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In the collection of materials of the conference, the role and role of Science, Education and production in the era of globalization, the pressing problems of the issues of interaction of these processes, feedback on their solutions were presented by mature specialists of the field.

In addition, research on the scientific and practical topic, carried out in the economics, Exact Sciences, Natural Sciences and socio-humanities during the globalization period, information is presented in the scientific and practical fields, which includes the latest innovative technologies in the fields of production.

It can be argued that this collection is one of the specific intersections of current thoughts and innovative ideas of the world of science. This scientific and practical conference was actively attended by professors and scientific researchers engaged in scientific research in Uzbekistan and foreign countries. In increasing the position of the scientific and practical conference, the professors and teachers of domestic and foreign higher educational institutions made a significant contribution.

Professors and teachers of foreign higher educational institutions who actively participated in the work of the conference made a worthy contribution to the high level of interaction with scientists of our country. The processes of international cooperation with foreign countries and exchange with them in the field of Science in the era of globalization have a positive effect on the development of Higher Education, the fields of Science and production. The materials of this conference are special in that they include a wide range of research, from theoretical developments to practical solutions, demonstrating the diversity of approaches and directions in this area.

In conclusion, it should be noted that this scientific and practical conference will be a very useful collection for everyone who is interested in modern research in the fields of further development of Higher Education, Science, Education and production in the era of globalization. The authors are responsible for the content and quality of the articles and abstracts included in the collection.

SECTION 3.
CURRENT PROBLEMS OF MODERN HUMANITARIAN EDUCATION

MAJOR TRENDS IN 21ST CENTURY LANGUAGE TEACHING



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Abstract: Language teaching in the 21st century has undergone a profound transformation, reflecting the influence of technology, globalization, and evolving pedagogical insights. In an increasingly interconnected world, the focus has shifted from traditional grammar-based approaches to more communicative, learner-centered methodologies. Key trends such as the integration of technology, the emphasis on communicative language teaching, learner autonomy, task-based and content-based learning, and the growing importance of cultural awareness are shaping modern language education. This article explores these major trends, examining how they influence the practice and theory of language teaching in contemporary contexts. It also discusses the implications for educators and learners in a globalized, digital world.

Keywords: Language Teaching, 21st Century, Technology, Communicative Language Teaching, Digital Learning, Learner-Centered Approaches, Blended Learning, Globalization, Multilingualism, Cultural Competence

Annotatsiya: XXI asrda til o'rganish tajribasi, globallashuvdan va rivojlanayotgan pedagogik akslarning ta'sirini chuqur o'zgartiruvchi o'zgarishlarni boshdan kechirdi. O'zaro kommunikativ, o'ziga xos yo'qotilgan metodologiyaga o'tdi. integratsiya, tilni kommunikativ o'qitishga urg'u berish, o'quvchilarning mustaqilligi, vazifa va mazmunga ega bo'lgan ta'lim, madaniy ongning texnologik ahamiyati ortib rivojlanishi kabi asosiy tendentsiyalar zamonaviy til ta'limini. shakllantirmoqda. Ushbu maqola ushbu asosiy tendentsiyalarni o'rganadi, ular zamonaviy kontekstlarda til o'qitish amaliyoti va nazariyasiga qanday ta'sir qilishini o'rganadi, u globallashgan, kompyuter dunyoda o'qituvchilar va o'quvchilar uchun ishlarni bajaradi.

Kalit so‘zlar: Til o'rgatish, 21-asr, texnologiya, kommunikativ tillarni o'rgatish, raqamli ta'lim, o'quvchiga yo'qolgan jismoniylar, aralash ta'lim, globallashuv, ko'p tillilik, madaniy kompetensiya

Introduction

The landscape of language teaching has undergone significant shifts in the 21st century, influenced by numerous social, technological, and pedagogical developments. No longer confined to traditional grammar and rote memorization, language teaching today emphasizes communication, cultural competence, and the

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integration of technology. The impact of globalization, digital media, and cognitive science has prompted educators to rethink traditional methodologies and explore new, more interactive, and engaging ways to teach and learn languages. This article aims to highlight the major trends in 21st-century language teaching, examining how these trends are transforming both the theory and practice of language instruction.

