences according to the audience.

Offline education is the process of studying in a traditional way in a classroom. There are 6 main important points of offline education[2].

- Face to face interection.
- Hands on learning.

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[1] What is the Difference Between Online Learning and Offline Learning: Which One is Best? Nikita Sharma March 1, 2023
[2] https://sudhirmemorialinstituteliluah.com

- Reduced distraction
- Networking opportunities.
- Better assessment.
- Improvement of time management.

Face-to-face communication: The main point of offline learning is face-to-face communication between teacher and student. In the classroom, there is chance to ask anything that is misunderstanding for student. It is the best way to consolidate the topic.

Hands-on learning: It is learning with the help of doing something. It considers group-work activities, pair-share activities and more experiments. It is an opportunity to share ideas with each other. In addition, it is very helpful to remember because of events in the class.

Reduced distraction: It is concentrating mind during the lesson. It is very essential to be on topic for whom struggle with online tools, like social media or chatting in another topic on the net. It may happen while studying online. However, it is a bit easier to warn students to concentrate their mind.

Networking opportunities: It means building relationship with partners to achieve a specific goal. It is vital to improve in their field. For example, students can get feedback related to their project and it may be helpful to improve communicative skill in society.

Better assessment: Instructor can observe each students and give suitable mark for their knowledge in classroom. It is clear that assessment might be by feedback also. The reason why, there are some students who know more information about the given topic but they have some barriers to talk to teacher. Thus, in offline education marking students' knowledge is more obvious.

Improved time management: In class, every lessons are on a schedule. Students have little time to practice.So it can be very helpful to manage their time.

Conclusion

Looking at both types of lessons, it would be suggested language teachers to use both of them according to the situation and opportunities. For instance, when students are from a long distance they can not attend. It would be better if teachers turn to virtual teaching. In addition, people may have different situation in life. So sometimes they cannot go to studying place because of illnesses or reasons. As it was mentioned above online learning is an easier way to study because of developing technology. However, it requires many skills from teacher to use modern tools and explain new information to each student. If it comes to choose traditional way, it is much more comfortable for both students and instructor. Because, there are many methods from history to teach any topic. Depending on the advantages of traditional classes, it is preferable when the

students are able to attend and the classrooms have all the opportunities which teachers and students need to use in the process of learning language. It would be better, if they follow their career counselling. It can be showed by practicing and participating in mock interviews and creating new activities, methods, curriculums to use while teaching.

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