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The Impact of Blended Learning on Developing English Language Competencies Among Learners

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الملخص باللغة العربية : أصبح التعلّم المدمج استراتيجية ثورية في مجال التعليم من خلال دمج التعليم التقليدي وجهًا لوجه مع التعلّم عبر الإنترنت. تبحث هذه الدراسة في تأثيره على تطوير الكفاءة اللغوية الإنجليزية لدى المتعلمين، مع تركيز خاص على مهارات القراءة والكتابة والتحدث والاستماع. تستند هذه الدراسة إلى فرضية مفادها أن الطلاب الذين يتلقون التعليم باستخدام أساليب التعلّم المدمج سيزيدون من طلاقتهم التواصلية واكتسابهم للمفردات بشكل أكبر بكثير من الطلاب الذين يتلقون التعليم فقط في الفصول الدراسية التقليدية. الأهداف الرئيسية هي تحديد ما إذا كان استخدام تقنيات التعلّم المدمج يرتبط بتحقيق مكاسب في الطلاقة التواصلية، إلى جانب الكفاءات اللغوية الأخرى، والتحقيق في كيفية قدرة التكنولوجيا التكيفية وعمليات التغذية الراجعة الفورية على تعزيز استقلالية المتعلم وتحفيزه في بيئة مدمجة. يعتمد هذا البحث بشكل أساسي على نظرية Vygotsky التي تؤكد أن التعلّم هو عملية اجتماعية تحدث من خلال التفاعل والتعاون قبل استيعابها من قبل الفرد. يجمع التعلّم المدمج بين مرونة التقنيات الرقمية ومزايا التواصل الصفي الاجتماعي لتحسين إمكانية الوصول والمشاركة والتعلّم الفردي. تكشف الدراسات

أن هذه الطريقة تعزز المهارات اللغوية من خلال تقديم مجموعة متنوعة من المواد متعددة الوسائط والأنشطة التفاعلية وفرص الدراسة المستقلة. ومع ذلك، من أجل تعزيز الفعالية، يجب معالجة القضايا بما في ذلك الحاجة إلى تدريب المعلمين والوصول إلى التكنولوجيا والفجوات في الثقافة الرقمية. من خلال فحص البيانات التجريبية من البحث الحالي، تبرز هذه الورقة الإيجابيات والسلبيات التي قد تترتب على تطبيق التعلّم المدمج في تعليم اللغة الإنجليزية. وفقًا للبحث، يحسّن التعلّم المدمج الكفاءات اللغوية بشكل كبير عند استخدامه بشكل استراتيجي، خاصة في الطلاقة التواصلية والإتقان النحوي واكتساب المفردات. تنتهي الدراسة بتقديم اقتراحات للمعلمين وصنّاع السياسة حول كيفية الاستفادة المثلى من أطر التعلّم المدمج لتحقيق تعليم لغوي عادل وفعّال.

Abstract :

Blended learning has become a revolutionary strategy in education by combining traditional in-person instruction with online learning. The impact it has on learners' development of English language proficiency is examined in this study, with particular attention to reading, writing, speaking, and listening. This study is based on the hypothesis that students who get instruction using blended learning approaches will increase their communicative fluency and vocabulary acquisition considerably more than students who merely receive instruction in traditional classrooms .The main goals are to determine whether using blended learning techniques is associated with obtains in communicative fluency, along with the language competencies, and to look into how adaptive technology and immediate feedback processes can promote learner autonomy and motivation in a blended setting. This research depends mainly on Vygotsky's theory which claimed that Learning is a social process that occurs through interaction and collaboration before it is internalized by the individual. The flexibility of digital technologies and the social advantages of classroom contact are combined in blended learning to improve accessibility, engagement, and individualized learning. Studies reveal that this method enhances language skills by offering a variety of multimedia materials, interactive activities, and chances for independent study. However, in order to enhance effectiveness, issues including the requirement for instructor training, technology access, and gaps in digital literacy must be addressed. Examining empirical data from current research, this paper highlights the benefits and drawbacks of blended learning in English language instruction. Blended learning, according to the research, greatly improves language competencies when used strategically, especially in

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communicative fluency, grammatical mastery, and vocabulary acquisition. The study ends by offering suggestions to educators and legislators on how to best utilize blended learning frameworks for fair and efficient language instruction.

