THE USE OF MODERN TECHNOLOGIES IN TEACHING LISTENING SKILLS

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Abstract: *In modern education, contemporary technologies play a crucial role in enhancing students' listening skills. This article examines interactive tools, mobile applications, and online resources used in teaching listening, analyzing their advantages and limitations. Recommendations for effective integration of technology into listening practice are also provided.*

Keywords: *listening skills, modern technologies, online platforms, mobile applications, interactive learning, digital tools.*

Introduction

Listening skills are one of the most fundamental components of language learning. Effective listening not only improves communication abilities but also enhances vocabulary, pronunciation, and comprehension. In today's global educational environment, digital technologies, mobile applications, online platforms, and interactive resources significantly enhance listening lessons. However, inappropriate or ineffective use of technology can distract students and reduce lesson efficiency.

Literature Review and Methodology

According to researchers and language educators (Harmer, Vandergrift, Richards), modern technologies can significantly improve listening comprehension:

Vandergrift (2007) – Audio and video materials help learners understand contextually and improve comprehension.

Harmer (2015) – Interactive online platforms, quizzes, and virtual simulations encourage active listening.

Richards & Rodgers (2014) – Mobile applications and podcasts allow personalized learning and increase learner motivation.

Methodologically, this article analyzes the role and effectiveness of technologies in developing listening skills. Recommended tools include audiobooks, podcasts, interactive quizzes, video materials, and mobile apps.

Main Body

1. The Use of Modern Technologies in Listening Practice

Technologies support listening skills development through:

Audio resources – Podcasts, audiobooks, dialogues; enhance learners' auditory skills.

Video resources – Films, series, interactive videos; improve pronunciation and contextual understanding.

Mobile applications – Duolingo, LingQ, EWA; provide interactive exercises to reinforce listening comprehension.

Online platforms – BBC Learning English, TED-Ed, Kahoot; ensure active participation and engagement.

2. Advantages and Limitations

Advantages:

Enables learners to study at their own pace;

Simulates real-life communication scenarios;

Allows repeated listening and practice;

Engages students through interactive content.

Limitations:

Over-reliance on technology;

Limited access to internet or devices;

Misinterpretation of materials without teacher guidance;

Potential distraction during lessons.

3. Recommendations for Effective Use

Combine technology with traditional listening exercises;

Conduct post-activity discussions and analysis;

Allow learners to self-assess their performance;

Use technology as a supportive tool, not as the primary instructional method.

Conclusion

In conclusion, modern technologies are powerful tools for developing listening skills. When used correctly, they increase learners' motivation, improve pronunciation and comprehension, and create interactive, personalized learning experiences. However, misuse can reduce lesson effectiveness. Therefore, language educators should integrate technology thoughtfully, using it to support, rather than replace, teacher-led instruction.

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