

USING MOBILE APPS IN LEARNING FOREIGN LANGUAGE

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Abstract. *This study explores the role of mobile applications in foreign language learning and highlights their effectiveness in modern education. With the rapid development of technology and the increasing number of internet users worldwide, mobile learning has become a widely used method. Language learning applications provide flexible, accessible, and interactive opportunities for learners to study anytime and anywhere. Moreover, these applications support independent learning and contribute to the development of cognitive and communicative skills. The study also discusses certain limitations of mobile applications while emphasizing their overall importance in language education.*

Key words: *Mobile learning, language learning applications, independent learning, interactive methods, motivation, digital education.*

Introduction

In today's rapidly developing technological era, the methods of learning foreign languages have significantly changed. Learning languages through mobile applications has become one of the most popular forms of modern education. Currently, approximately 6 billion people have access to the internet, and this number continues to grow. This creates new opportunities for learning languages through smartphones. In modern education, the demand for mobile applications in language learning is steadily increasing. These applications allow learners to study without leaving their homes, providing access to education at any time and in any place without major difficulties.

Main body:

Learning languages through mobile applications offers numerous advantages. Firstly, it saves both time and money. Many applications are free and easy to use, making them accessible to a wide range of learners. In addition, they use various interactive methods that make the learning process more engaging and effective.

Mobile-assisted language learning is considered a form of independent learning. It helps improve learners' cognitive and communicative skills. According to Ruzikova (2023), mobile learning increases learners' knowledge levels and allows them to use their time more efficiently. Furthermore, mobile applications attract users through interactive features and personalized learning experiences.

However, not all applications are equally effective or safe. Some applications require payment for essential features, which may create inconvenience for users. Therefore, choosing appropriate and reliable applications is important.

Among the most popular language learning applications is Duolingo. It offers a user-friendly interface, motivational features, and a competitive environment that encourages learners to stay engaged. According to Ruffi (2019), Duolingo enhances learners' motivation and simplifies the learning process. It also develops the four key language skills: listening, reading, writing, and speaking.

A study published by Education Sciences (2019) found that learners using Duolingo for Spanish and French performed as well as students who completed several semesters of university language courses, particularly in reading and listening skills. This demonstrates the effectiveness of mobile applications in language learning.

Conclusions:

In conclusion, mobile applications play an important role in learning foreign languages today. As mentioned above, they are widely used because they are flexible, accessible, and easy to use for many learners. Students can study anytime and anywhere without leaving their homes, which makes the learning process more convenient and comfortable. These applications also help save time and money, since many of them are free and simple to use, and they do not require special conditions. In addition, mobile apps use interactive methods such as different tasks and exercises, which make learning more interesting and engaging. They also support independent learning, allowing students to study at their own pace, repeat lessons when necessary, and improve their cognitive and communicative skills step by step. At the same time, it is important to understand that not all applications are equally effective, and some of them require payment for full access, which may not be convenient for everyone. Therefore, choosing the right and reliable application is very important for better results. Overall, mobile applications provide useful opportunities for language learners and make the learning process easier, more flexible, and more comfortable, especially in modern education where technology plays a big role.

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