1 INTRODUCTION

The use of contemporary technology in English instruction has become essential, particularly in light of the widespread adoption of cutting-edge technology across all industries. Modern technology, including computers, laptops, cellphones, and the Internet, is used extensively in English instruction these days to make it easier to implement innovative teaching strategies that help students reach their learning objectives. When used in English language instruction, technology enhances students' language proficiency and fosters effective teaching and learning. One of the ultimate objectives of teaching English with contemporary technology is to increase students' proficiency in the language and to actively involve them in the process.
By using technology into English instruction, individuals may have more possibilities to learn the language. Numerous strategies were tested, and each offers advantages and disadvantages.

The "Blended Learning Approach" is a new educational concept that has generated controversy. Blended learning is a hybrid teaching strategy that was developed to help students successfully integrate online and in-person learning while also reaping the benefits of teaching. This teaching strategy is based on fusing technology with the conventional in-person method. To determine the most effective and efficient ways to accomplish the learning objectives, it integrates two models. It combines the advantages of both models. Face-to-face training is limited to a specific time and location, but it provides the advantages of instant assistance, collaboration, and feedback through fluid, real-time interaction with peers and instructors.
Online learning allows for more tailored education and flexibility in terms of time and location, but it may not provide in-person interactions between teachers and students. A blended learning approach reduces the limitations while combining the advantages of the two teaching methods. This strategy is regarded as a methodical approach that combines the advantages of both online connection and conventional in-person training. Some problems with traditional face-to-face training, like

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building expenses and transit distances, might be resolved via blended learning.

These days, a growing number of educational administrations are using the blended learning approach to develop innovative teaching methodologies that combine e-learning with conventional classroom approaches. Since blended learning combines in-person instruction with technology-based instruction, it actually offers English language learners a variety of interactive language activities. A cutting-edge teaching strategy that gives pupils a flexible learning environment is blended learning. A new approach to education called blended learning views students as information searchers and teachers as information producers. Because blended learning incorporates online instruction, which offers teachers access to an infinite number of educational resources, it was created to advance the educational system and to motivate educators to be more adaptable and to continuously modify their teaching strategies.

Since in-person instruction might not be sufficient to meet all of the needs of the students, online learning will need to be used in conjunction with in-person instruction in order to ensure a successful learning experience. Prominent educators utilize a variety of instructional strategies to support each student's learning preferences. Blended learning allows teachers to modify and modify the online course materials to meet the needs of their students and the learning objectives of the course. Additionally, combining two diverse teaching philosophies gives teachers additional chances to employ several successful teaching strategies. They can also request that their students participate in online sessions and upload their written work, in addition to uploading a variety of activities.

Through blended learning, language learners can acquire knowledge in a genuine way. It is thought to be a student-centered approach. Learners can readily access the course materials at any time and from any location when this teaching style is used. Additionally, it enables the practice of teaching and learning activities both within and outside of the classroom. Therefore, this learning approach can help students in terms of time and location. Students will be highly motivated if they can designate the best time and location to finish the suggested educational tasks. Online learning gives students a flexible learning environment where they can study at any time, anywhere, as opposed to the traditional learning environment, which is constrained by time and location.

This approach gives students the opportunity to practice the language with classmates and a teacher in the classroom. They can then use their laptops and the Internet to study at home at their convenience. By using

the learning resources, it expands the learning process beyond the classroom. Additionally, it enables learners from other nations to access online courses. Additionally, students will interact with their teachers both inside and outside of the classroom when using a blended learning strategy, which will enhance the learning process. Through internet tools like video conferencing, blended learning gives students the chance to practice their language skills. This will contribute to the eventual advantages of language acquisition.

With the lack of funding for education, a shortage of teachers, and an increase in the number of students learning English, the blended learning approach has been employed to solve the challenges of traditional learning. The online component is what makes traditional classroom instruction a logical progression. Thus, it is regarded as a potent way to enhance the language acquisition process. When compared to learning that is solely offered online, it was evident that blended learning ensures higher academic performance. Mixing learning contexts is one of the many advantages of the blended learning approach. Lectures, workshops, self-directed learning, and interactive tasks that mimic the use of interactive multimedia are all included.

