English Language and Literature Teaching

TRENDS, Techniques, METHODS AND APPROACHES

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Introduction

Grammar is the backbone of any language and you need to have good foundation of grammar to gain command over a language. Correct and appropriate use of grammar helps you to communicate effectively. We, as language teachers, need to be careful while teaching grammar due to its vital role in learning a language. We can create interest among learners by using various innovative techniques, and technology can be one of the techniques to achieve our objective. If a teacher uses technology in an apt manner, learning grammar can be fun. A teacher may use the internet as a tool for making classroom environment more interactive. It can help a language teacher to teach English as a second or foreign language in a better manner. There are various educational websites available on the net, which can be used for teaching of English grammar in an effective way. Here is a list of websites along with their features, which can be used for teaching grammar.

Websites for English Language Learners and Teachers

1. www.a4esl.org/ql/blur/grammar.html

This website provides a number of quizzes, tests, exercises and puzzles to help you learn English as a second language. The
website also provides ‘Podcasts’, which can be used for teaching learning of grammar. It provides separate links for students and teachers.

2. [www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/learningenglish](http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/learningenglish)

You can learn English language with the help of videos and listening material along with grammar and quizzes with the help of this webpage. The available tests on this webpage will help you to learn how to teach English to others. You can listen as well as download a short audio record for learning English language.


There are many interactive online activities and worksheets for learners of English on this website. The website also provides online English lessons for better understanding of the language. You may take the membership of this website.

4. [www.britishcouncil.org](http://www.britishcouncil.org)

The webpage is a useful resource for language teachers as well as learners. It has various techniques as well as videos which can be used in teaching learning process. The webpage provides four different links, namely, Learn English, Learn English Teens, Learn English Kids and Teaching English. The webpage facilitates to learn English online. It has various projects on English language.

5. [www.call4all.us](http://www.call4all.us)

Learning English grammar can be fun with the help of Computer Assisted Language Learning (CALL). This website provides many language learning links, web dictionaries as well as CALL organizations in the world.


There are many activities for learners along with interactive
English language exercises, which can be practised online. It has graded activities like elementary, intermediate, upper intermediate and advanced. The activities create a lot of interest among learners while solving them. The website also provides grammar tests, which can be used for testing the understanding of learners. The online exercises can be corrected immediately and the learner gets feedback about his progress. It provides various downloadable teaching materials for teachers along with few selected links of websites which are related to learning or teaching of English.

7. www.dailygrammar.com

The website offers online grammar lessons for each day along with a quiz once in a week. The website has more than 400 lessons, which provide a lot of information about grammar. On the first page of the website itself, you will find details about each lesson. The site also provides exercises related to grammar.

8. www.edufind.com/english/grammar/

This website provides a list of English language tests as well as quizzes, which are available free of cost. With the help of these tests and quizzes, a learner can access his or her progress regularly.

9. www.englishbanana.com

There are more than 3,200 free printable resources for teachers to make their teaching of grammar more effective. These can be downloaded, printed as well as shared with other teachers. We can utilize the facility of picture dictionary as well as video lessons to make our classes more lively. The online classes are also useful for our learners.

10. www.englishclub.com/grammar/

This website provides excellent grammar tips mainly for the ESL learners. You can utilize the available resources as a learner or as
a teacher. After learning a topic, you may check your understanding with the help of quizzes, which are topic specific. With the help of ‘Grammar Help Desk’, you can clarify your doubts. The website also provides external links to various sites, which are useful for learning of various language skills.

11. [www.englishdaily626.com](http://www.englishdaily626.com)

This is another website to make teaching learning process interactive. It deals with various topics of language like conversation, vocabulary, English grammar as well as English news. The site gives detailed description of grammar topics along with quizzes and crosswords. It also provides exercises to analyse your performance.

12. [www.englishgrammar.com](http://www.englishgrammar.com)

If you wish to learn grammar on your own and at your pace then this webpage is really useful. You will find grammar lessons along with videos. You can make use of English grammar software link for learning English language.

13. [www.englishmedialab.com](http://www.englishmedialab.com)

The website is a rich source of knowledge for learning English grammar. It provides ESL grammar exercises along with PowerPoint Videos. It also has English vocabulary videos. At the same time, there are various ESL quizzes and tests. You may make use of ESL worksheets for teaching learning process. You can easily download the resources available on the webpage. The site also has a separate section on listening and pronunciation as well as Business English.

14. [www.englishpage.com](http://www.englishpage.com)

A lot of interactive exercises related to English are available on
this webpage. It provides free exercises and resources for different levels of English learners.

15.  www.english-zone.com

If you want to more about various aspects of English language then you must visit this website.

16.  www.esl.about.com

You can practise TOEFL Grammar with the help of this webpage. There are various quizzes to practice grammar and you can know your performance at the end of the quiz.

