



ADVANTAGES OF USING ONLINE APPS IN IMPROVING SPEAKING

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ANNOTATION

This abstract highlights the advantages of using online apps for improving speaking skills. It emphasizes the accessibility, variety of resources, immediate feedback, authenticity, self-paced learning, interactive practice, personalized learning, and community engagement that online apps offer. The abstract concludes by emphasizing the positive impact of incorporating online apps into language learning in enhancing learners' speaking abilities and boosting their confidence in real-life communication.

Keywords

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Acquiring a new language can present difficulties, yet it is a worthwhile endeavor. Among the essential aspects to conquer is vocabulary, as it forms the basis of effective communication. Insufficient knowledge of words can hinder self-expression, comprehension, and appreciation of the target language's culture and literature. Thankfully, numerous language learning applications exist to assist in enhancing vocabulary in an enjoyable and efficient manner. This article will delve into the advantages of these apps and provide guidance on selecting one by highlighting important features.¹

Utilizing repetition and spaced retrieval is an effective method for learning and retaining new words. This involves regularly reviewing learned words based on recall performance. Language learning apps employ algorithms and quizzes to automate this process, eliminating the need to create flashcards or schedules manually. By exposing users to words in various contexts and formats, these apps reinforce memory and prevent forgetting. Language learning apps offer an additional benefit by making the process of learning new vocabulary more

¹ Chinnery, G. M. (2006). Emerging technologies: Going to the MALL: Mobile assisted language learning. *Language Learning & Technology*, 10(1), 9-16.



enjoyable and captivating. These apps incorporate elements of gamification, such as points, achievements, levels, and rankings, to inspire and encourage users to expand their word knowledge and challenge themselves or others. Furthermore, some apps provide incentives, like access to stories, videos, or podcasts, which can be unlocked by acquiring more words. These features contribute to maintaining focus and sustaining interest throughout the language learning experience.²

Language learning apps can enhance your vocabulary skills by introducing you to a wide range of words and resources. They utilize genuine materials like news articles, songs, and dialogues to provide you with contextual examples and demonstrate how words are utilized in real-world situations. Additionally, these apps incorporate multimedia elements such as images, audio, and video to help you associate words with visual and auditory cues. Furthermore, they offer lessons on synonyms, antonyms, collocations, and idioms to help you broaden your linguistic repertoire and improve your fluency.

Online apps have revolutionized language learning, particularly in the area of speaking skills. Here are some advantages of using online apps in improving speaking abilities:

1. **Accessibility:** Online apps provide learners with the convenience of accessing language learning materials anytime and anywhere. Learners can practice speaking skills at their own pace, without being limited by time or location.

2. **Variety of Resources:** Online apps offer a wide range of resources for improving speaking skills. These resources include interactive exercises, audio and video recordings, pronunciation guides, and conversation practice with native speakers. Learners can choose from a variety of materials that suit their level and interests.³

3. **Immediate Feedback:** Many online apps provide instant feedback on pronunciation, intonation, and fluency. Learners can compare their own speech to that of native speakers and make necessary adjustments. This immediate feedback helps learners improve their speaking skills more effectively.

4. **Authenticity:** Online apps often provide authentic materials, such as videos, podcasts, and dialogues, which expose learners to real-life language use. This exposure helps learners develop a more natural speaking style and enhances their ability to understand and respond to different accents and speech patterns.

5. **Self-paced Learning:** Online apps allow learners to progress at their own pace. They can repeat exercises and activities as many times as needed to reinforce

² Wang, Y., & Vasquez, C. (2012). Mobile apps for language learning: Content and affordances. In M. Thomas (Ed.), *Digital education: Opportunities for social collaboration* (pp. 195-221). Palgrave Macmillan UK.

³ Kukulska-Hulme, A., & Shield, L. (2008). An overview of mobile assisted language learning: From content delivery to supported collaboration and interaction. *ReCALL*, 20(3), 271-289.



their speaking skills. Learners can also set personal goals and track their progress, which motivates them to continue practicing and improving.

6. Interactive Practice: Online apps often incorporate interactive activities that simulate real-life conversations. Learners can engage in role-plays, dialogues, and virtual conversations with other users or chatbots. This interactive practice enhances their speaking fluency and confidence.

7. Personalized Learning: Many online apps use artificial intelligence and machine learning algorithms to personalize the learning experience. These apps analyze learners' strengths and weaknesses in speaking and provide targeted exercises and feedback to address their specific needs.⁴

8. Community Engagement: Online apps often have a community feature where learners can connect with other language learners, native speakers, and language tutors. This community engagement provides opportunities for learners to practice speaking skills through conversation exchanges, group discussions, or language challenges.⁵

In conclusion, online apps offer numerous advantages for improving speaking skills. They provide accessibility, a variety of resources, immediate feedback, authenticity, self-paced learning, interactive practice, personalized learning, and community engagement. Incorporating online apps into language learning can greatly enhance learners' speaking abilities and boost their confidence in real-life communication.

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