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Abstract:

The progression of technology has transformed many aspects of human living style including English language learning. From the traditional classroom-based methods the English learning has been greatly transitioned with the incorporation of Artificial Intelligence Information and Communication Technologies and digital tools. This study focuses the transformative impact of AI in creating a positive and effective learning environment for English language acquaintance. AI can be integrated with needs of learner to create customized environment one can learn simultaneously different skills such as writing, dialogue, multilingual translation tools etc. The role of AI in personalized guidance and real time feedback to improve overall language proficiency is discussed while emphasizing a balanced approach to human-AI collaboration. In digital era AI - driven tools can support English learning but the role of human interaction is also essential for best language acquisition.

Key Words: Digital Era, English Learning, Artificial Intelligence, Personalized learning, language Acquisition.

1. Introduction:

In the past, language learning primarily relied on face - to- face instruction, text books, and rote memorization. However, with the advancement in technology there is a profound impact on education, including English language teaching, learning, and assessment making it more interactive and accessible. Transmitting information into text, images and sound is become much easier by the development of new technologies. AI-driven English learning apps, Google translate, Reverso, Chat bots, Intelligent Tutoring Systems (ITS), Duolingo, Babel, etc are various diverse range of learning tools that make learning process more accessible, personalized and efficient. Online tools can further enhance the learning experience by facilitating international collaboration in a more accessible and cost –effective manner (Kulenovic, 2024).

2. AI Technologies used in ELT:

Artificial intelligence (AI) technology aims to develop machines which are capable of performing tasks that were once confined to human intelligence (Han, 2019). As AI is one of the most advanced information systems, continues to evolve, creating novel approaches that enhance diverse fields, including education. Especially, AI has substantially transformed the process of teaching and learning of English, making it more accessible and efficient. Technological advancements have made easier the language acquisition, allowing learners to engage and interact with intelligent systems that offer personalized instruction and real-time feedback. AI-based tools enable adaptive learning experiences, which caters to the needs of individual and improves overall proficiency (Fryer & Carpenter, 2006). As AI advances, its incorporation into language education commits to redesign the way English is taught and learned, creating more interactive, engaging and effective learning environments.

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intelligence (AI) technology now plays a vital role in enriching language proficiency, providing learners innovative tools to strengthen their skills. The integration of language literacy with digital literacy provides a powerful approach to improve global competence. The more the AI technology advances, the more its ability to accurately process and respond to linguistic inputs enhances, making it an indispensable asset in language acquisition. Subsequently, the integration of AI-powered tools reinforces the teaching and learning of foreign languages, providing more immersive, personalized and effective learning experiences (Yingsoon, 2021). Artificial Intelligence is widely being used in teaching English Language to enrich learning outcomes. It aids learners by producing coherent, grammatically accurate texts and providing personalized remedial exercises. These AI-driven tools aid both educators and students by offering tailored learning experiences and improving overall language proficiency. The following are some of the most commonly used AI powered tools in English language learning.

2.1 Digital Tools in Language Learning:

Digital tools in language learning comprise various technologies that enrich language acquisition and proficiency. These include language learning apps, multimedia resources, language exchange platforms translation tools and online dictionaries. They offer immersive, interactive and personalized learning experiences which improves vocabulary, pronunciation and communication skills while making learning more accessible and interactive.

2.1.1 Language Learning Applications:

The language learning applications provide structured learning paths, gamified lessons, interactive exercises and real-time feedback to engage learners.

Duolingo: Integrates gamification with points, levels and streaks to remain learners motivated.

Babbel: Provides structured courses tailored to focus on practical conversation skills.

2.1.2 Multimedia Resources:

Platforms such as YouTube and different educational websites provide an extensive collection of audiovisual content such as language learning tutorials, podcasts, music and films. These multimedia resources improve students' linguistic comprehension by exposing them to authentic pronunciation, different accents and real-world conversations, making language learning more immersive and effective.

Videos and Podcasts: Spotify and YouTube platforms feature dedicated language podcasts and learning resources. These resources provide immersive listening experiences.

