

## THE ROLE OF YOU TUBE IN DEVELOPING SPEAKING SKILLS

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**Annotation.** YouTube has become one of the most popular online platforms in the world. Today, many learners use it to improve their speaking skills in English. This article shows how YouTube helps students improve their speaking abilities. The platform gives free access to native speakers' videos, pronunciation models, and interactive learning content. Watching YouTube videos regularly helps learners improve fluency, vocabulary, and confidence. It can also help with listening comprehension, which supports speaking development.

**Key words:** YouTube, speaking skills, language learning, pronunciation, fluency, digital resources.

**Аннотация:** YouTube стал одной из самых популярных онлайн-платформ в мире. Сегодня многие учащиеся используют его для улучшения своих навыков устной речи на английском языке. Эта статья показывает, как YouTube помогает студентам развивать навыки говорения. Платформа предоставляет бесплатный доступ к видео с носителями языка, образцам произношения и интерактивным учебным материалам. Регулярный просмотр видео на YouTube помогает учащимся улучшить беглость, пополнить словарный запас и обрести уверенность. Это также способствует развитию навыков аудирования, что важно для устной речи.

**Ключевые слова:** YouTube, навыки говорения, изучение языка, произношение, беглость, цифровые ресурсы.

**Annotatsiya.** YouTube bugungi kunda dunyodagi eng mashhur onlayn platformalardan biriga aylandi. Hozirda ko'plab o'quvchilar bu platformadan ingliz tilida so'zlashish ko'nikmalarini rivojlantirish uchun foydalanmoqda. Ushbu maqola YouTube qanday qilib talabalarga so'zlashuv mahoratini yaxshilashda yordam berishini ko'rsatadi. Platforma ona tilida so'zlashuvchilar videolari, talaffuz namunalar va interaktiv o'quv materiallariga bepul kirish imkonini beradi. YouTube videolarini muntazam tomosha qilish orqali o'quvchilar tilning ravonligi, so'z boyligi va ishonchini oshiradi. Bundan tashqari, bu tinglab tushunish ko'nikmalarini ham rivojlantirib, so'zlashuvni yaxshilashga yordam beradi.

**Kalit so'zlar:** YouTube, so'zlashuv ko'nikmalari, til o'rganish, talaffuz, ravonlik, raqamli manbalar.

**Introduction.**

Speaking is one of the most important skills in learning a new language. It helps students express their thoughts, ask questions, and take part in conversations. However, for many English learners, speaking is also the most difficult skill. This is because it requires not only grammar and vocabulary knowledge, but also confidence, good pronunciation. In many traditional classrooms, students do not get enough time to practice speaking. Teachers usually focus more on reading, writing, or grammar. Also, many students feel shy or afraid of making mistakes when speaking in front of others. This reduces their motivation and limits their speaking practice. To solve this problem, students often look for other ways to improve their speaking outside the classroom. One helpful way is using online platforms like YouTube. YouTube is free and easy to use. It has thousands of English videos where learners can listen

to native speakers, repeat words and phrases, and learn how English is spoken in real situations. These videos are available 24/7, so students can practice anytime they want. This article explains how YouTube helps students improve their speaking skills. It shows how students use YouTube to learn pronunciation, build fluency, and become more confident speakers. It also gives suggestions for how teachers can use YouTube in English lessons.

### **I. Literature Review**

Many researchers have studied how people learn to speak a new language. Most of them agree that speaking improves when students hear real English and use it often. This idea comes from Stephen Krashen's Input Hypothesis. He believes that learners need to hear understandable language that is slightly above their current level. This type of input helps them learn naturally and improve their speaking without too much pressure. Jeremy Harmer (2001) also says that listening to real English is better than only reading textbooks. Students need to hear how words are really used in daily life. YouTube helps by providing real-life content such as interviews, conversations, short films, vlogs, and story-based lessons. These videos help students hear correct pronunciation, sentence stress, intonation, and rhythm. Richards and Renandya (2002) write that students feel more motivated when the learning material is interesting. When students enjoy what they are watching, they are more likely to pay attention, repeat the content, and try speaking themselves. This makes the learning process more effective. Some researchers such as Nation and Newton (2009) and Gilakjani (2012) also explain that speaking improves when learners practice listening and speaking together. YouTube supports this idea because students can listen and then immediately repeat or speak. This is similar to the shadowing technique, where learners try to copy the speaker exactly — with the same speed, tone, and pronunciation. In short, the literature shows that speaking is improved through real, engaging, and regular input. YouTube is one of the tools that provides this kind of learning opportunity in a modern and student-friendly way.

### **II. Methodology**

To understand how YouTube helps with speaking, an interview was conducted with five university students. All of them use YouTube to learn English. The questions asked were:

- How often do you watch YouTube for learning English?
- What kind of videos do you watch?
- How has it helped your speaking skills?

### **III. Data Analysis and Discussion**

Most students said they watched English-speaking YouTubers at least 3 times a week. They preferred content like travel vlogs, interviews, English learning tips, and short films. One student said she repeats lines from the video out loud to improve pronunciation. Another student explained that subtitles help her understand and remember new words. All participants said YouTube improved their confidence to speak English, especially in real-life situations. They also learned new phrases and slang that textbooks do not teach. One learner said, "I feel like I'm practicing with a real person when I watch and repeat after the speaker."

### **Conclusion**

YouTube is a powerful tool for developing speaking skills. It provides students with access to real English and allows them to practice in a fun and flexible way. Students can learn at their own pace, and watching videos helps improve pronunciation, fluency, and vocabulary.

Teachers should encourage learners to use YouTube as part of their speaking practice. It can be a useful extra resource along with traditional lessons.

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