

The Effectiveness Of Mobile Assisted Learning In Developing Lsrw Skills

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Teaching and learning are dynamic and they change in accordance with the passage of time. The growth of technology has introduced many new things that make teaching and learning much easier and faster. This technological development is visible in every sector of life. In earlier times, people had to go to markets for purchasing goods but now people can purchase food or anything by just clicking on their Smartphone. Such changes have also come in the teaching-learning process. Now technological aids are very much used. They are also made mandatory in many institutions. The introduction of language library in academic institutions was a groundbreaking movement and now it has become a part of the institutions. Nowadays education is not only happening in the traditional classrooms, but also it happens wherever one can access the internet or online materials. The ministry of Human resources of India has started a study web or online course provider where the learners can do certificate programs of many

reputed universities in online mode. So leaning has become very much accessible through technology. This paper focuses on the effectiveness of mobile phones in developing language skills.

Listening Skills

Listening is the most important aspect of communication. The interest in listening will make the learner to understand the communication properly. In listening, the learner is involved and gives complete attention, where as in hearing, which is biological, the learner is passive. Children observe their parents and the people around and gradually pick up the language. This is very natural. They get much exposure to develop their first language in the family and the society and hence they can achieve mastery in speaking without putting too much effort. Whereas in English language learning, children do not get much exposure. They learn English in the classroom but at the same time, they do not get enough space for practicing it. So the learners have to find maximum opportunities to refine their English language by listening to the English documentaries and Videos.

‘Talk English’ is an excellent application for language learners. This application can be easily downloaded from the mobile play store. Once the student has downloaded this application he or she can choose the appropriate options like ‘Beginner level and the ‘Business English’ conversation. If the student is a beginner in language learning then he or she should go with the Beginner English conversation where one can listen to many model conversations in English language by the native speakers of English. After practicing that they can go to other levels.

‘YouTube’ is also an excellent option to refine and improve language skills. In ‘YouTube’, there are many new uploads and the learners can watch them in online and offline mode. There are also many documentaries in English on various subjects in ‘YouTube.’ Coach Shane is a language expert and his YouTube videos provide wonderful platform for improving the language skills. Since language skills are interconnected, it is very much important to listen to the best videos for achieving mastery on speaking skills.

Speaking

Good listening leads to excellence in speaking. If a learner has the habit of listening, then surely his language will be more beautiful and his communication will be clear and comprehensible. Thousands of e-learning materials are available for developing speaking skills; There are many applications which are exclusively created for improving speaking skills. ‘Hello Talk’ is an excellent application for speaking skills. Once the application is downloaded then there will be a window containing various options like ‘English Speaking Basics’ ‘Regular English Lessons’, ‘Idioms and Phrases’ and so on. The learner should regularly use these applications and should practice speaking in English Language. The learner can record his English Speech by using a mobile voice recorder. Initially the learner may struggle to get words and ideas but by proper practice, the learner will be able to make meaningful sentences without many errors.

Reading Skills

Reading is one of the best ways to get proficiency and it is a receptive skill in Language learning. Both reading and listening help the learners to gather information and the gathered information is reflected in their writing and speaking. Listening and speaking can be done even without knowing the letters but reading is much more complex. For that, the person should learn the letters. That's why it is considered as the last of the skills in LSRW.

Many people make reading their habit, because it gives them immense pleasure and makes them feel more comfortable. So in developing our personality and attitude, the role of reading is commendable. Undoubtedly, one can say that reading makes a man complete. Apart from the personal progress, the habit of reading also makes drastic changes in the formation of views and values and it makes a positive impact on the society.

Developing English language is very much possible through reading English books and newspaper. English language is rich in its vast vocabulary, and in literature. Since English is considered as a universal language, many writings in English are popular all over the world. Moreover, many regional writings are translated into English language to make it available to everyone irrespective of their first language. That is why English language is considered as the library language. One can access many books from various disciplines in English language. According to one's interest and aptitude, one can choose thousands of books written in English. Reading those books can help them better their speaking and writing skills.

In earlier times, reading happened in the traditional settings, that is, people used hardcopies to read and get information. In order to deepen his/her knowledge the learner had to

go to libraries. But now, due to technological advancement reading is much easier and accessible. Now anyone can read at his or her own time and pace with the use of mobile phone.

‘Kindle’ is an e-book reader store where one can download hundreds of books. These books can be read either offline and online. That light of the background and the size of the font can be adjusted by the user to make reading more comfortable. ‘BookBub’ is also another platform for accessing books and it has more than twenty genres. ‘EbooKids’ is an exclusive e-reading provider for children. Those books are simple and easy to understand. Besides English books, this provider has also books in other languages. So E-learning is an apt and effective way to start reading, to fall in love with reading and to advance in self development.

Writing Skills

Writing is the last of the four skills in LSRW. It is a productive skill. Writing is an unavoidable part in the academic life. Most of our exams are written examinations. So, improving writing skill is a sign of excellence. Many people do write down their imaginations or literary pieces but, often they are not meant for academic purpose. In accordance with the context, writing should be carefully used. When it comes to business communication, the technical writing matters a lot, for example writing a proper email without errors is the gateway to professional excellence.

‘Writing English’ is considered as the best application for developing writing skills in English language. This application can be downloaded from the Play-store. Once the application is downloaded, the learner can choose from various options provided in the application. Each

option deals with different aspects of writing. Many learners have problems in punctuation marks. This can be minimized by using this application. This application has an option for choosing 'Punctuation' where it completely deals with the need and significance of using proper punctuation marks. It also has options like 'Useful Academic Expression' 'Writing a Cause and Effect paragraph'.

M-learning is also a source of motivation; the intrinsic motivation is an integral part in the language learning process. When you learn something with love then you learn with ease and joy. Mobile is like kith and kin to the modern learners. So they should make the maximum use of the opportunities available through mobile phones. Majority of the learners are not familiar with the above-mentioned applications. Knowledge of these applications is very much essential. Once we start to make use of these applications, it will create wonderful effects in the second language learning process.

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