Interactive Audiobooks and Storybooks: These digital tools boost skills such as listening and comprehension. Interactive story books include voiceovers, animations and word highlighting, assisting learners to improve their pronunciation and vocabulary. Audiobooks, narrated by native speakers, expose learners to natural accent and intonation.

2.1.3 Online Dictionaries and Translation tools:

These tools offer instant translations, contextual illustrations and pronunciation guidance, assisting learners in understanding and using new vocabulary efficiently. They work as valuable resources for independent learning and real-time communication.

Google Translate: Delivers instantaneous translation services across multiple languages. It provides text, speech and image translation, making it a multipurpose tool for language learners. Furthermore, it offers a conversation style for real-time multilingual communication.

Reverso: Provides contextual translations and examples to enhance thorough understanding. It offers conjugations, synonyms and grammar explanations, helping users grasp subtle distinctions in language. The tool is especially beneficial for accurately translating idiomatic expressions.

Linguee: Combines translation search engine and dictionary functionalities. It provides example sentences

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from real-world sources, ensuring translations are contextually appropriate. Linguee additionally also supports offline use, making it a reliable reference tool for the headful learners.

2.1.4 Language Exchange Platforms:

These language exchange platforms allow instantaneous interaction with instructors and indigenous speakers promoting realistic intercultural communication. By engaging in conversations with native speakers, learners can enrich their speaking and listening skills, attain cultural insights, and build confidence in using the language in real-world contexts.

Hello Talk: Connects learners with native speakers for language exchange, enabling real-time text, voice and video interactions. It also offers pronunciation and translation tools to enrich communication and comprehension.

Tandem App: Enables language acquisition through peer to peer learning with native speakers across the world. This platform also provides professional tutors, organized lessons, and customized learning plans for specific language enhancement.

2.2 Role of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) in Language Teaching :

ICT provide comprehensive tools for organizational development of course, delivery of content, communication and also assessment. Learning Management Systems (LMS) like, Canvas and Moodle, Virtual Classroom such as Zoom and Microsoft Teams, E-learning platforms like Coursera, Udemy and Khan Academy, social media and Communication Tools such as WhatsApp, Telegram, Facebook and Instagram provide organized, accessible and effective learning environments with interactive features.

2.2.1 Learning Management Systems (LMS):

LMS platforms enable educators to develop advance interactive and customized learning environments that address diverse learner needs, eventually strengthening engagement and promoting educational attainment.

Moodle: It is an open-source learning management system that supports educators to create, and deliver courses with adaptable features, participative activities and assessment tools.

Canvas: A cloud-based learning management system that promotes collaboration through discussion forums, instantaneous feedback and integrative assessment tools, providing robust analytics for keeping track of student progress.

2.2.2 Virtual Classroom:

This platform facilitates continuous interaction between teachers and students, creating an immersive and engaging online learning experience. They offer features such as video conferencing, screen sharing and participative collaborative activities, ensuring effective communication and real-time engagement in a virtual classroom setting.

Zoom: Enables real-time video classes, separate discussion spaces and screen sharing, making language practice immersive and interactive.

Microsoft Teams: cohesively incorporated with educational tools, providing collaborative learning through chats, file sharing and virtual meetings.

2.2.3 E-learning Platforms:

E-learning platforms have greatly revolutionized learning of language through attainable, adaptable as well as interactive scholarly experiences. They accommodate diverse styles through multimedia content, real-time collaboration and customized learning paths.

Coursera: Provides expert-led online language courses from top universities and institutions, awarding

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certificates upon completion.

Udemy: Features a wide array of self-paced language courses, encompassing grammar, vocabulary and conversational skills.

Khan Academy: Offers free educational resources, including language learning materials, to reinforce learners of all levels.

2.2.3 Social Media and Communication Tools:

These tools have revolutionized language acquisition by offering real-time interaction, engaging and immersive practice platforms and global collaboration.

WhatsApp & Telegram: These messaging apps aids as social media and communication tools, enabling group discussions, language practice, group discussions and instantaneous collaboration among learners and educators.

Facebook & Instagram: These platforms foster language learning communities, allowing users to share educational content, involve in discussions and access various language resources through interactive posts and videos.

