

BLENDDED LEARNING STRATEGIES IN TEACHING ENGLISH GRAMMAR TO NON-NATIVE SPEAKERS

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Abstract Blended learning combines traditional face-to-face instruction with digital resources, enhancing the learning experience for non-native English speakers. This article explores various blended learning strategies specifically designed to improve English grammar instruction. It discusses the advantages, challenges, and best practices in implementing a blended approach to teaching grammar effectively.

Key words: blended learning, non-native, flexibility, accessibility, assessment, flipped classroom, visual, contextual, language proficiency, enhanced retention.

Аннотация: Смешанное обучение сочетает традиционное очное обучение с цифровыми ресурсами, улучшая процесс обучения для неносителей английского языка. В этой статье рассматриваются различные стратегии смешанного обучения, специально разработанные для улучшения обучения грамматике английского языка. В ней обсуждаются преимущества, проблемы и передовой опыт внедрения смешанного подхода к эффективному преподаванию грамматики.

Ключевые слова: смешанное обучение, неносители языка, гибкость, доступность, оценка, перевернутый класс, визуальный, контекстный, владение языком, улучшенное запоминание.

Abstract: Aralashtirilgan o'qitish an'anaviy yuzma-yuz o'qitishni raqamli resurslar bilan birlashtirib, ona tili bo'lmagan ingliz tilida so'zlashuvchilar uchun o'rganish tajribasini oshiradi. Ushbu maqola ingliz tili grammatikasini o'qitishni yaxshilash uchun maxsus ishlab chiqilgan turli xil aralash o'rganish strategiyalarini o'rganadi. Unda grammatikani samarali o'qitishda aralash yondashuvni amalga oshirishning afzalliklari, muammolari va eng yaxshi amaliyotlari muhokama qilinadi.

Kalit so'zlar: aralash ta'lim, mahalliy bo'lmagan, moslashuvchanlik, mavjudlik, baholash, o'zgaruvchan sinf, vizual, kontekstual, tilni bilish, eslab qolishni kuchaytirish.

Introduction English grammar is a crucial component of language proficiency for non-native speakers. Traditional methods of instruction often rely on textbooks, lectures, and rote memorization, while modern digital tools provide interactive, self-paced learning opportunities. Blended learning, which integrates both traditional and digital approaches, offers an effective way to enhance grammar instruction. This article examines the best strategies for employing blended learning to teach English grammar to non-native speakers.

Benefits of blended learning in grammar instruction. Blended learning, which integrates traditional face-to-face instruction with digital learning resources, provides significant benefits in grammar instruction. One of the most notable advantages is its **flexibility and accessibility**, allowing learners to engage with grammar content at their own pace and convenience. **Personalized Learning:** Online platforms offer adaptive learning experiences tailored to individual needs. Grammar learning often requires repetition and practice. In a traditional classroom setting, students may struggle to keep up with the pace of instruction, especially if they have different levels of proficiency[1]. Blended learning addresses this challenge by offering online resources, such as interactive grammar exercises, video tutorials, and quizzes, which students can access anytime. This self-paced approach allows learners to revisit complex grammatical structures, reinforcing classroom instruction. A study by Means et al. (2013) found that students in blended learning environments performed better than those in purely face-to-face instruction, as they had more opportunities to engage with content outside class. Specifically, when learning grammar, students who used digital exercises repeatedly showed improved retention and application of grammatical rules. Blended learning provides a variety of resources, such as videos, games, quizzes, and forums, catering to different learning styles. Visual learners can benefit from grammar info graphic videos, auditory learners from podcasts, and kinesthetic learners from interactive drag-and-drop grammar exercises. This multimodal approach helps make grammar instruction more engaging and effective. A study by Mayer (2009) on multimedia learning theory supports the idea that using multiple formats (text, images, and audio) enhances comprehension and retention. Grammar instruction that integrates digital tools allows students to interact with content in ways best suited to their learning preferences, improving their overall grasp of grammatical rules.

