

The Role of Educators and Instructional Materials in an Engaging Online ESL Teaching-Learning Environment

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Abstract

The role of integration of technology in second language teaching and the importance of digital literacy have been emphasized in various Indian educational policy documents. From using a handful of e-resources for enhancing the teaching-learning experience to depending more on technology to reach out to their students during a pandemic, teachers have witnessed a quiet revolution in the education system. Today's classrooms are no longer just physical spaces, made of brick and mortar; the term now encompasses any learning environment wherein the participants communicate with one another effectively and accomplish their learning objectives. Such a scenario calls for a renewed understanding of learner motivation, effective pedagogy and utility of various teaching-learning resources. This paper aims at discussing the role of the language educator in distance learning, delineating effective steps for designing a lesson for remote learning and exploring creative ways of teaching using the plethora of digital resources one finds at one's disposal.

Keywords: distance learning, digital literacy, pedagogy, e-learning, technology, digital resources

Introduction

It is a fact worth acknowledging that unlearning the art of teaching, as teachers have always understood it, is a time-consuming endeavour. Switching to remote teaching requires observation, experimentation,