2.3 Artificial Intelligence in Language Learning:

AI plays a crucial role in facilitating information delivery and enhances the efficacious of English language learning. The accessibility of various AI-powered technologies enables students to grasp concepts more efficiently, reinforcing the explanations provided by teachers. Furthermore, AI allows learners to engage in self-indulgent study without demanding direct interaction with teachers, offering better flexibility in the learning process.

2.3.1 Intelligent Tutoring Systems (ITS):

Intelligent Tutoring Systems (ITS) are AI-driven educational tools designed for personalize learning by assessing student progress, offering specific feedback and tailoring instruction to improve skill development and comprehension.

AI-Driven Feedback: Instantly accesses language exercises, providing personalized corrections and suggestions to improve grammar, vocabulary and pronunciation skills.

Adaptive Learning: Personalizes modules centered on the learner's proficiency and progress levels ensuring focused instruction that addresses individual strengths and areas of weakness for improvement.

2.3.2 Machine Learning Algorithms:

Machine learning algorithms are transforming language learning by enabling personalized learning experiences, ensuring that lessons cater to individual progress and needs. Through predictive analytics to foresee challenges, offer real-time feedback for instantaneous improvement and provide adaptable content recommendations, making language learning more engaging, immersive efficient and effective for wide range of learners.

Personalized Learning Paths: Use learner data to adapt curriculum, aiming for specific learning outcomes that addresses individual strengths and weaknesses.

Predictive Analytics: Detect potential learning challenges early and recommend proactive interventions to enhance student progress.

2.3.3 Natural Language Processing (NLP):

Virtual tutors are the replica of real-life conversations, enriching speaking and listening skills in a collaborative, risk-free setting. These AI-driven tools provide real-time feedback, enabling students to refine their pronunciation, fluency and communication effectively.

Speech Recognition: Improves pronunciation by providing real-time feedback, helping learners hone their

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spoken language skills (e.g., Amazon Alexa, Speechace)

Chatbots: Provide AI-based speaking practice, allowing learners to simulate in interactive dialogue practice and improve fluency (e.g., Replika, Mondly).

3. Benefits and Challenges of AI in English Learning:

Mukhallafi (2020) highlights that the incorporation of AI in education improves the organizing, sequencing, besides content selection, while also broadening teaching methodologies and career pathways personalized to students' proficiency levels. Similarly, Ghafar et al. (2023) emphasize that AI-driven tools refine pedagogical strategies and assessment methods by tailoring self-learning processes and simulating intelligent and expert systems. The emergence of digital platforms has substantially facilitated English language learning and teaching and also with the incorporation of AI-powered technologies it further enhances linguistic proficiency. Yingsoon (2021) asserts that integrating AI into language education enhances global competence by combining technological advancements with language acquisition, thereby improving foreign language teaching and learning.

3.1 Benefits of AI in Teaching and Learning of English Language

Artificial Intelligence role is indispensable in enriching English language learning by offering various types of accessible information, to make the learning process more effective. With the availability of diverse advanced learning technologies, students can better grasp and comprehend lessons without relying solely and completely on teacher interaction. AI-powered tools facilitate personalized, immersive learning experiences, flexible assessments, and real-time feedback ensuring a more efficient and engaging educational journey. The incorporation of AI into English language teaching reinforces learners in developing essential skills through interactive and engaging methods. Below are some of the vital roles AI contributes to improve English language teaching and learning.

3.1.1 Friendly Need Based Learning Environment:

AI revolutionizes English language learning environment by creating interactive and engaging environments. By incorporating and processing data like text, audio and images, AI-powered tools enriches engagement and provide authentic language experiences. The human-computer interface enables students to interact dynamically with AI, promoting a more natural and contextual learning process. AI-driven teaching software is designed to meet with learners' needs, providing personalized instruction and desired learning outcomes. A constructive English language education needs a comprehensive analysis of learners' needs, and AI ensures adaptive, career minded learning and receptive to individual growth and progress, finally making the process more effective and powerful.

