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THE FUTURE OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE: TEACHING AND LEARNING

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Abstract: *A Language is always changing and adapting to meet the requirements of its community. Consider the differences between the English spoken by Shakespeare and the English we use now! It's evident that English has undergone significant transformations throughout history but what will English look like a hundred years from now? We can't predict exactly what the pronunciations, vocabulary, and grammar of English speakers in the 22nd century will be like, but we might be able to guess a few things by looking at current trends and actions as far as teaching and learning the English language is concerned. English serves as the primary language for literature, newspapers, airports, air traffic control, global business and academic meetings, science and technology, diplomacy, sports, international competitions, pop music, and advertising.*

An increasing concern about equity in society, rather than giving too much advantage to a selective few people, is a shift in social values that is expected to influence both government policies and individual life decisions. Despite this, the English language appears destined to become increasingly significant in global communication, international commerce, and social and cultural activities. However, it might not be the native English-speaking nations that reap the greatest rewards.

Keywords: *English language, Teaching, Learning, Communication.*

Introduction

It's likely that English will continue to be the universal language of business and communication for the coming years, meaning there will likely be a steady rise in the need for English language teaching (ELT). The teaching of English has been greatly affected by the rise of digital communication tools like Zoom, Google Meet (formerly Google Hangouts), Microsoft Teams, and the age-defying Skype. This influence was further intensified by the worldwide Covid-19 pandemic, which saw schools around the globe have to transition to online instruction to adhere to social distancing guidelines. In conjunction with this growing demand, it's expected that new educational technologies will arise, including specialized platforms for virtual teaching, an increase in online resources tailored for classroom use, and the emergence of new support services, including marketing firms that specialize in boosting schools' online visibility.

Objective/Purpose

Globally, there are more than 1.4 billion individuals residing in nations where English is recognized as an official language. A fifth of the global population can speak English to a certain degree. By the year 2000, it is projected that over one billion individuals will be studying English.

Freelance Teaching

Recent advancements in digital technology and the Covid-19 outbreak have also transformed numerous employees from traditional 9-to-5 employment to adaptable, technology-oriented

independent work. This trend persists even as employers make recent attempts to compel them to return to in-office work. Freelance online English language teaching (ELT) can come in many shapes and sizes, such as offering virtual lessons, putting together video tutorials for well-known online platforms, starting a YouTube channel, operating a website blog, etc.

Use of AI technology

As sophisticated artificial intelligence becomes more common, technologies such as machine learning and conversational AI, including ChatGPT, are set to see an increasing presence in educational language teaching (ELT). Although complex AI may not be taking over the duties of classroom instructors anytime soon, an increasing number of teachers are likely to see it as an effective support, helping to ease the workload associated with time-intensive activities such as evaluating and scoring assignments. "AI has been infiltrating English language teaching environments for the past decade and provides incredible methods for improving and tailoring education," Dr. Xu stated. He further elaborated: "AI has advanced to the point where it can precisely identify linguistic patterns in human speech, thereby allowing it to be utilized for grading papers and for the development of materials for the classroom that cater to the diverse needs of students."

Blended Learning

Mixing traditional in-person learning with online self-study, known as blended learning, has become increasingly popular lately. This approach combines the advantages of direct interaction with peers and the convenience of digital study materials. Numerous educators have begun to provide content for their students through learning management systems (LMSs) like Udemy, along with platforms for video sharing and social networks such as Discord. In the future, it's possible that more organizations could start combining different methods, enabling learners to benefit from online materials in addition to receiving direct teaching.

Trending Topics

English Language and Teaching curriculums might more frequently incorporate subjects such as artificial intelligence, space exploration, virtual reality, cultural awareness and inclusiveness, climate change, and sustainable technologies, as these subjects regularly make news. Lingua House worksheets often address current trends.

Questioning the future

Language and Instruction programs could more often include topics like artificial intelligence, space exploration, virtual reality, understanding different cultures and promoting inclusiveness, environmental issues, and eco-friendly technologies, as these areas consistently appear in the news. Lingua House worksheets frequently tackle recent developments.

The Importance of Clear English Communication

People who often talk to those who speak English as their first language in school or work environments must master the art of speaking in a clear and professional manner. Speaking clearly makes you seem more trustworthy and skilled in your area of expertise. Apps like ChatterFox is crafted to assist users in reaching this proficient stage, giving them the ability to communicate with ease and self-assurance among their coworkers and classmates.

Globalization and Employability

Speaking English well is still very important for getting into opportunities worldwide. Since India still plays a big role in outsourcing and global business, being able to speak English

well can help open up chances for getting into university, finding jobs, and moving up in a career. Schools are more and more making their courses match international levels, making sure that students have the English abilities they need to do well in a worldwide job market.

Innovative Approaches and Adaptive Learning

The path ahead for teaching English in the modern era is marked by creativity and flexible educational approaches. The advancements in artificial intelligence, machine learning, and the analysis of vast amounts of data facilitate customized educational routes designed to meet the unique requirements of each student. Utilizing game elements, virtual reality, and mixed-reality technologies, students can engage in deep language immersion, turning the learning process both fun and efficient.

Policy and Curriculum Reforms

Language teaching guidelines are crucial in forming the foundation of education. New updates focus on comprehensive growth, blending language abilities with various academic areas and supporting the use of multiple languages. The 2020 National Education Policy stresses a versatile strategy for language instruction, pushing for institutions to implement bilingual or multilingual educational techniques that maintain local dialects while improving English competency.

Pedagogical Shifts

Old-fashioned teaching strategies are being replaced by methods that prioritize student involvement, enhancing abilities to communicate, think critically, and be creative. The emphasis is moving from just memorizing facts to applying knowledge in real-world scenarios, motivating students to use English with assurance in everyday life. Activity-based learning, working in groups, and classes where the teacher shares content before class are becoming increasingly popular as they foster engagement and more profound comprehension.

Teachers' Training and Professional Development

The effectiveness of teaching English in the language heavily relies on the skills and ongoing growth of the teachers. It's crucial for them to undergo training to gain access to the newest teaching strategies, tech resources, and abilities to communicate across different cultures. Ongoing learning guarantees that educators remain current with changing teaching trends and are able to support the learning process of their students effectively.

Conclusion

Looking ahead, the ELT field is set to be defined by creativity and flexibility. Technological advancements will play a key role in these transformations, enriching the educational journey and broadening opportunities for learning English. As there's an increasing focus on understanding different cultures, customized and adaptive learning, and the ongoing acknowledgment of English as a worldwide language for interaction, the worldwide ELT industry is poised to keep progressing. It will also adjust to new situations and changes as it has managed to in previous periods.

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