1. The Role of Technology in Language Learning

1.1 Digital Platforms and Language Learning Apps

The rapid development of mobile technologies and digital platforms has revolutionized language learning. Apps like Duolingo, Babbel, and HelloTalk enable learners to practice vocabulary, grammar, and pronunciation in engaging, interactive ways. These platforms incorporate gamification elements to keep learners motivated, providing rewards and tracking progress. For example, Duolingo’s use of "streaks" encourages daily practice, while Memrise uses spaced repetition techniques to enhance vocabulary retention.

Online learning platforms, such as Coursera, edX, and FutureLearn, offer specialized language courses, enabling learners to access expert-level instruction remotely. These platforms have democratized language education, making it more accessible to learners around the world.

1.2 Online Learning and Virtual Classrooms

The COVID-19 pandemic has accelerated the adoption of online learning technologies, making virtual classrooms a primary mode of language instruction. Tools like Zoom, Microsoft Teams, and Google Meet provide real-time communication for teachers and students, allowing for interactive lessons despite geographical distances. The shift to online language teaching has led to innovations in virtual immersion experiences, where learners practice speaking skills with native speakers via video calls and language exchange platforms.

1.3 Artificial Intelligence and Personalized Learning

AI-driven applications and learning management systems are gaining traction in the language education field. AI-powered language tools such as speech recognition software (e.g., Google's Assistant, Siri) and grammar checkers (e.g., Grammarly) assist learners in improving their language skills. Personalized learning algorithms can adapt content to individual proficiency levels, tailoring lessons to the learner’s progress and areas of need. This customization enhances learning efficiency by ensuring that students work at their optimal pace and focus on the areas that require attention.

2. Communicative Language Teaching (CLT)

2.1 Focus on Communication and Fluency

One of the most influential trends in 21st-century language teaching is the shift toward communicative language teaching (CLT). CLT prioritizes language as a tool for real-world communication, emphasizing fluency over accuracy. The approach encourages learners to engage in meaningful interactions, such as conversations, role-playing, problem-solving, and collaborative activities. The goal

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is to enable learners to communicate effectively, even if they make mistakes in grammar or vocabulary.

2.2 Task-Based Learning (TBL)

Task-Based Learning (TBL), which is closely aligned with CLT, further underscores the importance of practical language use. In TBL, students engage in tasks that reflect real-life situations—such as planning a trip, interviewing someone, or preparing a presentation—in the target language. These tasks foster both linguistic competence and critical thinking. By focusing on tasks rather than isolated language structures, TBL prepares learners to use the language in authentic contexts, enhancing their ability to solve problems, express opinions, and engage with others.

3. Learner-Centered Approaches

3.1 Student Autonomy and Self-Directed Learning

The focus in 21st-century language teaching has shifted from teacher-centered to learner-centered instruction. Student autonomy and self-directed learning are key principles of modern pedagogy. Learners are encouraged to take responsibility for their own language learning, setting personal goals, tracking their progress, and selecting the resources and materials that best suit their needs. Language teachers are increasingly seen as facilitators who guide students in their learning journey, rather than traditional “sage on the stage” instructors.

3.2 Personalization and Differentiation

Given that learners have varied backgrounds, interests, and proficiency levels, contemporary language teaching emphasizes the personalization of learning experiences. Differentiated instruction allows educators to tailor content and strategies to meet the specific needs of individual students. By offering multiple pathways to learning—whether through differentiated activities, supplementary materials, or adaptive learning technologies—teachers can ensure that every student remains engaged and challenged appropriately.

