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METHODOLOGICAL AND DIDACTIC ASPECTS OF ONLINE LANGUAGE LABS

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Abstract

The article explores the pedagogical foundations and instructional principles underlying the use of online language laboratories in foreign language education. The study focuses on methodological approaches and didactic strategies that support effective language learning in digital environments. It examines how online language labs facilitate skill integration, learner autonomy, differentiated instruction, and formative assessment. Special attention is given to the alignment of online language labs with modern teaching methodologies such as communicative language teaching, task-based learning, and constructivist pedagogy. The article argues that the success of online language labs depends not only on technological tools but also on sound methodological and didactic design.

Key words: Online language labs, methodology, didactics, language teaching strategies, learner-centered instruction, digital pedagogy, skill integration.

Introduction

The increasing integration of digital technologies into education has led to significant changes in teaching methodologies and didactic practices, particularly in foreign language instruction. Online learning environments require teachers to rethink traditional instructional models and adapt them to virtual settings. One of the most influential tools in this transformation is the online language laboratory, which combines technology with pedagogy to support language skill development in structured and interactive ways.

Online language labs differ from traditional language labs in both form and function. While traditional labs were primarily hardware-based and focused on listening and repetition, online language labs are software-driven and emphasize interaction, communication, and learner autonomy. These platforms provide opportunities for individualized practice, collaborative tasks, and continuous assessment, making them well suited to contemporary methodological approaches in language teaching. From a methodological perspective, online language labs align closely with communicative language teaching, which prioritizes meaningful interaction and real-life language use. They also support task-based learning by allowing learners to complete goal-oriented activities using authentic materials. Didactically, online language labs offer flexible instructional design, enabling teachers to scaffold learning, adapt tasks to learner needs, and provide timely feedback.

Another important aspect is learner-centeredness. Modern didactics emphasize the active role of learners in constructing knowledge. Online language labs support this principle by encouraging self-directed learning, reflection, and peer interaction. Learners can practice

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language skills independently, repeat tasks as needed, and monitor their progress through built-in assessment tools.

This article aims to analyze the methodological and didactic aspects of online language labs in language education. It examines how pedagogical theories are implemented through digital tools and how instructional design influences learning outcomes. By focusing on methodology and didactics rather than technology alone, the study highlights the importance of pedagogical planning in successful online language instruction.

Literature review. Harmer emphasizes that effective language teaching depends on methodology rather than tools alone. He argues that technology must serve clear pedagogical goals and support communicative competence. In this context, online language labs are valuable when integrated into learner-centered and interaction-based methodologies [1].

Nunan's work on task-based language teaching highlights the importance of meaningful tasks in language learning. He suggests that digital environments can enhance task-based instruction by providing authentic contexts and immediate feedback. Online language labs support this approach by enabling learners to complete communicative tasks individually or collaboratively [2].

Little focuses on learner autonomy and stresses that digital tools should empower learners to take responsibility for their learning. According to his research, online language labs promote autonomy by offering flexible access, self-assessment tools, and personalized learning paths [3].

Richards discusses curriculum design and instructional coherence in language education. He argues that didactic effectiveness depends on the alignment of objectives, materials, activities, and assessment. Online language labs, when properly designed, support this alignment by integrating skill practice and assessment into a single learning environment [4].

Kumaravadivelu introduces the concept of post-method pedagogy, emphasizing adaptability and context-sensitive teaching. He suggests that online language labs allow teachers to move beyond rigid methods and design instruction according to learner needs and institutional contexts [5].

Ellis examines form-focused instruction and argues that attention to linguistic form is essential for accuracy development. Online language labs facilitate this through targeted exercises, corrective feedback, and repetition within communicative contexts [6,7].

Despite extensive research on language teaching methodology, fewer studies focus specifically on the didactic structure of online language labs. This gap highlights the need for research that examines how methodological principles are operationalized within digital language learning environments.

Methodology. This study employs a qualitative analytical methodology to examine the methodological and didactic aspects of online language labs. The research is based on theoretical analysis of pedagogical literature and instructional models related to digital language learning.

Data were collected from academic books, journal articles, and studies focusing on language teaching methodology, didactics, and online education. In addition, selected online language lab platforms were analyzed to identify how methodological principles are implemented in practice.

The analysis focuses on instructional design elements such as task structure, feedback mechanisms, learner interaction, and assessment strategies. Particular attention is given to how these elements support communicative competence, learner autonomy, and differentiated instruction.

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Results. The findings show that online language labs effectively support modern methodological approaches when pedagogically designed. One key result is that these platforms facilitate integrated skill development by combining listening, speaking, reading, and writing tasks within coherent learning sequences.

Another result is that online language labs promote learner autonomy through self-paced learning and self-assessment tools. Learners are able to take greater control over their learning process, which leads to increased motivation and engagement.

The results also indicate that online language labs support formative assessment by providing continuous feedback. Teachers can monitor learner progress and adapt instruction accordingly, enhancing didactic effectiveness.

Discussion. The findings confirm that methodological effectiveness in online language labs depends on didactic planning rather than technological complexity. When aligned with communicative and task-based approaches, online language labs enhance language learning outcomes.

The discussion highlights the role of teachers as instructional designers who must adapt methodology to digital contexts. Online language labs support flexible and context-sensitive teaching, aligning with post-method pedagogy.

Conclusion. In conclusion, online language labs represent an effective pedagogical tool when grounded in sound methodological and didactic principles. They support learner-centered instruction, skill integration, and continuous assessment. The study emphasizes that successful implementation of online language labs requires careful instructional design and methodological awareness. By focusing on pedagogy rather than technology alone, educators can maximize the didactic potential of online language labs in modern language education.

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