



The Features Of Online Lessons In Teaching English As A Foreign Language

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ABSTRACT

This article provides the features of online lessons, the differences between online and offline lessons in teaching English as a foreign language. The advantages and disadvantages of online and traditional lessons in teaching English are described here. They are considered as modern methods of teaching English including such criteria as motivation, the quality of the perception of the material, understanding of speech, overcoming the language barrier and construction of the lesson.

KEYWORDS

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INTRODUCTION

Recently, technology and everything related to it has been developing incredibly quickly. Thanks to this, it is no longer necessary to leave home to learn the language. After all, now you can learn English online instead of going to classes.

However, we all know that innovations don't always work. For example, there are many English apps for your phone. But you will never be able to learn and speak English using them. The maximum is to learn new words and rules. You can learn English both online via Skype and

in a group. Both of these methods work. Studying with a good teacher and using an effective methodology, you will learn English regardless of the form of study. However, how your classes are held (online or offline) affects the effectiveness of the lessons, and therefore the time that will have to be spent on learning.

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*What form of training is more effective?

*Which training option is right for you, and how best to study depending on your situation?

How does the form of training affect efficiency? Before we compare these forms of learning, I want to highlight 2 important points.

1. In this article, we consider the modern method of teaching English. By teaching (as well as group lessons and via Skype), I do not mean a traditional method, where a student studies from textbooks / slides, completes written assignments or tests, and the teacher speaks directly in the classroom. As a result of such training, you acquire only theoretical knowledge, and not develop skills. Therefore, this technique is ineffective. We will consider classes based on a modern, effective methodology for teaching English, where the emphasis is on the practical application of the English language:

- Development of speaking skills
- Understanding the rules instead of learning by rote
- Development of listening skills

80% of such classes are practice, and only 20% are the study of theory (rules).

2. You can learn English both online via Skype and in a group. Both of these methods work. Studying with a good teacher and using an effective methodology, you will learn English regardless of the form of study. However, how your classes are held (online or offline) affects the effectiveness of the lessons, and therefore the time that will have to be spent on learning. I have selected eight criteria that will help us compare the effectiveness of these two forms of education.

Within the framework of the following criteria, we will compare the effectiveness of offline and online classes.

1. **Willingness To Learn (Motivation)**

Motivation is always important when you start doing something new. Especially when learning English. Of course, everyone has their own and is expressed in the goal that you want to achieve thanks to your knowledge of the language:

- New job
- Moving to another country
- Going on vacation or a conference
- Education abroad
- Personal development

Your activities should keep you motivated. Otherwise, if it disappears, you will quit classes, thereby crossing out everything that you have learned earlier. Live Activities: By practicing live

with a group of people, you see their progress, which inspires you to practice. In addition, none of us likes to be worse than others, so you won't want to lag behind your classmates. Your environment influences you more than you think.

Online learning: When you are face to face with a teacher, you have no one to match. Only you and your teacher can keep you motivated. To compensate for this, you can go to conversation clubs or communicate over the Internet with different people who are also learning English or have already reached a level above yours.

2. The Quality Of Perception Of The Material

It has been proven that the effectiveness of perception increases significantly when you are fully focused on what you are doing. Offline activities: When you come to class, there is no distraction and the environment is learning, so it is easier for you to focus. Here, no one will ring your doorbell, enter a room with an urgent question, etc. All your thoughts and attention are occupied with English. You are focused on this, and, therefore, all information will be better absorbed in your head. In addition, it is much easier for the teacher to hold your attention and "return" you to the lesson if you are distracted at traditional lessons.

Online Learning: When you study online, you study at home, where there are many distractions: your loved ones, household chores and a relaxing environment. Very often, while doing online, people are also engaged in other activities or are constantly distracted, so the effectiveness of such activities may decrease.

3. Correct Pronunciation

Who wants to speak English correctly and beautifully? Of course everyone. After all, it is

pronunciation that affects the understanding of your speech by other people. Offline lessons: When the teacher hears your speech directly, it is easy for the teacher to correct the wrong sounds and correct your pronunciation. Hearing a mistake in your speech, the teacher will immediately correct you, and you will start speaking correctly. Therefore, you do not have to relearn later and correct mistakes in pronunciation. Online learning: Chatting on Skype / phone is not the same as offline. Sometimes the connection is poor, or there is background noise in the room where you are studying. Because of these interferences, the teacher may not hear that you pronounce some sounds incorrectly or made a mistake in some word. And, accordingly, it will not always correct your mistakes.

4. Understanding Of Speech

If you want to communicate and understand different people, the more you communicate and listen to big people, the easier it will be for you to understand the speech of new people. After all, each of us has one's own manner, speed and volume of speech. Offline Activities: In a group, you have the opportunity to communicate and listen to different people. Since during the lesson you constantly change in pairs and in one lesson you have time to talk with five or eight people. Therefore, you learn to perceive different speech by ear and adapt to it more easily. Online learning: Since you only communicate with your teacher, you will very quickly get used to his or her style of speech. In addition, the English teacher has perfect pronunciation and tries to speak in a way that you can understand. Therefore, you may have some problems understanding English when communicating with other people.