4. The Influence of Globalization

4.1 Multilingualism and Cultural Awareness

Globalization has made multilingualism more important than ever before. In an increasingly interconnected world, the ability to speak multiple languages is a valuable skill that promotes cultural understanding and global citizenship. Language teachers are now more focused on integrating cultural awareness into language instruction. This includes not only teaching students about the customs, traditions, and societal norms of countries where the target language is spoken but also fostering intercultural competence.

4.2 Global Competence and 21st Century Skills

Language teaching is no longer just about linguistic competence; it also encompasses the development of 21st-century skills, including critical thinking, collaboration, and digital literacy. By encouraging learners to engage with global issues, collaborate with peers from diverse backgrounds, and use digital tools to communicate across borders, language education plays a central role in preparing students for success in a globalized world.

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5. Integration of Content and Language (CLIL)

5.1 Content and Language Integrated Learning (CLIL)

Content and Language Integrated Learning (CLIL) is an innovative approach where learners study academic subjects—such as science, history, or mathematics—in a foreign language. This method not only improves students' language skills but also deepens their understanding of subject content. CLIL is particularly popular in Europe, where many countries use it to teach non-language subjects in English, enabling students to gain proficiency in both content and language simultaneously.

5.2 Immersive Learning Environments

In addition to CLIL, immersion programs—both physical and virtual—have proven highly effective in language learning. Study abroad programs, where students live in a country where the target language is spoken, provide real-life opportunities to use the language daily. Similarly, virtual immersion, through tools like language exchange platforms and virtual reality environments, offers students the chance to engage in immersive language experiences from the comfort of their own homes.

6. The Shift Toward Blended Learning

Blended learning, which combines online and face-to-face instruction, is increasingly being adopted in language teaching. This model offers the best of both worlds, allowing for flexibility in how and when students engage with learning materials while preserving the benefits of face-to-face interaction. Teachers can use online resources—such as videos, quizzes, and forums—to support classroom activities, making the learning experience richer and more interactive. The flexibility of blended learning helps students manage their time better, promoting a more balanced and personalized learning experience.

7. Focus on Pronunciation and Fluency

While grammar and vocabulary remain core components of language teaching, there has been a noticeable shift toward pronunciation and fluency. Teachers now place greater emphasis on helping learners speak with clear, intelligible pronunciation. This change is driven by the realization that communication is more about being understood than adhering to perfect grammar. Modern language teaching methodologies integrate pronunciation practice through multimedia resources such as language podcasts, online speech recognition tools, and videos that model authentic accents and intonation patterns.

8. Emphasis on Soft Skills and Emotional Intelligence

In addition to cognitive and linguistic skills, there is an increasing focus on developing soft skills such as emotional intelligence (EQ) and intercultural sensitivity. Language learners are encouraged to become empathetic listeners, critical thinkers, and effective communicators. These skills are essential in the globalized workplace, where intercultural communication and collaboration are often key to success.

Conclusion

The 21st century has seen language teaching move away from traditional, teacher-centered models toward more dynamic, student-centered approaches. Technology has played a central role in this transformation, offering new tools for language practice, assessment, and feedback. Communicative approaches like CLT and task-based learning have revolutionized how languages are taught, placing emphasis on real-world communication and fluency. At the same time, the increasing importance of global competence, cultural awareness, and multilingualism underscores the need for language learners to be prepared to interact in a diverse, interconnected world.

Educators today are tasked not only with teaching grammar and vocabulary but also with fostering learner autonomy, digital literacy, and emotional intelligence. The integration of content and language learning, coupled with immersive experiences, ensures that students not only master the language but also gain a deeper understanding of the cultures and contexts in which it is spoken.

As language teaching continues to evolve, it is clear that the future will be characterized by greater personalization, increased use of technology, and a more holistic approach to language education. For educators, this means adapting to new tools, strategies, and frameworks that reflect the changing needs of learners in a globalized, digital age.

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