

Power point presentation – the source of new ideas and concepts in learning foreign languages

Although PowerPoint has been in existence for many years, it has just begun to spread to schools and ESL classrooms. The reason for this delay is that technology requires hardware, which is relatively expensive. However, more and more classrooms and teachers have computers and the equipment to use PowerPoint. Not only are more teachers using these presentations, but more are producing their own. Some are even placing them on websites for others to download. PowerPoint is a useful tool that is now being used in many classrooms. PowerPoint presentations are excellent for teaching large ESL classes of students. PowerPoint helps concentration and guarantees effective learning if everything goes according to the plan. PowerPoint is a software bundled in MS office and used for creating presentations in the form of slideshows.

PowerPoint presentations can be used in many ways in the ESL classroom as well as in other classrooms. Presentations can be used for initial teaching, for practice and drilling, for games, for reviews, and for tests. PowerPoint can be used to teach new ideas and concepts to students. The presentation must be clear and uncluttered. One can also use PowerPoint presentations for practice and drills. To do this it is necessary to have the type of material, which can be repeated many times. A presentation of irregular verbs is one example of something which can be repeated again and again. PowerPoint presentations are great for reviewing ideas which have already been taught. After the students have learned and practiced something, it is good to see a presentation. Presentations provide a break in the routine and a way to see the material differently. Not only do students find this interesting, but it is also a good way to check and see if they have mastered a concept. It is a great way to test vocabulary. And also, using the timer feature, a teacher could design many types of interesting tests or quizzes.