It incorporates both online interactive approaches and in-person classroom instruction. Online forums and other e-learning components are incorporated into traditional classroom instruction through blended learning. The learning activities, including as discussions, online tests, and assignments, are enhanced by using blended learning. Using a variety of digital technologies, instructors can implement numerous in-person activities in a blended learning system. The students' language abilities will increase and they will be encouraged to practice the language outside of the classroom. In order to help with learning process personalization, blended learning integrates online learning with live instruction and classroom interaction. Blended learning facilitates both individual and group online collaboration. The autonomy of the learner will grow as a result.

Individual work improves many kinds of talents, including research, development, and management. Learning outside of the classroom through online learning will be made easier for students who can identify their own areas of strength and weakness through blended learning. As a result, educators will have to cope with a range of educational elements, including the diverse personalities and individual peculiarities of students as well as the variances in learning styles.

For example, introverted students will communicate more easily online than in person with classmates. Since online learning is available almost around-the-clock, it gives students the opportunity to practice more. The instructor serves as a supervisor, an observer, and a facilitator in this setting. He helps pupils access online resources, checks and fixes their errors right away, and monitors their language improvement.

In the realm of education, "blended learning" is regarded as a novel word. It was created to bridge the gap between the most efficient and successful learning approaches. To put it another way, blended learning combines two learning modalities: online learning and traditional classroom instruction. Higher order thinking skills will be used by the students as a result of this. Since students can engage in learning activities outside of the classroom at any time, anyplace, online learning is also referred to as "anywhere, anytime learning." It places a strong emphasis on the ongoing communication between teachers and students. Because blended learning offers a variety of instructional resources that may be used outside of the classroom, it offers the advantages of online instruction.

The question and null hypothesis that followed were developed in order to accomplish this goal:
Is there a discernible impact of blended learning on pupils' overall proficiency in English?
H0. The general English proficiency of students is not significantly impacted by blended learning.

2 LITERATURE REVIEW

Before they started using computers in the 1980s, teachers used videotapes, radio, media, audio, and films (Liu, Moore, Graham, & Lee, 2002). According to Cunningham (2000) (quoted in Liu et al., 2002), teachers started utilizing computers in language classes in the 1980s to support and aid students in rapidly learning the language as well as to develop extra activities (Lifang, 2012). Computers can be a powerful motivator for students to comprehend the content and discover effectively (Mendez & Gonzalez, 2010; Wold, 2011).
The use of a computer in alien tongue instruction is known as CALL. It's an acronym for " Sometimes referred to as Computer-Aided Language Learning, as stated by Ovens and Garbett 2017. CALL is defined by As ‘the quest for and research of computer applications in language teaching

and learning' (p. 11), Ho and Savignon (2017). Conversely, So and Lee (2013) defined CALL as the method used at the time to enhance the teaching strategies used in a second language learning and teaching activity.

The first software program category to use CALL was, in theory, drill and practice programs (Tananuraksakul, 2014). According to Tuan (2010) and Kazu and Mehmet (2014), these programs mimicked real-life situations to optimize language accessibility. These programs' procedures were also passive and centered on memorization to the extent that they separated students. As technology advanced, immersive activities and a variety of media were employed to teach language, according to Rahimi Esfahani (2018). As a result, more and more educators are utilizing the virtual learning platform to create an immersive learning environment for their students.

Research on the advantages of the extensive usage of computers as well as technology, particularly in Learning a language, started in the 1990s. The study by Liu and associates (2002) showed how computer technology can help in second language acquisition. According to Dunkel's (1990) findings, computers improved the academic abilities and "self-esteem of the language learner" (cited in Liu et al., 2002). One advantage of a computer is that it can give students immediate feedback as they are studying the material (Liu et al. (2002) cited. Brandl and Chun, 2016, stated this benefit. The use of computers in second language training, according to Colakoglu and Akdemir (2010), improves students' proficiency in the medium.

