

THE DIDACTIC POTENTIAL OF DIGITAL LEARNING PLATFORMS AND INTERACTIVE METHODS IN FOREIGN LANGUAGE TEACHING

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Abstract. This article examines the didactic potential of digital learning platforms and interactive methods in foreign language teaching. It analyzes how modern technologies enhance learner engagement, improve language acquisition, and support personalized learning. The study highlights practical examples of widely used digital tools and presents statistical evidence demonstrating their effectiveness. Additionally, the article discusses the advantages and limitations of integrating digital platforms into the educational process. The findings suggest that combining interactive methods with digital technologies significantly improves learning outcomes and promotes student motivation.

Аннотация. В данной статье рассматривается дидактический потенциал цифровых образовательных платформ и интерактивных методов в обучении иностранным языкам. Анализируется влияние современных технологий на повышение вовлеченности учащихся, эффективность усвоения языка и индивидуализацию обучения. В работе приведены практические примеры использования цифровых инструментов и статистические данные, подтверждающие их результативность. Также обсуждаются преимущества и ограничения внедрения цифровых платформ в образовательный процесс. Результаты исследования показывают, что сочетание интерактивных методов и цифровых технологий значительно улучшает учебные результаты и повышает мотивацию обучающихся.

Keywords: digital learning platforms, foreign language teaching, interactive methods, gamification, learner engagement, personalized learning, educational technology.

The rapid development of information technologies has reshaped educational systems worldwide. In the fields of foreign language teaching, digital platforms and interactive methodologies have become essential tools for enhancing learning outcomes. Applications such as Duolingo, Quizlet and Kahoot! Provide learners with engaging and personalized experiences. These tools support both formal and informal learning environments.

Digital platforms offer flexible, accessible and learner – centered environments. They integrate multimedia elements such as audio, video and gamifies exercises, which enhance comprehension and retention. For example, Duolingo uses gamification techniques, including rewards and levels, to motivate users. According to a study by City University of New York, 34 hours of Duolingo use can be equivalent to one semester of university-level language instruction (Vesselinov & Grego, 2012)¹. Similarly, Quizlet enhances vocabulary acquisition through spaced repetition. Research shows that spaced repetition improves long-term memory retention by up to 200% compared to traditional memorization techniques (Cepeda et al., 2006)².

Interactive teaching methods involve active student participation through communication, collaboration and problem-solving. These methods include role-playing, simulations and game-based learning. Platforms like Kahoot! Promote real-time interaction in classrooms. A 2020 study found that 85% of students reported increased motivation when using game-based learning tools (Wang & Tahir, 2020)³. Another example is the use of virtual

classrooms and video conferencing tools, such as Zoom, which allow learners to interact with native speakers. This exposure improves speaking skills and cultural understanding.

Didactic Advantages of learning

1. Personalization of learning

Digital platforms adapt content based on learners' proficiency levels. Artificial intelligence systems analyze performance and provide customized exercises.

2. Increased engagement

Gamification and interactive tasks make learning more enjoyable. Studies show that interactive learning increases student engagement by up to 60% (Hamari et al., 2014)⁴.

3. Immediate feedback

Unlike traditional methods, digital tools provide instant feedback, allowing learners to correct mistakes in real time.

4. Accessibility and Flexibility

Learners can access materials anytime and anywhere, which is particularly beneficial for distance education.

Despite their advantage, digital platforms also present challenges. These include limited face-to-face interaction, potential over-reliance on technology and unequal access to digital resources. Moreover, not all learners are equally motivated to use self-directed platforms.

Digital learning platforms and interactive methods offer significant didactic potential in foreign language teaching. They enhance engagement, improve learning efficiency and provide flexible learning environments. However, their effectiveness depends on proper integration with traditional teaching methods and the development of digital literacy among both teachers and students.

We can say that nowadays digital tools has transcended being a “specialized” skill; it is now the foundation requirement for almost every sphere, from agriculture to high – end engineering.

While basic digital fluency (using communication tools, navigating online platforms) is essential, true digital literacy involves the ability to critically evaluate information, secure data and understand how to leverage technology for innovation (ICDL digital student, 2023)⁴.

Mastery of advanced digital tools – such as data analytics, cloud computing, cybersecurity basics and artificial intelligence (AI) – sets young professionals apart. These skills signal to employers that a candidate is ready to contribute to digital transformation projects (Julia Funk, Literacy planet, 2024)⁵.

Digital literacy has become a fundamental requirement across all sectors, encompassing not only technical skills but also critical thinking and data security. It also involves a proactive mindset that enables individuals to continuously learn and respond effectively to the evolving demands of the modern labor market (Julia Funk, Literacy Planet, 2024).

From an analytical perspective, foreign languages – particularly English – function as a bridge to global knowledge systems. A significant portion of significant publications, online courses and professionals resources are available primarily in English. Therefore, individuals who possess language skills can access a broader range of information and opportunities. At the same time, digital technologies act as tools that enable the practical application of this knowledge in real – world contexts.

Moreover, the integration of these two competencies enhances not only employability but also lifelong learning. As highlighted by OECD (2022), individuals with strong digital and communication skills are more likely to adapt successfully to changing job requirements.

This suggests that education systems should move beyond traditional teaching approaches and adopt more interactive and technology – based methods.

One of the most effective approaches is project – based learning, where students engage in real or simulated professional tasks. For instance, participating in international online collaborations requires students to use both foreign languages and digital platforms simultaneously. This method fosters critical thinking, teamwork and problem – solving skills which are essential for modern life careers.

For example, a university student who participated in an international online course delivered in English not only improves their language skills but also gains experience in using digital tools such as virtual learning environment and communication platforms. This dual development prepares the student for real workplace situations, where both competencies are required simultaneously.

Similarly, young professionals who engage in freelance work on global platforms must communicate with clients in English while using digital tools to deliver their services. This demonstrates how foreign languages and technology function together as interconnected skills rather than separate domains.

One important idea is that learning environments should simulate real professional situations. For instance, instead of traditional classroom exercises students can participate in international online projects where they must use both English and software tools to solve problems. This approach not only improves technical and linguistic skills but also develops soft skills such as adaptability to another culture people.

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