

“Contemporary Learning and Teaching Technologies in the ELT Classroom”

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Abstract

Contemporary technologies are extremely powerful as they rely on humans' preference for visually presented information. These technologies combine image and sound in an excellent way, attracting and maintaining for a longer span students' attention on the skills and material taught from preschool through advanced level.

The technological resources that are nowadays available are truly amazing! And, although we should not regard them as methodologies for learning, but as tools to support teachers in whatever approach they have opted for, technology can be a great asset in the EFL classroom, as it helps teachers not only present new material, but also motivate and engage students in communicative situations appropriate for their level.

The most fundamental outcomes of Information Technology integration in the ELT environment are:

- ✓ greater in-class interaction,
- ✓ increased student motivation,
- ✓ enhancement of learners' achievement,
- ✓ experiential learning through the use of authentic materials,
- ✓ detachment from absolute dependence on the coursebook as the sole single source of information, and
- ✓ a wider understanding of the global environment.

Therefore, the target of this presentation is to suggest and exemplify a rich variety of ways through which English language teachers can exploit modern technology in an effort to enhance classroom learning and enrich their teaching in a truly engaging and appealing manner. Moreover, additional hardcopy material with specific examples on the implementation of these tools will be provided to participants.