17.  www.eslcafe.com

The website has forums for teachers as well as for students. It also provides a forum for teachers’ training. There are various grammar as well as pronunciation lessons along with quizzes. There are more than 250 lessons of grammar. There are more than 30 lessons related to ‘use of modal verbs’ and around 50 lessons on ‘tenses’. Each lesson provides detailed explanation for better understanding of the topic.

18.  www.esl-galaxy.com

It provides free teaching material for ESL teachers. There are various worksheets, games PPTs, Video lessons, flash cards, crosswords, which can be used for teaching learning process. The site also provides resources for lesson planning.

19.  www.eslgamesworld.com

It provides free printable board games, online interactive games as well Power Point games to practise English as a second language. You can build your own games with the help of game templates.
20.  **www.eslpartyland.com**

This webpage is a *fun place* to learn English as a second language. You can learn ESL in a user-friendly manner with this webpage. It has videos, conversation practice lessons as well as quizzes and games to learn English. It provides details about business English, idioms and phrasal verbs, useful expressions along with reading and vocabulary. With the help of this site, you can learn to speak English online. At the same time, it provides a link for TOEFL. There are separate sections for teachers and learners. In teachers’ section, you will get various ideas as well as materials on a wide range of topics, which can be used in classroom teaching learning process. The students’ section provides valuable guidance to learners for learning English through practice. There are various resources, lessons and ideas for teaching of grammar. You can print the available resources for classroom use. The site provides useful articles on various topics of English, which will help teachers to upgrade / revise their knowledge.

21.  **www.schoolexpress.com**

This website is a useful source for teachers as well as learners of English language. It provides a facility of ‘Ultimate Membership’. Once you are a member, you can download more than 600 e-workbooks, more than 150 Fun e-workbooks and around 270 Subject e-workbooks. You can create your own worksheets, puzzles as well as quizzes to practice grammar. It also has various flash cards as well as more than 17,000 worksheets, which are available free of cost. There are many entertaining videos available on this website. You can receive one thematic unit on every Sunday, once you subscribe to e-newsletter, which is without any cost.
22. [www.studyenglishtoday.net](http://www.studyenglishtoday.net)

The website has various lessons related to English along with grammar. It also provides tests, links to other sites and a separate section for kids. The webpage has online English dictionary, English jokes, grammar lessons as well as tests. It provides writing tips as well as useful resources for examinations like TOEFL and IELTS.

23. [www.teachers.thelanguagemenu.com](http://www.teachers.thelanguagemenu.com)

This webpage provides a lot of free resources to teachers as well as learners for learning English language. There are more than 15 tools, 2000 hand drawn pictures as well as seven online interactive games.

24. [www.voanews.com/specialenglish/topics_summary.cfm](http://www.voanews.com/specialenglish/topics_summary.cfm)

This site has various presentations, which can be used for teaching and learning of grammar. Once you click on the specified activity, a window pops in and presentation starts with audio input, which can be used for learning grammar.

25. Accurate grammar checker is another website, which helps you to proofread your documents and correct errors which are related to grammar, spellings, punctuation, use of vocabulary as well as writing style. It also helps to avoid plagiarism by checking for originality and generating citations.

Advantages and Obstacles in Implementation of Technology in a Classroom

There are many advantages of using websites for teaching English grammar. It helps to create new teaching and learning environment for learners. At the same time, we can cater to the needs of learners who have different learning styles and abilities. Use of internet can assist children with special needs to learn at
their own pace. Teaching through websites involves more senses, which will make teaching more effective and interesting. Intellectual curiosity and creativity of learners can be satisfied with the help of internet. Last but not least, we can develop self study habits of learners with the help of internet.

Even though there are many advantages of using internet in the classroom, there are many obstacles while implementing it in the classroom.

1. Initial cost of hardware, software as well as maintenance is very high, which cannot be afforded by many educational institutes.

2. Effective implementation is possible only when teachers as well as learners are well acquainted with the technology, but the reality is different.

3. Another problem is of large number of learners in a class.

4. The online resources are prepared by native speakers of the language, so it becomes a hurdle while teaching learning process.

Conclusion

Grammar plays a crucial role in learning a language. One must have good command over grammar to be an effective communicator. If grammar is not used in a correct and appropriate manner then language becomes illogical and meaningless. We, as language teachers, need to be careful while teaching grammar and we can utilize various innovative techniques to make our teaching effective and technology is one of the tools to make our teaching more interesting. Technology is just a tool and it can never replace a teacher. We need be keep a close watch while learners use these websites, as we cannot predict their
behaviour while using the computer and internet. A teacher must have a plan and use digital technology in a classroom. We should use technology, which is new and exciting for today’s learners, as they are not much interested in learning in a traditional mode.

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