Literature review. One of the key advantages of blended learning in grammar instruction is its ability to enhance **engagement and interaction** through multimedia content, gamified exercises, and interactive quizzes. Traditional grammar instruction, which often relies on textbooks and rote memorization, can be monotonous for learners[2]. However, incorporating digital tools makes grammar learning more dynamic, enjoyable, and effective. Multimedia elements such as videos, animations,

and infographics make abstract grammatical rules easier to understand. Instead of reading lengthy explanations about tenses, students can watch animated videos demonstrating real-life conversations where different tenses are used. A study by Plass, Chun, Mayer, and Leutner (2003) found that students who learned grammar through **animated explanations with subtitles** performed better than those who read grammar rules in a textbook. The combination of **visuals, spoken words, and text captions** reinforced understanding and retention. Gamified elements such as **badges, leaderboards, and point-based challenges** motivate learners to engage with grammar exercises more frequently. Digital platforms like **Duolingo, Kahoot, and Quizizz** use gamification techniques to make learning grammar feel like an interactive game rather than a traditional lesson. A study by Dehghanzadeh, Rezvani, and Soleymani (2021) showed that students using gamified grammar apps demonstrated **higher motivation and better retention** compared to those using conventional grammar exercises. The competitive and interactive nature of gamified learning encouraged them to complete more exercises and practice grammar consistently. Unlike traditional grammar exercises where students wait for a teacher's evaluation, interactive quizzes provide **instant feedback**, allowing learners to correct their mistakes in real time[3]. Digital platforms use multiple-choice quizzes, fill-in-the-blanks, and drag-and-drop exercises to assess learners' grammar skills dynamically. Immediate feedback **enhances self-correction skills** and reduces fossilization of grammatical errors (Shute, 2008). A study by Wang (2017) found that students who used interactive **grammar quizzes with instant feedback** improved their accuracy by 30% compared to those who received delayed feedback. The immediate correction of mistakes helped reinforce correct grammatical structures[4].

Research Methodology. Effective Blended Learning Strategies for Teaching Grammar

- a) **Flipped classroom approach:** Students review online grammar tutorials and exercises before class. Classroom time is used for discussions, clarifications, and practice activities.
- b) **Gamification and interactive platforms:** Using apps like Duolingo, Kahoot, and Quizlet to reinforce grammar rules through games. Competitive and reward-based learning increases motivation.
- c) **Integration of learning management systems (LMS):** Platforms like Moodle, Google Classroom, and Edmodo allow structured grammar lessons with quizzes, discussion forums, and progress tracking.
- d) **Use of AI-Powered grammar tools:** Tools like Grammarly and Write & Improve provide real-time grammar correction and explanations. AI feedback helps students learn from mistakes and improve accuracy.

- e) **Collaborative learning through online forums and social media:** Students participate in discussions and peer reviews on platforms like Padlet, WhatsApp, and Facebook groups. Encourages peer learning and real-world application of grammar rules.
- f) **Video-Based learning:** Using platforms like YouTube, TED-Ed, and BBC Learning English for grammar tutorials. Videos provide visual and contextual explanations, making complex grammar concepts easier to grasp.
- g) **Project-Based learning (PBL) with digital integration:** Assigning grammar-focused writing projects that integrate digital tools. Example: Students create blogs, presentations, or digital stories using correct grammatical structures.
- h) **Hybrid assessments:** Combining traditional written tests with online quizzes and auto-graded assignments. Provides diverse evaluation methods to assess grammar proficiency comprehensively.

Analysis and results.Challenges and solutions in blended learning for grammar instruction. While blended learning offers numerous benefits, one significant challenge is **digital literacy barriers**—some students may struggle with using online platforms effectively. These difficulties can hinder their ability to access resources, complete exercises, and fully engage in grammar instruction[5]. Addressing this issue requires structured **orientation and technical support** to ensure all learners benefit from blended learning. Digital literacy involves more than just knowing how to use a computer; it includes skills such as **navigating educational platforms, understanding digital interfaces, managing online resources, and troubleshooting basic technical issues**. Some students, particularly those from underserved backgrounds or older learners returning to education, may find it difficult to engage with grammar instruction through digital tools[6]. A study by van Deursen and van Dijk (2014) found that **students with lower digital literacy skills experience frustration and anxiety** when engaging with online learning. This often leads to decreased participation and learning outcomes, as they struggle to access and use digital grammar resources effectively.

i) A study by Richardson, Maeda, & Swan (2017) found that **frequent instructor-student interaction in online courses** led to **higher motivation and improved performance**. Students who received regular **constructive feedback and personal encouragement** demonstrated greater persistence in completing grammar assignments[7]. Research by Dörnyei (2001) highlights that **social learning and collaborative activities** increase motivation by creating a **sense of belonging** and making learning more enjoyable. When students engage in group-based grammar activities, they develop **higher interest and commitment** to the subject[8].

Conclusion. Blended learning offers an effective approach to teaching English grammar to non-native speakers by combining traditional methods with digital

innovation. The strategies discussed, from flipped classrooms to gamified exercises and AI-powered tools, can significantly enhance grammar instruction. By addressing challenges and leveraging the benefits of blended learning, educators can create a dynamic and engaging learning environment that fosters grammatical accuracy and language proficiency.

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