

# Innovative Language Teaching using Technology

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## Abstract

**Technology:** ‘Technology’ is how people modify the natural world to suit their own purposes.

In the contemporary world it is evident that we the teachers should incorporate ‘technology’ in our way of teaching to make it interesting and more useful. Today teaching is changing and, in many ways, becoming a more difficult job because of increasingly numerous expectations. We are expected to meet the needs of all students and move them toward fulfillment of their individual potential even as they are pressured to prepare students for maximum performance on high-stakes assessment tests that are the primary measure of student and school success.

Technology can actually assist with some of these expectations and make teachers—and their students—more successful. Educators must prepare for a technology-rich future and keep up with change by adopting effective strategies that infuse lessons with appropriate technologies. Teachers especially, actively pursue professional development that enables a lifelong exploration of ways to enhance the teaching and learning.

Access to technology is an important issue for teachers and students. Although schools may have computers available, one factor that determines their use is where those computers are located. If computers are connected to the Internet but are not in a convenient location, the availability to students and teachers will be limited.

As Language teacher I use technology in my teaching strategies which are enumerated below:

**Power Point Presentation** :- PowerPoint is a powerful tool to create professional looking presentations and slide shows. PowerPoint allows you to construct presentations from scratch or by using the easy to use wizard. A presentation designed for a particular chapter is very interesting task. Through PowerPoint we make text more attractive using clip art and pictures which are downloaded from the net. Students like to learn the lesson through colorful pictures and highlighted text and thus they get more attentive and participative in the class. Lesson in Poetry is getting easier to understand. We give centre idea of the poem with the help of PowerPoint.

**E-beam technology** - Electron beam film is a fine grain, silver halide film which is exposed directly with a computer controlled Electronic Beam Recorder. It is an innovative and interactive technology which gives an opportunity to a teacher to interact more with her students. This hardware works with the projector. The device called stylus acts like mouse and its software captures all the information delivered on the white board. Thus the notes and written work made while teaching can be used for next class. While teaching grammar we make scrap book of the related topic. With the help of this Scrap Book we can show only the required topic to the students and hide the rest chapter.

**SMART Boards:** - SMART Boards are the integral part of our teaching methodology. SMART Board is an interactive whiteboard which helps us to present our lessons effectively. Activities like match the following, odd one out can be easily done with the help of this SMART Board. This technology helps to save time.

**Play with flash cards :** Flash cards can be used to teach correct formation of jumbled sentences.

**Creative Learning through CDs:** Learning should be fun for students. For this CDs and DVDs plays important role. To enhance creativity of our students we show some visual clips of movies without sound. After seeing those clips student create beautiful and meaningful stories or dialogues.

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