

Developing Speaking Skills through Watching Web-Series for Second Language Learners

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Abstract

The Entertainment industry has seen substantial disruption as a result of the popularity of web series and YouTube channels. Web series are becoming more and more popular in this digital age, mainly by their content but additionally for their accessibility and affordable pricing. Speaking fluently is an important component of communication. Learners of second languages often have trouble with LSRW skills. Speaking abilities can be developed through a wide range of activities. Mobile technology, video games, and television shows have had a significant impact on today's youth. Additionally, watching web-series with English subtitles make the content easier for the audience to understand. It impacts the learner's vocabulary and its sub-skills of pronunciation, intonation, and fluency, as well as their desire to watch more information. Thus, the purpose of this paper is to determine all the factors that web series information executes to influence vocabulary growth.

Keywords: Web-Series, Second Language Learner, Communication Skills, Vocabulary Skills

Introduction

A web-series is a collection of scripted (or unscripted) online videos that are normally released in serial style on the internet. It is a kind of web television that originally appeared in late 1990 and attained popularity in the early 2000s. The greater part of gadgets and platforms promote watching web series. To enhance English, one requires a greater grasp of the language. Web series can be used for a variety of purposes, including improving communication skills as well as functioning as just entertaining. Speaking and listening gently can make mastering a language simple. The ability to speak a language more effectively is able to be improved through reading books, watching TED lectures, and reading articles online, among other things. Reading articles online are few of the techniques that can improve language speaking skill, well Watching web series can help relax our mood as well as improve language. Speaking skill is a kind of task that improves with practice.

Importance of Speaking Skills

One of the most important skills in language is speaking skill. A person's communication ability is tested the way he/she speaks language fluently. It has grown more important than ever to; enhance speaking abilities in education after identifying the value of oral communication abilities. It gives an advantage to a person.

To realise their aspirations, intentions, and objectives, they need to master their communication skills. Likewise, success in getting career opportunities and achieving desired life goals is made easier by excellence in developing speaking skill. Speaking skill is necessary for efficient communication.

Speaking Sub-Skills

Speaking is a complex skill that requires sub-skills. For an effective communication a person must develop the sub skills of the language. The sub skills are: Grammar, Fluency, Accuracy, Vocabulary, and Pronunciation.

Grammar

Grammar helps convey ideas accurately and precisely. By using correct grammar, learners can express themselves clearly reducing the chance of misinterpretation or confusion. Grammar acts a tool for effective communication by organising words and phrases in a coherent and logical manner. This self-correction process helps refine speaking skills over time, leading to improved fluency and accuracy.

When it comes to web series, grammar plays crucial role in maintain the quality and professionalism of the content. The script writing process for a web series involves crafting dialogue, allowing the characters to speak naturally and convincingly. Web series scripts, like any other form of writing, require proper grammar. The dialogue and narrative sections need to adhere to grammatical rules to ensure clarity and coherence. Correct punctuation, sentence structure, verb agreement and use of tenses are accurate in webseries. It ensures effective communication and enhance the overall quality of their production.

Fluency

Web series have become a popular form of entertainment in recent years, offering a diverse range of content that caters to various interests and demographics. Watching web series can indeed help improve fluency in several ways. Webseries often provide visual context alongside spoken language making it easier to understand the meaning of words and phrases. Visual cues, body language, and facial

expressions can aid comprehension especially for beginners or those still developing their language skills. To maximize the language learning potential of web series, watching with subtitles in the target languages will develop comprehensive language proficiency.

Vocabulary

Web series offer a wide range of vocabulary, idioms, and colloquial expressions used in real-life situations. Learners can learn new words and phrases in context and expand their vocabulary by observing how characters use languages in different contexts. To develop speaking skills need to know the right words. Vocabulary development is where learners can understand the meanings and pronunciation of words. Sometimes the lack of vocabulary will be a problem for ineffective communication.

Listening Comprehension

Listening comprehension is the ability to understand spoken language accurately .It involves various skills such as understanding vocabulary, grammar, pronunciation and context. Web series expose learners to authentic spoken language, helping them improve their listening skills. By watching characters engage in conversations, learners can develop an ear for natural pronunciation, intonation, and speech patterns. Webseries can improve the ability to understand the language and communicate effectively in real-life situations.

Pronunciation

Watching web series can indeed be a helpful tool for developing pronunciation skills. Learners by exposing themselves into native speakers, natural speech patterns can develop better sense of intonation rhythm, stress and pronunciation in the language learning. Through repeated exposure to native speaker's pronunciation internalize the correct pronunciation of words and phrases. This intuitive learning process can help learners to develop more natural and authentic accent. Watching web series can be a valuable tool for pronunciation improvement, it should be combined with native speakers through watching series and making significant progress in pronunciation.

Benefits of WebSeries

A step-by-step approach helps improve the systematic process of learning a foreign language. Initially learners can watch the web series with subtitles in their native language or the target language. As their proficiency improves they can transition to subtitles in the target language or turn them off completely. Watching web series that match learners' language proficiency level and align with their interests. Engaging content will motivate learners and make the learning experience enjoyable. Learners can benefit from re-watching scenes and repeating lines to practice pronunciation, intonation and rhythm. By imitating the characters' speech helps to improve their speaking fluency. While web series can be a valuable tool for language learning learner should supplement other language acquisition activities such as formal, instruction, conversation practice and exposure to diverse language resources. The webseries is known for its brief episodes that can also be seen separately, inexpensive production expenses, and fit for the digital environment. It is a particularly effective format when it comes to language learning.

Conclusion

Watching web series is a valuable tool for developing language skills due to their authentic language content, visual context, exposure to diverse cultures and engaging nature. By incorporating web series into language learning routines, learners can enhance their listening comprehension, vocabulary, and cultural awareness, ultimately becoming more proficient and confident in the target language. This can be done through various techniques such as using subtitles, pausing to reflect on dialogues, jotting down new vocabulary and discussing episodes with fellow learners. Webseries can be a valuable resource for language development its essential to supplement to language learning with other activities such as

reading, writing, and speaking practices. Webseries can be highly engaging and entertaining, making language learning enjoyable. This leads to increased exposure to the language.

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