

**“USING ONLINE TOOLS IN EFL CLASSES.WITH THE EXAMPLE OF
JEOPARDY GAME”**

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ABSTRACT

One of the educational tools that have been widely used in education over the past 5 years is online learning tools. These types of tools include many features and functions that help analyze student performance and identify effective learning strategies. In this article, we will discuss what online learning tools are among these tools. Let's list the benefits of using online tools and give an example of the Jeopardy online tool.

Key words: EFL classes, online tools, Jeopardy online game, teaching.

АННОТАЦИЯ

Одним из образовательных инструментов, широко используемых в образовании за последние 5 лет, являются инструменты онлайн-обучения. Эти типы инструментов включают в себя множество функций и функций, которые помогают анализировать успеваемость учащихся и определять эффективные стратегии обучения. В этой статье мы обсудим, какие инструменты онлайн-обучения входят в число этих инструментов. Перечислим преимущества использования онлайн-инструментов и приведем пример онлайн-инструмента Jeopardy.

Ключевые слова: классы EFL, онлайн-инструменты, онлайн-игра Jeopardy, обучение

¹Integrating computer and multimedia technologies with language instruction paves a way for English language instructors to increase the quality of language instruction. Moreover, it helps learners to take part in their learning process by developing individual learning. In that, learners can construct their own language learning process by using related software and computer technology.

¹ Bagapova, G., Kobilova, N., & Yuldasheva, N. (2020). The role of distance education and computer technologies in teaching foreign languages. *European Journal of Research and Reflection in Educational Sciences*, 8 (10), 206-211.

²Besides the abovementioned opportunities that the ICT provides for the language learning process, it has also made it possible to teach and learn a new language in distance education. Although foreign language teaching seemed to require only a conventional, face-to-face, teaching method until recently, now, it has been clear that the newest teaching methods along with modern technology could be successfully utilized even in language teaching. In that, distance education permits flexibility of time, place, space, and pace, for the learners who cannot be present in a face-to-face classroom unlike traditional classes.

³There has been a dramatic expansion of distance education in the last decade with the new opportunities in language learning being made available to new audiences throughout the world. Many teachers, researchers, and language learners have realized the potential convenience of those new opportunities and environments in distance education such as online learning, distributed learning, and blended learning. Therefore, this type of education has been recently adopted by many educational institutions, and it has been expanding remarkably with ICT support.

Through online tools, you can provide students with special learning materials, various quizzes, interesting questions and different types of puzzles. Online learning tools are perfect for students of all ages, from school to university. Using online learning tools is a great way to provide students with a variety of learning materials. It helps to engage students in the learning process and encourages them to develop their knowledge and skills. And some benefits of using online tools:

Solve complex problems

Learn new things

Improve communication

Generate inventive ideas

Boost efficiency and productivity

There are many challenges in learning English as a foreign language. For example, in pronunciation of words, grammar, etc. Nowadays, online tools, which are one of the interactive methods, help a lot in overcoming such difficulties. Examples include Kahoot, Quizzes, and Jeopardy. One of the most popular and effective online tools is the Jeopardy game. This game offers a fun and interactive way to review and strengthen language skills. Jeopardy in game show format. This game can be used to teach other subjects besides language. One of its advantages is its versatility. This game is perfect for teaching English as a foreign language because it allows students to actively participate, learn the language, and have a good time doing it. Classroom jeopardy is an excellent way to help students review material while having fun. And

² Korkmaz, S., & Öz, H. (2021). Using Kahoot to improve reading comprehension of English as foreign language learners. *International Online Journal of Education and Teaching (IOJET)*, 8 (2), 1138-1150

³ Hubackova, S., & Ruzickova, M. (2011). Experience in foreign language teaching with ICT support. *Procedia Computer Science*, 3, 243-247.

with Slides With Friends, you can build this game easily and without any hassle. It won't take hours to create. It'll just take a desire to help your students learn in a fresh, fun, and engaging way. Teachers can create special games in this game that are tailored to the skill level and learning goals of their students. For example, teachers can They can develop games to test their English vocabulary or to test their knowledge of grammar, pronunciation and English culture. In addition, Jeopardy helps students to cooperate and work together. Because Jeopardy is a team game, students are divided into 3 or more teams. in the case of 5 or 6 stages, questions of different values are asked. And each team gets points for the answer it gives. Students strive to demonstrate their language skills and win. In addition, the game requires prompting of answers and correct answers, which allows students to learn from their mistakes and strengthen their knowledge.

One of the main advantages of using Jeopardy in EFL classes is that it makes the learning process more interesting and dynamic. By turning language practice into a game, students' active participation in the lesson is encouraged. It is very convenient for students. Teachers can create their own Jeopardy games based on the specific needs and abilities of their students. For example, teachers can use Jeopardy online to review vocabulary from a previous lesson, practice grammar structures, or reinforce reading and listening comprehension skills. This game is available on Jeopardylabs. They can be easily accessed and played using various online platforms like .com. Teachers can use Power Point or Google Slides to develop their own Jeopardy game. Questions can be included as audio or text.

⁴When the teachers compared the lessons with ICT tools to the ones without those tools, they mostly focused on the advantage of those tools in making the students participate in the lessons more actively. Teacher-1 stated on that issue: 'I think that the interest of the students is higher in the lessons where I use web tools and that such activities contribute positively by increasing the sense of belonging of the students to the community.' Teacher-2 attracted the same advantage by adding the enjoyment and feedback factors by indicating: 'When web tools are used, lessons become more fun and student participation increases. Positive feedback is received from students.' Teacher -5 also added the function of tools in following the students in distant education by claiming: 'When it is used, student participation increases, I think that it makes students feel that they are under control and their participation in the lesson is important.'

About the lessons without using web tools, the teachers drew attention to the monotony of the lessons. Teacher-4 directly indicated that lessons without web tools were more monotonous. Teacher-7 also underlined the same monotony issue and added that lessons became more teacher-centered when the tools were not used by indicating

⁴ Department of education site; Article by Fatma Solmaz, Gonca Subasi and Songul Tas.

‘When web tools are not used, lessons become more monotonous, and students are less active. Lessons seem more boring, unattractive and became more teacher-centered.

CONCLUSION

These tools allow teachers to easily adjust the content of the game to match the specific educational goals of their classes. In short, As technology continues to develop in the 21st century, the integration of such online tools will undoubtedly play an increasingly important role in improving the teaching of English as a foreign language. By incorporating online games into language teaching, teachers can help encourage student participation and teamwork and create an interactive and engaging environment. With its flexibility, versatility, and usability Jeopardy is a valuable tool for any EFL classroom.

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