According to Lalima and Dangwal (2017), the computer facilitates the reuse of courses as needed, which increases students' understanding. For second language learners, it also provides a variety of practice options, especially for those who are unable to work in a classroom setting (Boshoff and Laher, 2017). Through call apply, students able to have great chance to learn (Namaziandost & Çakmak, 2020). The development of students' learning techniques is often encouraged by CALL activities (Jobst, 2016 and Ismail et al , 2014).

Here, the main emphasis is on how to use computers and computer programs to create language learning strategies and resources, not on how accessible they are (El-Khalili and El-Ghalayini, 2012 ;, Razmi, Tilwani Heidari, & Namaziandost , 2020). Technology use is a means of

achieving educational goals and enhancing learning objectives, according to Davies (2011).

Computers, the internet, and associated technologies are the main ICTs and the foundation of the remaining inventions. ICTs are now widely used to improve and enhance user interactions and communications (Hussain, Cakir, Candeğer, 2018). We can better comprehend the characteristics of information communication technologies (ICTs) in particular and electronic media in general as a result of blended learning (Dziuban et al., 2018; Saat, 2004).

Web-based instruction, audio, video, synchronous and asynchronous interaction, and more are features of blended e-learning (Kenney & Newcombe, 2011; Limniou, Schermbrucker, & Lyons, 2018). Many academics have characterized blended learning in a variety of ways. The merging of the potent and advantageous aspects of in-person and online learning is known as blended learning, according to Miles and Foggett (2016). Blended learning is frequently defined as a teaching strategy that eliminates time, place, and situational barriers while fostering excellent attachment among teachers as well as students (Kanuka and Rourke, 2014; Simpson and Anderson, 2009; Krishnan, 2015).

Several experiments have been conducted to ascertain the connection between computer use in L2 learning and advancement. According to Liu et al. (2002), "Results from several study indicate that the usage of visual media facilitated the acquisition of vocabulary and attempted to boost academic performance." Francis and Shannon (2013) evaluated how blended learning improved students' academic performance. They came to the conclusion that learners who don’t participate in Combined learning are at a disadvantage in their academic careers.

Ghahari and Ameri-Golestan (2013) examined how classroom and blended learning approaches affected the writing of Iranian EFL students. Following completion of a placement test, a group of 29 upper intermediate and advanced EFL learners were randomly assigned to one of two groups: the experimental group, which was called Blended Learning, or the control group, which was called Classroom Learning. In the Blended Learning group, participants got both traditional writing instruction and online learning. In contrast, the Classroom Learning group's participants were instructed using conventional writing techniques and were only provided with materials, instructions, and feedback in this manner. The findings of the T-tests for independent samples demonstrated the writing performances for the members of the

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group for blended learning were considerably better than those of the Classroom Learning group.

In a separate study, Harahap, Nasution, and Manurung (2019) examined how the blended learning strategy affected the learning outcomes and scientific process abilities of students enrolled in the plant tissue culture course at Universitas Negeri Medan. The results of the study suggest that, when compared to the traditional learning strategy, the blended learning approach is significantly more effective at raising the science process level and learning success of students enrolled in the plant tissue culture course.

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In contrast to fully online learning alone, blended or combined learning can enhance the results of the students' learning and lower the rate of school dropouts, according to a research by Moskal , Hartman, and Dziuban, (2004). Additionally, blended or combined learning is considerably superior to in-person instruction. A common composition in blended learning is 50/50, which means that half of the total time allotted is for in-person activities and the other half is for online learning. Another ratio is 75/25, with 25% going toward online learning and 75% going toward in-person instruction. A composition of 25/75 is also feasible, with 75% going toward online learning and 25% going toward in-person instruction.

Although there were no notable differences between the control group and the blended learning experiment class, which utilized a PowerPoint-assisted face to face learning approach, Sihkabuden (2011) found that the experimental group's students were more motivated than the control group.

To achieve the overall goal of education, blended learning usually aims to use multi-educational methodologies (Olejarczuk, 2014; Tsoi, 2009). The ability to combine traditional and e-learning approaches in efficient ways demonstrates the adaptability of blended learning, resulting in a product that combines the best features of each strategy.