3.1.2 Offers Quality Content:

Artificial Intelligence enables the creation of qualitative teaching and learning materials that caters to all the aspects of language learning basic skills such as listening, speaking, reading, and writing (LSRW). AI-driven applications offer high quality content personalized to individual needs and interests, providing unlimited learning opportunities. By leveraging AI, educators can create comprehensive quality resources that enriches language proficiency across multifarious skill levels. These tools adapt to learners' penchants, ensuring a customized and engaging learning experience. With AI, language learning becomes more feasible, immersive and efficient, revolutionizing the way students interact with and attaining mastery of the English language.

RESEARCH ARTICLE**3.1.3 Enriches Teaching and Learning Efficiency:**

AI substantially enhances the proficiency of English language teaching and learning by offering an interactive and genuine conversational platform for teachers and students. It facilitates proficiency in written as well as spoken English at the same time improving comprehension skills. AI equips teachers to present customized content using advanced audio-visual aids, ensuring students remain immersive and active for extended periods. In addition to, AI's penetrating insights into diverse customs and cultures of various Anglophone countries fosters meaningful connections with learners. By incorporating cultural elements into lessons, AI makes language learning more interesting and relatable, eventually increasing students' impulse, enthusiasm and zeal for mastering English.

3.1.4 Supplements Teacher and Student Support System:

Artificial Intelligence aids as a valuable external backing mechanism for both teachers and learners in English language learning. By integrating with humanized knowledge, AI offers immaculate real-time assistance, making learning accessible to everyone's convenience at everywhere. Nevertheless, AI does not substitute educators; instead, it transforms their role in the teaching process. Rather than being the sole source of instruction, teachers act as guides and facilitators, concentrate more on personalized support and interactive learning. AI-based applications enriches English Language Teaching (ELT) by systematizing routine tasks, permitting educators to devote more time to mentor the students in a more dynamic, technology-driven environment.

3.1.5 Global Connectivity :

Artificial Intelligence enhances global connectivity by overcoming spatial and time restraints in education. AI-based instructional systems provide students with limitless learning possibilities, enabling access to quality educational resources from institutions worldwide. Through advanced technologies including voice recognition, facial recognition and movement tracking, AI fosters remote learning and engagement, making education more open. AI-based platforms break cultural and linguistic barriers, fosters uninterrupted communication and collaboration among learners across the world. By integrating these technologies, AI transforms the educational landscape in to a truly borderless and universal learning experience.

3.1.6 Promotes Practical Skills:

AI plays a significant role in enhancing practical skills among learners in English language learning by providing adaptive and interactive learning experiences. With effective integration of AI into English Language Teaching (ELT), both teachers and students will become proficient in employing AI-driven tools and expeditiously addresses challenges. AI enriches language learning by providing continuous feedback, personalized learning pathways, and engaging simulations that reflect real-world scenarios. As AI advances, it strengthens students' capability to apply their linguistic skills in practical situations, ultimately nurturing greater confidence and fluency in English communication.

3.1.7 Immediate Feedback for Enhanced Learning:

AI-based educational systems provide real-time feedback, greatly improving the English language learning process. These systems evaluate students' performance immediately, offering individualized insights and appraisals tailored to their specific needs. AI can assess students' input through reviews, grading, detailed evaluations and cross-verification, ensuring an in-depth analysis of their progress. By incorporating AI into instructional programs, learners will receive continuous and structured feedback, allowing them to hone their language skills effectively. This instantaneous response mechanism enriches learning efficiency, increases confidence and assists students to identify their areas of improvement, making the language acquisition process more stimulating and dynamic.

RESEARCH ARTICLE**3.2 Considerations in AI-Driven English Language Learning:**

Although there are several advantages the digital technologies provide for language learning, they also introduce numerous challenges that are to be addressed to guarantee unbiased and efficient education. In spite of AI's emerging role in enriching English language teaching and learning, it has its own limitations which need careful consideration. Some key challenges and constraints concomitant with AI integration in language education are outlined below.

3.2.1 Data Privacy and Security Concerns in AI-Based Education:

Protecting data privacy and security is a major challenge in the implementation of AI-powered learning systems as they rely on large amounts of data, such as students' personal details, academic performance and behavioural patterns to provide personalized learning experiences. Nevertheless, safeguarding this information against unauthorized access and potential breaches remains a significant concern. There is no assurance that sensitive data will stay protected in the future. Therefore, strict data protection policies and strong security measures must be implemented to maintain the integrity and confidentiality of learners' information.

