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## E-Learning: An Effective Way of Teaching for Effective Learners

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*E-learning is one of the most effective techniques in teaching methods. In the present context E-learning is equipped by the students in minimal amount of time. There are many technological tools that can be used in the e-learning and teaching situations in classroom. It makes learning more interesting, interactive, meaningful and stimulating for the learners. Internet, Facebook, Twitter, Smart boards, Blogs, chat rooms, user net and podcasting are some of the successful tools that have revolutionized the way of language teaching and information sharing. E-learning is technological oriented and the learners best learn under technological conditions. This paper aims at focusing on the idea of how e-learning can be enhanced in a classroom.*

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E-learning is a learning which uses electronic technologies to access educational curriculum outside the traditional classroom. In most of the cases, it refers to a course, program or a degree delivered completely through online. There are many terms involved in describing learning through online, via internet, ranging from distance education to computerized electronic learning, online learning, internet learning and many others.

We define e-learning as courses that are specifically delivered via internet to somewhere other than the classroom. It is not a course delivering via DVD or CD-ROM, video type or over a television channel. It is interactive and can be used for communicating with the teacher, professors or other students in your class. There is always a teacher or professor interacting, grading the learner's participation, assignments and tests. E-learning has been proved to be a successful method of teaching and education has become a way of life through E-learning.

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Education is one of the fastest growing economic and social sectors of the world. Nowadays many technologies are available for learning sources in e-learning. It's very useful to the students to learn more and more advanced level of learning through E-learning.

Internet has become the main source for students to surf information. Internet is not merely a source of authentic material in English but also a source of information in the form of articles, courses, conferences and many more. The teacher sends assignments to the students through e-mails and asks them to take up online exams. Parents can view their children's work online at any time. Students do not miss their lessons as they can see a webcam version online and get worksheets and notes from electronic online whiteboards. Schools are linked to a network and work on a project together and prepare materials online. Every school has got its own website. Many software is available on Internet that students can use free of cost. Spelling Bee is one of those internet resources which help the students to spell English words. The teacher can also choose the level of difficulty when they train their students.

YouTube videos can be used in an ELT classroom for various aspects of English as to enhance vocabulary, accents, pronunciations, voice modulation and many more. The real advantage of using YouTube in teaching English is that it offers authentic examples of everyday English used by everyday people. The teacher can use it as a tool for improving their Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing skills. The teacher can select a part of the movie appropriate to the level of the students and she can show those movie clippings to the students. For the first time, she can mute the volume and ask the students to watch the movie attentively. Later she/he can ask the students to watch the movie once again and this time she/he can ask the students to frame the dialogues of the movie clippings simultaneously. This will improve their speaking skills.

Movies is one of the essential parts in e-learning, it is useful for students to grasp the themes and content, many movie clippings are available in YouTube sources, many of them are related to learning sources. Using Skype provides unlimited possibilities for the teachers and students to interact with each other anywhere in the world. It provides immense opportunities for the students in a foreign language class to connect with classes in other countries to practice their language skills. Through Skype the teachers can provide monitoring or homework help to the learners. The students can read, present, or perform for other students and also can interact with other students for writing research projects.

Twitter is a social networking application that helps in improving students to speak English. As an online education technology tool, twitter's impact on engaging students in learning concepts is unlimited. The teacher can use a dozen of activities for using an online education technology tool to engage students in classroom activities to develop a better understanding of concepts. This involves editing, story structure, creative writing, and proper use of grammar.

The teacher can ask the students to select a word of the week and tweet it around the network requesting synonyms, homonyms, and antonyms of the word. Once all responses are received, the teacher can check them for accuracy and develop a link of the difficult words for strengthening the vocabulary of the students. The teacher can also conduct Online Debates through Twitter. It can be done with the students of the same classroom or the students of the different classrooms on the class twitter network.

Smart boards also can help teachers to create a student-centered approach to teach language arts. Language teachers can use smart boards to improve reading and comprehension, and teach grammar and writing. With a smart board, teachers can combine video, audio, Web browsing and word processing to teach students interactively. Younger learners spelling races are very popular. The teacher can use different colors when writing.