. Different forms of e-learning emerged because of this evolution in teaching methods and procedures, which made it possible to assist learners receive data from science in a straightforward, quick, and transparent manner. These e-learning’s types addressed the issues raised by students and the fundamental of the resources obtainable to connect with, such as the fact that education depends on the use of electronic media in the classroom, the communication between teachers and

students, the exchange of information between students and teachers, and the interaction between students and The information sources that are accessible within the school.

The pandemic phase (2020–2022) served as a large-scale, unannounced worldwide test of technology-mediated learning. Since then, research has developed that goes beyond a simple comparison of in-person versus online learning. Instead, it focuses on how to mix well, employing technology to achieve particular pedagogical goals in language acquisition. Emergency remote teaching has given way to intentional, research-based blended learning (BL).Online versus in-person sessions for earlier BL models frequently had set dates.

The HyFlex model has been extensively researched since 2020. For every class session, it gives students the option to attend in person, synchronously online, or asynchronously online. Research Perspective (Chen & Cui, 2022): While students valued the flexibility, those with weaker self-regulation skills frequently found it difficult to adjust to the online disruptive mode, according to research on a university-level English class. According to the study's findings, self-regulation scaffolding is a must in HyFlex environments. Implication for Applied Linguistics: Instructions has to include clear instruction on how to learn online, set objectives, manage time, and use digital resources for language practice efficiently. In order to ensure that no student is disadvantaged by their modality choice, teachers must provide learning experiences that are equivalent across all three pathways.

It is generally accepted that a learner's capacity to control how they learn, as opposed to technological competence, is the best indicator of success in BL. Research Perspective (Zheng et al., 2021): Intervention aimed at increasing SRL, such as mandating learning journals, goal-setting templates, and planned check-ins, substantially improved students' cognitive awareness and language outcomes, according to a meta-analysis of BL in learning a second language. Study Insight (Divekar et al., 2022): Studies on AI-Driven Personalized Learning systems reveal that their real worth lies not just in their algorithms but also in the way they allow students to see how they are learning. Learners are empowered to take initiative when technology offer dashboards that display progress, areas of weakness, and suggested next steps. Implications for Applied Linguistics: SRL tactics ought to be directly incorporated into language courses. Vocabulary assignments, for instance, should not simply be lists

on an app; they have to be preceded by a goal-setting stage (I will learn 20 environmental words) and finished with an assessment step (I can use 15 of them in a statement; I need to review these 5).

Students' significant levels of loneliness and alienation were one of the pandemic's key findings. Research in practical linguistics indicates that social presence—the sense of belonging to others as well—is essential to the development of interpersonal skills. Research Perspective (Xiao, 2023): Chinese EFL students in a BL setting were the subject of this investigation. It discovered that the caliber of online interaction mattered more than its volume. Compared to basic discussion forums, structured, collaborative projects (such as writing a script using Google Docs or exchanging ideas using Padlet) resulted in much higher perceived social presence and higher gains in speaking fluency. Implication for Applied Linguistics: Create collaborating, interdependent online projects. Utilize Zoom/Teams' meeting spaces for organized role-plays or exercises involving resolving issues One essential design idea is the "community of inquiry" organization, which emphasises social, cognitive, and instructive presence.

AI has advanced from fundamental grammar checkers to complex learning-personalization technologies. Research on the use of AI-powered conversational agents, or chatbots, has shown interest in delivering corrective feedback on spelling and pronunciation as well as low-anxiety speaking practice (Kessler, 2021). The study does, however, warn that they are not ideal for learning true, sensitive communication, which still necessitates human interaction, but rather for practising fluency and accuracy. Study Insight (Li, 2022): Examined the application of Turnitin's Feedback Studio and Grammarly, two Artificial Writing Evaluation (AWE) programs. The main conclusion was that these tools work best when professors mediate the input—that is, when they instruct students on how to use and understand the automated feedback instead of just accepting it at face value. Implication for Applied Linguistics: AI is an effective tool, not a substitute for instructors. It works best when teachers are relieved of repetitious feedback on grammar and engineering, giving up class time for higher-order activities like pragmatics, meaning negotiating, cultural nuances, and expressive language.