3.2.2 Technical Challenges:

One of the primary hindrances in integrating AI in education is the technical infrastructure requirements, especially in remote and under resourced areas. AI-driven learning systems compel significant investments in advanced computing devices, high-band width internet facility and incessant technical assistance. Educational institutions in under privileged areas may not have access to these essential resources, putting their students at a disadvantage. The growing digital divide emphasizes the immediate need to enhance access to the internet and technology, particularly in under privileged communities. Furthermore, maintaining the credibility and reliability of online educational content is also crucial for effective learning outcomes.

3.2.3 Absence of Human Touch:

The major limitations of AI in education are the absence of human touch. AI-powered learning systems depend on automated content delivery, which may not foster the same level of close connection and deeper engagement like traditional classroom interactions. In contrast to human teachers, AI cannot offer emotional support, personalized encouragement, motivation and nuanced feedback based on a student's unique learning needs. The absence of direct teacher-student interaction may lead to a lack of inspiration and abridged engagement, emphasizing the importance of maintaining a balance between AI-driven instruction and human assistance in education.

3.2.4 Ethical Concerns

The incorporation of AI in education raises ethical concerns especially on privacy issues and over-reliance on technology. AI systems need voluminous data, including personal and academic information, posing risks of unauthorized access and data breaches. Moreover, excessive dependence on AI-generated answers can hamper students' problem-solving and critical thinking abilities. When learners rely completely on AI for solutions, their capability for analytical reasoning and independent judgment may diminish over time. Ensuring ethical AI utility in education necessitates strict data protective measures and a balanced approach that fosters human accuracy and active cognitive involvement in the learning process.

RESEARCH ARTICLE**3.2.5 Cultural Sensitivity:**

Another challenge of AI-driven education is securing cultural sensitivity. AI systems may struggle to fully adapt to diverse cultural contexts, leading to inappropriate and misinterpretations of the content. Expressions, idioms, sarcasm and humour, that are acceptable in one culture may be offensive in another. As AI lacks the deep cultural awareness of human educators, it may fail to provide culturally intricate explanations or design lessons to explicit social and regional contexts. Addressing this challenge requires continuous refinement of AI algorithms to integrate cultural inclusivity and adaptability in language learning.

3.2.6 Continuous Professional Development for Teachers

The promising incorporation of AI- powered technologies in language education depends on comprehensive teacher training and continuous professional development. Educators must be ready to equip with the required digital skills and instructional strategies to efficiently incorporate AI and other technological and digital tools into their teaching. Continuous training ensures that teachers remain updated with emerging trends, enhance their instructional approaches so that they can address possible challenges in technology-driven learning environments. Professional development programs should focus on fostering adaptability to digital literacy and innovative teaching methods, empowering educators to create immersive and effective learning experiences while maintaining a balance between human interaction and technology.

4. Conclusion:

Artificial intelligence (AI) seeks to develop machines capable of exhibiting intelligence comparable to or even surpassing human cognition and perception. The objective is to enable AI to perform tasks to ease and streamline human activities such as natural language processing, reasoning, perception, object manipulation and learning. By automating various processes, AI enhances efficiency, reduces amount of time spent on tasks, and leads to cost minimization in decision-making and performing operations. The emergence of digital technologies has substantially simplified English language learning. With the integration of computers and mobile devices, AI-powered tools have become more accessible, facilitating a wider global audience to acquire language skills. Personalized learning has also gained recognition, as AI tailor educational content to meet individual needs, augmenting the learning process. The incorporation of AI, digital tools and ICT in language learning has revolutionized teaching methodologies. These innovations create learners with interactive, dynamic and personalized learning experiences. However, challenges such as disparities in technological advancement, lack of human touch, data security, ethical concerns, cultural sensibility and the need for on-going teacher training and professional development must be addressed to ensure equitable access and effectiveness. As technology continues to progress, the future of language learning is expected to become not only immersive, innovative but also engaging, facilitating the multilingual proficiency and global connectivity.

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