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Use of computers in efl classes

The using of computers has become an essential part for many teachers of foreign languages. As a powerful tool for learning English it provides great opportunities for teaching English in EFL classes. Foreign language teachers are continually searching for better ways of accessing authentic materials and providing experiences what will improve their students' knowledge and skills. A lot of activities can be done on computers: reading comprehension, watching video, writing and listening. The use of computers is becoming more and more popular in EFL classes nowadays. It facilitated the way of teaching and learning because it has a lot of advantages over more traditional approaches. The use of computers for listening exercises provides not only sound but also visual aids providing students with more contextual clues. Also computers give an immediate feedback for students. They can control themselves the process of learning, replay the questions, and get their score immediately after doing the exercises. In addition to that, students can use electronic dictionaries in order to translate a text, do reading comprehension or to find an appropriate word to write some writing exercises. Computer is an essential tool in learning pronunciation to a target pronunciation. Students can listen to a target pronunciation and with the help of a microphone they can record their own speech and compare it with native speakers. Students can also check their spelling as a lot of programs do it automatically.

Finally, with the aid of the Internet and CD-ROM based materials teachers can quickly find and provide documents addressing individual students' needs. This is especially effective when teaching English for Special Purposes such as Business English. For example, students can find topic-based glossaries (management and marketing, banking, insurance, etc.)