Large volumes of data about student activity are produced by BL environments, including logins, duration on task, quiz attempts, and forum involvement. (Ifenthaler & Yin, 2022) Study Insight: In this study,

prediction models of student achievement in a BL language course were constructed using LMS data. Based on early engagement patterns, such as low quiz activity or not viewing lecture videos, they might identify students who are at danger of failing. It enables instructors or support personnel to take proactive, data-driven actions. Implication for Applied Linguistics: Teachers ought to become proficient in reading simple LA monitors. The instructor can instantly offer more scaffolded materials or reach out with targeted support if data indicates that a student routinely suffers with listening comprehension activities after the first try.

The study produced after 2020 makes it abundantly evident that pedagogy comes first and technology comes second for efficient blended instruction. Create with Agency and Flexibility in Mind. When probable, embrace HyFlex principles; nevertheless, always provide structure for self-regulation to support decisions.

Educate the [How To], Set aside class time to instruct students on how to use digital resources and how to oversee their own education in an online setting. Engineer-Engineer Conversations: Instead of merely hoping that a community would emerge, create assignments that call for significant online and in-person cooperation and communication. Leverage AI for Implementation, Not Replacement: Save human contact for sophisticated, communicative, and affective learning contexts and use artificial intelligence for individualized practice and initial criticism. Utilize Data to Take Initiative: Track engagement metrics to spot troubled pupils early and offer assistance when needed. Deciding between digital and physical environments is not the future of integrated learning in applied linguistics. It involves carefully mixing them to produce more customized, encouraging, and productive language learning routes.

3-Methodology:

3.1Research Design

In order to assess how well blended learning develops English language proficiency, this study used a mixed-methods, quasi-experimental design with a pre-test/post-test control group. Over the course of a 12-week intervention period, the design included both quantitative and qualitative data collection techniques.

Figure 1: Research Design Framework

This flowchart illustrates the following steps: Pretest, Group Assignment (Control/Experimental), Intervention, Posttest, and Data Analysis.

3.2Participants

Sampling Strategy

A balanced representation of 180 intermediate-level English learners (CEFR B1-B2) from three language institutes was ensured through the use of stratified random sampling.

Table 1: Participant Demographics

Characteristic		**Experimental Group (n=90)**	**Control Group (n=90)**	**Total**
Gender	Male	45 (50%)	44 (49%)	89
	Female	45 (50%)	46 (51%)	91
Age range	16-20	38 (42%)	40 (44%)	78
	21-25	52(58%)	50 (56%)	102
Prior BL Experience	Yes	12 (13%)	10 (11%)	22
	No	78 (87%)	80 (89 %)	158

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3.3Instruments

3.3.1 English Language Competency Test (ELCT)

A validated 120-item test covering four language skills:

Table 2: ELCT Test Blueprint

Skill	Item Types	No. of Items	Time Allocation	Scoring Range
Listening	Short talks , conversations	30	40 minutes	0-30
Reading	Passages , MCQs	30	60 minutes	0-30
writing	Essay , email response	2 tasks	60 minutes	0-20
Speaking	Interview, presentation	3 tasks	15 minutes	0-20

3.3.2 Blended Learning Platform Evaluation Rubric

We created a 40-item rubric to evaluate the efficacy of the platform:

Figure 2: BL Platform Evaluation Dimensions

[INSTALL RADAR CHART DISPLAYING: Technical Stability, Feedback Mechanisms, Interactivity, Usability, and Content Quality]

3.3.3 Learner Perception Survey

A 5-point Likert scale questionnaire with 25 items across four constructs:

Table 3: Survey Reliability Analysis

Construct	Cronbach's a	Sample Item
Learning Engagement	.87	"BL activities maintained my interest"
Skill Development	.91	"My speaking improved through online practice "
Technology Acceptance	.83	"The platform was easy to navigate"
Instructional Quality	.89	"Instructor feedback was timely and helpful"

3.4 Procedures

Phase 1: Preparation (Weeks 1-2)

1. Institutional approvals and consent forms
2. Participant screening using Oxford Placement Test
3. Random group assignment with stratification
4. Pretest administration (ELCT)

Phase 2: Intervention (Weeks 3-10)

Table 4: Blended Learning Implementation Matrix

Week	Face-to-face Component(4hrs.)	Online Component(4hrs.)	Assessment
3	Grammar workshop	Moodle grammar exercises	Quiz 1
4	Listening lab practice	TED Talk analyses	Audio diary
5	Writing clinic	Google Docs peer review	Draft 1

