ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF LEARNING FOREIGN LANGUAGE ONLINE

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Annotation: This article explores the key strategies, drawbacks, and benefits of various online foreign language learning techniques, along with viewpoints regarding the significance of some contemporary technology in online language instruction.

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Introduction

Online language learning has grown in popularity during the past few years. Now that technology has advanced and the internet has made learning languages accessible, you can study languages from the comfort of your home. This strategy has benefits, no doubt, but there are also some significant drawbacks that need to be taken into account. We shall examine the benefits and drawbacks of online foreign language study in this post.

Literature Analysis and Methods

A list of advantages and disadvantages of online English language teaching was compiled during the research process by consulting Internet resources. The paper was written using the concepts of analysis and synthesis, theoretical deductive conclusion, and logic.

Discussion and Results

Everybody who can pronounce a word speaks a language, but no matter how much explaining is done, communication becomes extremely impossible if nobody can understand the language that someone else speaks. Although spoken around the world, languages differ from nation to nation. Despite the vast differences between languages, it is crucial to learn various tongues in order to foster understanding. A foreign language is taught to the majority of pupils in high school. A new language is taught in high school, where a greater number of pupils begin studying a language that they may not have heard of before for the first few years. Even while learning a foreign language may be challenging for high school kids, it opens up options for them, gives them a new perspective on the world, and helps them obtain employment.

The ease and flexibility that come with learning foreign languages online is one of its benefits. With an internet connection, you can attend online language courses at any time and from any location. People with busy schedules who find it difficult to commit to regular lessons at a certain time may especially benefit from this.

Pacing flexibility is another benefit of online language education. Without having to worry about falling behind the rest of the class, students are free to learn at their own pace. This enables students to process material that they find easy more quickly and devote more time to ideas that they find difficult.

Access to a wider variety of resources is another benefit of studying foreign languages online. Students get access to an extensive variety of educational resources, including as audio files, videos, and interactive activities, through online language platforms. Compared to conventional textbooks, this kind of multimedia content has the potential to be more interesting and useful. [12]

Furthermore, online language programs facilitate communication between learners and natural speakers of the target language. Students may use this as an opportunity to practice speaking in front of an audience that can provide them with quick feedback and help them with their grammar and pronunciation. [13]

The cost of online language education is frequently lower than that of traditional classroom-based courses. This is due to the fact that online language learning platforms do not have the same overhead expenses like rent, utilities, and upkeep that come with traditional classroom settings. They can therefore provide courses at a reduced cost. [14]

Additionally, students can save time and money by not having to commute to class when taking language lessons online. Students who don't have access to transportation or who reside in rural areas will especially benefit from this.

Each student's unique demands can be catered for in online language training. Numerous online language learning platforms evaluate a student's level of proficiency using algorithms, after which they offer tailored learning recommendations according to the student's areas of strength and weakness. This guarantees that students are learning content that is suitable for their level of expertise and that they are improving in the areas that require improvement. [15]

However, students can concentrate on the particular abilities they need to acquire with online language courses. For instance, students might choose conversational exercises to hone their speaking abilities, or they can concentrate on grammar and composition tasks to hone their writing abilities.

Utilizing a variety of digital resources, including interactive exercises, online tests, and video conferencing software, is necessary when learning a foreign language online. Students can enhance their technical abilities and get more comfort with technology by utilizing these devices. For older folks who may not have grown up with technology and may be reluctant to utilize it, this can be especially helpful.

Moreover , technology can also improve language acquisition by making the process more dynamic and interesting. Interactive activities that offer prompt feedback,

for example, have the potential to yield greater results than conventional workbook exercises.

Online language learning can help raise one's knowledge of different cultures. Since language and culture are interwoven, students who study a foreign language can acquire a greater understanding of that language. Absence of in-person interactions with teachers and fellow students is one of the main drawbacks of online foreign language study. For many, this might be a significant disadvantage because learning a language without the direction and criticism of an actual teacher can be challenging. When learning a new language, teachers in a traditional classroom setting can offer students individualized training and rapid feedback. Furthermore, face-to-face interactions with other students can offer chances for speaking and listening practice, both of which are essential for mastering a new language.

The lack of immersion that comes with online foreign language instruction is another drawback. Teachers of languages employ the immersion method to help their pupils get better fluency in the language they are studying. Since they are surrounded by the language they are learning, students learn new words and phrases more rapidly and organically in an immersion setting. Since students are frequently learning in their homes or other non-immersive places, it might be challenging to create an immersive learning environment in an online learning environment. The structure and discipline of traditional classroom courses are frequently absent from online language classes. Even though taking classes online gives you a lot of freedom in terms of when and when you may study, it can also cause you to lose enthusiasm and discipline. It can be simple to put things off or lose concentration in an environment without the framework of a regular classroom, which can eventually impede your progress in learning the language.

Apart from these drawbacks, studying a foreign language online may also present certain technical difficulties. For instance, bad internet connections or technological issues might interfere with instruction and make it hard with teachers or other students. This can be annoying and prevent you from making progress in your language learning.

The absence of cultural immersion is an additional drawback of online foreign language instruction. The intricacies of a language might be difficult to fully comprehend without also learning about the culture of the people who speak it, as language and culture are intimately related. Students can interact with native speakers of the language they are studying in a typical classroom setting, which can give them important insights into the language's speakers' cultures and customs. It may be more challenging to achieve this level of cultural immersion in an online learning environment. [12]

Lastly, it is important to remember that language classes offered online might be costly. Although there are low-cost and free options available, many online language classes have a fee. This might make it challenging for some people, especially those with little resources, to acquire high-quality language training.

Overall, while studying a foreign language online has many benefits, there are also some serious drawbacks that should be considered to taken into account. The lack of in-person interactions with instructors and fellow students, the challenge of establishing an immersive setting, the absence of discipline and rigor, technical difficulties, the absence of cultural immersion, and the expense of online language classes are some of these drawbacks. Make sure this method is the greatest fit for your needs and learning style by carefully weighing these criteria before opting to pursue online language teaching.

Conclusions and Suggestions

In conclusion, there are benefits and drawbacks to online language study. Online language courses have drawbacks in terms of engagement, feedback, technological difficulties, and motivation, but they also provide flexibility, cost-effectiveness, and access to high-quality resources. In the end, the demands and learning preferences of each student determine how successful online language learning is. Before enrolling in an online language course, it's critical for students to thoroughly weigh the benefits and drawbacks of the option and select the one that best fits their needs and learning style. More than ever, it is critical to give students the tools they need to interact and collaborate with individuals from around the globe. This is because international communication and cooperation are becoming increasingly crucial.

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