For example, while teaching grammar the teacher can use different color of board marker for nouns, verbs, etc. To teach writing skills the teacher can also use a story starter and ask the students to write a class story or chain story or peer story. They can also write sentences based on photographs as it will teach them the usage and functions of a language. She/he can further use photographs of persons. For example, the teacher shows the pictures to the students and find out who's that. These are all the things to be followed when using Smart-Boards.

Mobile phones are more in use these days and advanced models of mobile phones are available. Students play an important role in using mobile phones. The uses of mobile phones as a learning tool have a wide variety of applications like Dictionary, Phonetics transcription, Pronunciation. The teacher can ask the students to make a photo documentary using the camera function on their mobile phones.

The teacher can assign a theme for the documentary to the students. After taking sufficient number of photos, the students can upload the documentaries prepared by them to websites such as Flickr and type narrative descriptions for each picture and share it with their teachers, classmates, family and friends. Instead of taking out a dictionary, the students can simply use their translator, and instead of travelling through books for a piece of literature, they can find online books and be directed to a specific word.

It is an innovative method of learning. Today the students listen to news clips, music, and video clips via the Web. They are no longer watching movies at the theatre or on the TV, they are watching via computers and hand-held DVD players. The teacher can reach to these students in one new way i.e. through broadcasts. A broadcast is a series of digital-media files which are distributed over the Internet using syndication feeds for playback on portable media players and computers. Utilizing broadcasts in the classroom is very easy.

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The teacher can download many videos clips through the Internet to use in the class. The teacher can also assign a music broadcast that introduces students to the culture as well as how the language is often used creatively or the news channels through which the student can also learn the use of intonation and stress. One of the finest channels BBC is very useful for the students to improve language skills and pronunciation and also to learn the today's world.

Blogging has become increasingly popular, especially in the realm of education as they are a great way to share information and generate discussion. Instead of text books and traditional methods, many educators prefer using these new techniques to help the students and gain experience with various forms of social media. Educators can use a free platform such as BlogSpot, Word press, or Tumbler to host the blog. Nowadays, blogs can also display photos and some people using audio and video, the teacher can motivate the students to visit blog frequently.

Teacher should respond to student posts quickly, writing a short comment related to the content. The teacher should also ask questions about what the learner had written to create stimulus for writing. Writing a blog could be required, and it may form part of the class assessment. Students should be encouraged to post their writing homework on the blog instead of only giving it to the teacher.

E-learning has to be flexible. As learning can be done on laptops, tablets and phones. Learning can be done anywhere. Teaching also can be done in an online process. E-learning attendance is not necessary. A successful completing online course builds self-knowledge and self-confidence and encourages students to take responsibility for their learning. E-learning is a lot less expensive to maintain when compared to what is required to pay for teacher in a classroom style. E-learning lets the user learn the subject at his own pace. One can go through the learning materials following his own preferred sequence. Learning materials can be updated easily and quickly. E-learning leads to increased retention and stronger grasp of the subject as the learning materials presented are rich in quality having animation, video, text, virtual environments and three-dimensional pictures.

### Demerits of E-Learning

In book we can easily mark it and read whereas in e learning it is not possible. In E-learning there will be lots of problem like internet server connection, power, weak signal leads to improper connection between sender and receiver, and some effects on body like eye. Some of the students might not be too comfortable using computers. Online learning cannot offer teacher and students interaction. Only in a small group a person can develop properly. This type of teaching needs huge amount of money particularly at the beginning as it needs modern and developed tools and devices.

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E-learning is one of the most innovative teaching techniques in ELT. In ELT, many of the skills can be trained by using E-learning. Students improve a lot in this method of learning. Well known teachers are taught E-learning sources. In school level, it creates the knowing level of ability. Sometimes it will not work out among the school students because, many of them are not aware of the technologies. In the college level, it works out more because here the students expect only the short way of teaching. So, it is very much useful for students. E-learning teaching consumes less work to the teachers.

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