5. Overcoming The Language Barrier

The language barrier is the fear of speaking English. Sometimes even people who know

English quite well cannot speak because of this fear. The best way to overcome the language barrier is to communicate with different people. Offline learning: While practicing in a group, you have the opportunity to talk with different people. If you feel embarrassed in a conversation with the first, second, third person, then by talking to five – eight new people, you can get rid of the embarrassment and fear and begin to feel comfortable in conversation with strangers.

Online classes: You will get used to the only your teacher very quickly. Therefore, you will begin to feel comfortable communicating with him. When you have to communicate with other people, you may have a language barrier, since you are not used to communicating with someone other than your teacher.

6. Number Of Speaking Practice

Conversation practice is the main component of your classes. To learn to speak English, you have to practice a lot. Offline learning: This kind of learning involves a lot of conversational practice as the sessions are longer and more frequent. For example, our standard group schedule includes four hours per week. Since you are in a group and are constantly changing partners, you can easily talk for so long and not get tired of it.

Online classes: You will most likely find it difficult to study individually with a teacher for three hours at a time. In addition, it is physically difficult to sit in front of the computer all this time. Therefore, such classes usually last an hour and a half, accordingly, include less speaking practice.

7. Individuality Of The Program

The training program is very important: if you study haphazardly, you will get confused in the material and there will be no progress in your learning. Live Learning: In group lessons, your

program will include general / popular word lists and grammar (for a specific level). In the learning process, you will go through the topics that you will need in your daily life: family, hobbies, appearance, work, home, in a store, in a restaurant, travel, etc.

Online classes: Here you have no restrictions. Are you a doctor, lawyer or accountant? Do you communicate with foreign partners? Then you can ask the teacher to draw up a program especially for you and include in it specific lists of topics that you will need. Otherwise ask the teacher to explain to you a topic that you did not understand. Important: You can only study specific topics when you have mastered the basic topics. There is no point in learning "how to conduct phone calls" if you can't even talk about yourself or your hobby.

8. Construction Of The Lesson

Their effectiveness directly depends on how your classes are structured. Of course, both online and offline learning can be in the wrong way. "Traditional (offline) learning": With the right methodology, the teacher explains the material and controls the lessons, corrects the mistakes of the students. In the classroom, it is you who speaks most of the classes, practicing the material covered in practice in your speech.

Online Learning: Skype lessons can turn into friendly conversations. You must understand that classes are classes. Your instructor should prepare for them and follow a specific program, not just chat with you about how your day went. All your dialogues should be aimed at consolidating the rules that you passed in class. I want to note that online classes have several advantages that are not related to efficiency, but they cannot be ignored.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

There are some benefits of online classes.

1. It's easier to set aside time for learning. When you start learning English, you need to integrate it into your daily routine. When taking an English course, you must be ready to change your usual schedule. After all, you will have to come to classes at least three times a week. Online learning is more flexible. You don't need to go anywhere. You just need to open your laptop, and you can practice anywhere, anytime.
2. Classes online via Skype are cheaper. By studying online, your teacher, like you, does not need to go anywhere or look for a special classroom. Therefore, the cost of such classes is lower than that of live training.

What is more effective: online training or traditional lessons?

I would like to draw your attention: Both methods work. You can learn English both online and offline. However, offline classes are more effective than online training and have the following advantages:

- You see other people's success and that motivates you.
- In class, nothing distracts you and you are completely focused on learning English.
- The teacher will always hear the wrong pronunciation and correct it.
- You communicate and listen to different people, developing your listening skills.
- More speaking practice.
- You can easily overcome the language barrier, as you communicate with different people, and you are not getting used to the interlocutor.

At the same time, online (Skype) classes also have their advantages:

1. The opportunity to study according to an individual program.
2. You can practice anywhere, anytime.

3. The cost of such classes is lower.

CONCLUSION

The features of using online lessons in teaching English as a foreign language are discussed in this article. The advantages and disadvantages of online and traditional lessons in teaching English are described here. They are considered as modern methods of teaching English including such criteria as motivation, the quality of the perception of the material, understanding of speech, overcoming the language barrier and construction of the lesson. Finally, anyone can choose what form of education to choose. There are several situations to consider: You have the opportunity to take courses with an effective methodology. If in your city there are courses in a methodology similar to the one we considered, and you have the opportunity (time / money) to study in a group, I advise you to choose this particular form of study. Since it will allow you to learn English in a shorter time. You live in a small town (in another country) where there are no similar courses. Skype lessons with a good teacher and an effective methodology are suitable for you. You constantly go on business trips, work on a specific schedule. If you don't have time for offline English classes, then online classes will also be a great solution for you. In any case, if you learn English in the right way, you can learn it while practicing, both traditional (offline) and online.

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