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Abstract

Time and geographical differences naturally separate teachers from their pupils, particularly concerning online learning. The one adaptable and innovative teaching tool is a virtual classroom, defined as a digital environment used for training and education. This paradigm change completely changes the dynamics of education and provides benefits outside the limits of conventional classrooms. The effectiveness of the instruction depends on the attitudes of teachers and students. In traditional classroom environments, the mix of tired teachers and indifferent students sometimes results in a boring daily schedule, just "managing the hour". Many driven students select private tutors for more customised instruction because of this impasse. In Indian schools, grammar teachers aim to satisfy every pupil's particular requirement. It is practically difficult to offer tailored instruction, though, when class numbers exceed eighty pupils. Psychological disorders make students who struggle with fundamental grammar principles much more problematic. They avoid asking questions since they fear being laughed at in a mixed-group environment, so preventing their active participation in the learning process. They so lack complete understanding of things and may not even notice it till they are older and the consequences of their ignorance become evident. Virtual classrooms allow teachers to distribute content over the Internet, therefore helping to reduce some of these issues. Perfectly replicating conventional classrooms, these systems combine real-time and delayed exchanges to add sophisticated capabilities. Virtual classrooms let teachers go beyond conventional hours, creating an environment fit for tailored interaction with their pupils. This method promotes a customised learning experience and transcends the limitations of the actual surroundings.

Keywords: Traditional Classroom, Synchronous, Asynchronous, Virtual Classroom.

Established by David Karp in 2007 and later acquired by Yahoo on May 20, 2013, Tumblr is a social networking tool that helps multimedia content to be shared. With about 550 million visits biweekly, New York-based Tumblr is a major tool for educational purposes. Teachers and students can incorporate blogs on Tumblr using its dashboard for quick management. With an impressive 282.1 million blogs on it, the platform shows its general relevance. It made the idea of "tumble blogs," short-form blogs, more popular. Scheduling articles is one helpful tool since it allows teachers to queue material to be published at regular intervals, hence maintaining the consistent flow of instruction. By allowing students to locate certain content more easily, the tagging function dramatically improves the user experience. Customising features on Tumblr enables users to alter their pages in HTML. Originally designed primarily for Black

Berry devices, the Tumblr app may currently be accessed on Windows and Android phones as well. With 56 million daily posts, Tumblr has grown to be a popular venue for students and teachers of languages to interact. Free of cost, Live Mocha is a creative tool that helps 35 languages—including English, Arabic, Belarusian, and Marathi—to be learnt. English is the unmatched lingua franca in trade, academics, and the arts, even if native speakers are fewer than those of Chinese.

Live Mocha offers an interactive forum for linguistic and cultural immersion, given that about one billion people are learning English right now. Activities guided by native speakers and linguists allow students to improve their language ability. Many times, these exercises employ audio and video communication. Learners can obtain instant feedback from native speakers to help them become better, and the tool helps individuals enhance their reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills. Live Mocha offers expert support and makes it simpler for learners to collaborate, therefore promoting a complete and dynamic learning environment.

Busuu rapidly became the most used website in this industry when it first launched in 2008 as a social networking tool for learning languages. Apart from Chinese, Japanese, Arabic, and German, Busuu teaches in twelve other languages. Language learners have choices between free and paid courses to improve their language. It includes interactive courses, comprehension tests, and speaking exercises, among other 150 content pieces. Students can access materials including flashcards, visual aids, and writing exercises, turn in assignments for evaluation, and participate in voice and video conversations with native speakers. Users of mobile devices can access the Busuu app; subscriptions to the service will provide extra materials, including podcasts and worksheets. Among the other honours Busuu has received are the EdTech Innovator Award in 2014 and the TechCrunch Award for Best Education Startup in 2011. Google has termed it an “essential app,” while BBC News and The New York Times have hailed it. For those who wish to pick up a language, its simple interface and innovative features make it a preferred choice.

There are many big differences between real classes and virtual classrooms. Given the size of the class, it might be hard to give each student the care they need in real life. There is no limit on the number of people who can join a virtual school, though. Whereas in virtual classrooms, digital tools are employed to simulate a similar environment, in conventional classes, students can interact visually and converse.

Traditional classes follow rigorous timetables that could make them less adaptable. Conversely, virtual classrooms enable sessions to occur whenever it would be most practical. Like illness or travel, mobility problems can occasionally make learning in normal surroundings difficult. Virtual classes, however, allow content to be always accessible for study. More examples and assignments found in virtual classrooms help students grasp and remain motivated. Unlike the strict plans of conventional exams, they provide students the chance to arrange tests at their convenience. Moreover, virtual platforms help teachers by giving them control in the development and implementation of their curricula, therefore encouraging customised learning environments that meet particular student requirements. Those who find themselves inactive in normal classrooms and who avoid asking for assistance may find a useful and non-embarrassing environment in virtual ones. By removing the restrictions of actual environments and enabling more open and individualised learning for every student, virtual classrooms transform the nature of education.

Learning and using the English language undergo a sea change when one moves from paper to digital media. Since most individuals in the digital era get things done, electracy has transformed the way educators educate and how pupils pick up language skills. Employing multimodal tools, virtual platforms, and collaborative technologies, electracy provides learners with amazing flexibility and tailored experiences. It stimulates fresh thoughts, gets people more engaged, and covers the voids in conventional wisdom. Though issues like the digital divide persist, integration

of electracy into English language education is a great step forward in preparing children for a linked, changing environment. This expansion indicates that our instruction must adapt to fit the demands of a continually changing, technologically advanced environment. This will ensure that in the digital era, studying English remains relevant, efficient, and open to everyone.

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