



## APPLICATION OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY IN FOREIGN LANGUAGE LESSONS

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### **Abstract**

This article discusses the use of modern information technologies in the educational process and the technology of creating simple crossword puzzles for foreign language classes.

### **Keywords**

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Information communication technology (ICT) is both a means of delivering material and a means of control. They provide high quality material delivery and use various communication channels (text, audio, graphic, touch, etc.). New technologies make it possible to individualize the learning process based on the pace and depth of the course. Such a differentiated approach gives a great positive result, because it creates conditions for the successful activity of each student, causing positive emotions in students, and, thus, influences their learning motivation.

Unlike traditional methods, when using interactive forms of learning, the student himself becomes the main character and opens the way to the acquisition of knowledge. The teacher acts as an active assistant in this situation, and his main function is to organize and stimulate the educational process.

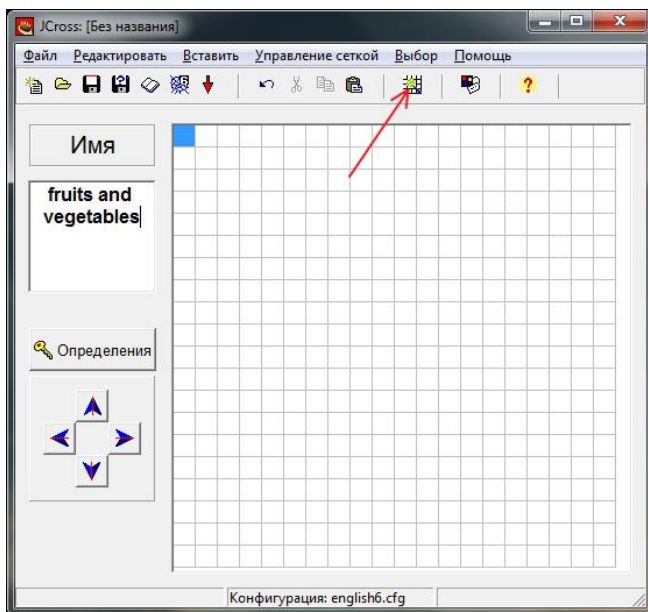
Excellent opportunities for creating interactive crossword puzzles are provided by the very easy-to-use HotPotatoes program .

The latest ICTs are occupying an increasingly larger place in our lives. Their use in foreign language (FL) lessons increases the motivation and cognitive activity of students, broadens their horizons and allows the use of student-oriented technology of interactive learning of a FL, i.e. learning in interaction.

The use of information and communication technologies in the educational process helps to intensify and individualize learning, helps to increase interest in the subject, and makes it possible to avoid subjective assessment. Use of computer and digital educational resources in teaching English helps students overcome the psychological barrier to using a foreign language as a means of communication.

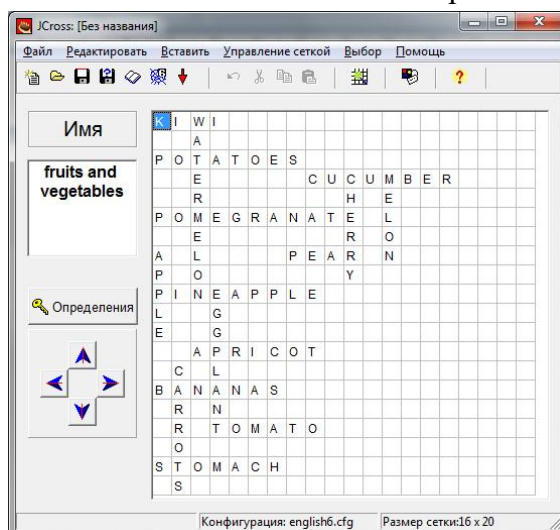
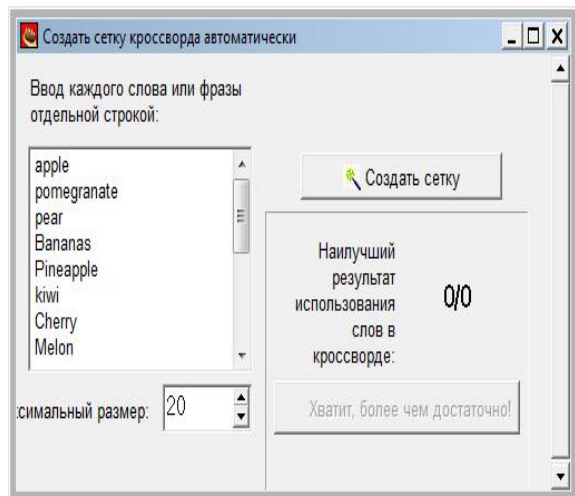
To create a crossword, run the Hot program Potatoes , load the HotPotatoes section of the program JCross . In the “ Name” field you must enter the name of the crossword puzzle.

To automatically create a crossword, click on the “ Automatic creation” button in the toolbar or select the menu item “ Grid management ” - “ Automatic creation ”.



When placing words automatically, all words are entered as a list into the word entry field in the dialog that opens, all words are entered in separate lines, and then the program selects options for their placement.

Maximum size” field specifies the maximum number of cells in the crossword puzzle. Clicking on the “Create Grid ” button will create a crossword puzzle.



Now we need to enter definitions for the words. To enter definitions, click the “Definitions” button . A definition dialog will appear: at the top of the screen there are words that are placed horizontally in the crossword puzzle, and at the bottom - vertically. To enter a definition, select the desired word in the list, enter the definition in the field below the list and click OK.

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