

DIDACTIC POTENTIALS OF LEARNING ENGLISH THROUGH MOBILE APPLICATIONS

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Abstract. *This article explores the didactic potentials of using mobile applications and digital technologies in the process of teaching English. The concept of mobile learning (m-learning), its significance in modern education, and its role in fostering learners' independence, interactive communication, and language skills are theoretically analyzed. Furthermore, the possibilities of enhancing motivation, communicative competence, and learning effectiveness through mobile applications are examined from a scientific and pedagogical perspective.*

Keywords: *mobile learning, m-learning, English language, digital pedagogy, interactive teaching, didactic potential, artificial intelligence, digital competence.*

ДИДАКТИЧЕСКИЕ ВОЗМОЖНОСТИ ИЗУЧЕНИЯ АНГЛИЙСКОГО ЯЗЫКА С ПОМОЩЬЮ МОБИЛЬНЫХ ПРИЛОЖЕНИЙ

Аннотация. В статье рассматриваются дидактические возможности использования мобильных приложений и цифровых технологий в процессе обучения английскому языку. В статье теоретически анализируется концепция мобильного обучения (мобильного обучения), его значение в современном образовании и роль в развитии самостоятельности, интерактивного общения и языковых навыков учащихся.

Кроме того, с научно-педагогической точки зрения рассматриваются возможности повышения мотивации, коммуникативной компетентности и эффективности обучения с помощью мобильных приложений.

Ключевые слова: *мобильное обучение, мобильное обучение, английский язык, цифровая педагогика, интерактивное обучение, дидактический потенциал, искусственный интеллект, цифровая компетентность.*

Introduction

In the 21st century, one of the defining features of education is digital transformation and the integration of mobile technologies. Particularly in foreign language education, including English, mobile applications have revolutionized the learning process. Learning English is no longer confined within classroom walls; learners can now strengthen their knowledge anytime and anywhere through interactive digital tools.

The concept of *mobile learning (m-learning)* represents a new stage in modern pedagogy.

It enables the acquisition of knowledge in a flexible format that accommodates learners' individual pace, interests, and needs. Thus, teaching English through mobile applications is not merely a technological innovation, but a transformation of the didactic paradigm itself.

Mobile applications such as *Duolingo*, *Memrise*, *BBC Learning English*, *Busuu*, *LingQ*, *HelloTalk*, and *Quizlet* individualize the learning process and contribute to developing analytical thinking, memory, pronunciation, and communicative culture. In this regard, mobile learning provides a foundation for shaping learners into self-regulated, active, responsible, and independent individuals.

Main Part

1. The Concept and Pedagogical Essence of Mobile Learning

Mobile learning (M-learning) refers to the organization of the learning process through mobile devices, applications, and online resources. Its essence lies in transforming the learner into an active participant and ensuring the continuity of the learning process regardless of time and place.

From a didactic point of view, mobile learning is based on the following principles:

- Flexibility: learning that is independent of time and location;
- Interactivity: two-way communication between the learner and teacher, or between the learner and the system;
- Individualization: selection of materials suited to learners' needs, levels, and learning styles;
- Activeness and Motivation: engaging learners in active learning through competition and a sense of achievement.

Mobile learning enhances learners' autonomy. They can manage their learning process, analyze their progress, identify weaknesses, and eliminate them through repeated exercises and self-reflection.

2. Didactic Advantages of Teaching English through Mobile Applications

Mobile applications possess several didactic advantages in teaching English:

1. Multichannel Principle: Mobile applications create a multimodal learning environment combining text, audio, video, graphics, and game elements, which improves comprehension through multisensory perception.
2. Level-based Learning: Each learner can select tasks according to their proficiency level (Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced).
3. Gamification: The inclusion of points, rankings, rewards, and levels stimulates motivation and sustained engagement.
4. Pronunciation Development: Applications provide opportunities to listen, repeat, and receive instant feedback through voice analysis.
5. Self-assessment: Learners can immediately see their mistakes, correct them, and receive real-time performance evaluation.

These features strengthen learners' self-directed learning, help consolidate linguistic material, and foster the ability to monitor and evaluate one's progress.

3. The Role of Mobile Applications in Motivation and Communicative Competence Development

Success in learning English largely depends on learners' motivation. Mobile applications inherently motivate learners by providing immediate feedback, rewards, and visible progress, transforming the "obligation to study" into a process of "learning through play."

Moreover, mobile applications significantly contribute to developing communicative competence. For instance, platforms such as *HelloTalk* and *Tandem* allow users to communicate with native speakers worldwide. This interaction creates an authentic communicative environment, enabling learners to acquire language in a natural, real-life context.

4. Methodological and Didactic Integration of Mobile Applications

When integrating mobile learning into English classes, the teacher's role remains vital — as a facilitator, guide, and evaluator. However, methodologically, teachers should pay attention to the following aspects:

- Selecting mobile applications purposefully and aligning them with learning objectives;
- Using applications as tools for independent or extracurricular study;
- Integrating mobile learning with interactive classroom activities;
- Developing students' digital literacy and self-regulation skills.

Therefore, mobile technologies complement, rather than replace, the teacher's pedagogical role in English language instruction.

5. Didactic Prospects and Limitations of Mobile Learning

While the prospects of mobile learning are immense, certain limitations exist — such as technical difficulties, dependence on internet connectivity, and external distractions.

Nevertheless, these challenges can be minimized through proper methodological planning and motivational management.

In the near future, mobile applications for English language teaching are expected to merge with artificial intelligence, adaptive learning systems, and virtual tutors, leading to more personalized and interactive educational models.

Conclusion

Mobile applications are shaping a new pedagogical culture in English language teaching.

They provide learners with an autonomous, flexible, and engaging learning environment while equipping teachers with innovative didactic tools to manage the learning process effectively.

The greatest advantage of mobile learning lies in its boundless accessibility — the ability to “learn anytime and anywhere.” Hence, mobile applications in English teaching should be regarded not merely as technological tools, but as a new model of interactive, individualized, and motivational education. They transform learners from passive recipients of information into active participants in the learning process and have become an integral part of modern digital education.

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