6	Debate preparation	Forum discussions	Debate
7	Reading strategies	News Ela articles	Summary
8	Pronunciation practice	ELSA Speak AI drills	Recording
9	Integrated skills project	Collaborative eBook	Presentation
10	Review session	Practice tests	Mock exam

Figure 3: Weekly Time Allocation

[INSERT STACKED BAR CHART SHOWING F2F vs Online Hours per Week]

Phase 3: Post-Intervention (Weeks 11-12)
1. Posttest administration (parallel ELCT form)
2. Learner perception surveys
3. Focus group interviews (6 groups of 5 students each)
4. Instructor reflections

3.5 Data Analysis Methods

Quantitative Analysis
1. Descriptive statistics (means, SD) for test scores
2. Paired samples t-tests (pre/post within groups)
3. Independent samples t-tests (between groups)
4. ANCOVA controlling for initial proficiency
5. Effect size calculations (Cohen's d, η^2)

Table 5: Statistical Analysis Plan

Research Question	**Analysis method**	**Variables**	**Software**
RQ1 (Effectiveness)	**ANCOVA**	**Test score , group**	**SPSS 27**
RQ2(Perception)	**Factor analysis**	**Survey items**	**JASP 0.16**
RQ3(Components)	**Regression**	**BL**	**R 4.1**

Qualitative Analysis

1. Thematic analysis of interview transcripts
2. Content analysis of open-ended responses
3. Triangulation with quantitative results

Figure 4: Data Triangulation Model

[INCLUDE A DIAGRAM DEPICTING THE CONVERGENCE OF INTERVIEWS, SURVEYS, AND TEST SCORES.

3.6 Validity and Reliability Measures

1. Pilot testing with 30 participants
2. Inter-rater reliability for speaking/writing ($\kappa > .85$)
3. Counterbalanced test forms
4. Member checking for qualitative data

3.7 Ethical Considerations

1. Institutional Review Board approval
2. Informed consent with opt-out option
3. Data anonymization procedures
4. Secure storage on encrypted servers

3.8 Limitations

1. Sample limited to intermediate learners
2. 12-week duration may not show long-term effects
3. Potential Hawthorne effect in experimental group
4. Variation in home technology access

- This thorough technique addresses potential risks to validity while guaranteeing a rigorous analysis of the impact of blended learning. In addition to statistical comparisons, the mixed-methods approach offers deep qualitative insights into the educational process.

4- Findings :

RQ1: How does blended learning affect the development of English language competencies compared to traditional instruction?

Key Findings:

1. Significant improvement across all language skills:
 - Listening: 32% greater gain (BL: +2.1 vs Trad: +1.4 points)
- Speaking: 41% greater gain (BL: +2.4 vs Trad: +1.4 points)
- Reading: 28% greater gain (BL: +2.0 vs Trad: +1.5 points)
- Writing: 37% greater gain (BL: +2.3 vs Trad: +1.5 points)

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Table 1: Comparative Skill Improvement (Pre/Post)

skill	BL. Group Gain	Trad. Group Gain	P-valu	Effect size
Listening	+2.1	+1.4	0.002	0.78
Speaking	+2.4	+1.4	0.001	0.92
Reading	+2.0	+1.5	0.008	0.65
Writing	+2.3	+1.5	0.001	0.85

Figure 1: Skill Improvement Comparison

[Bar chart showing side-by-side comparison of gains by skill and group]

RQ2: What are learners' perceptions of the blended learning experience?

Key Findings:

1. Overall positive reception (83% satisfaction rate)
2. Most valued components:
   - Flexible scheduling (78% agreement)
   - Interactive exercises (72%)
   - Immediate feedback (68%)
3. Challenges reported:
   - Technical issues (22%)
   - Time management (18%)

Table 2: Perception Survey Results (N=90)

Aspect	Positive (%)	Neutral (%)	Negative (%)
Engagement	81	14	5
Skill Improvement	79	17	4
Platform Usability	68	25	7
Preference over Trad	75	18	7

Figure 2: Word Cloud of Learner Feedback

[Visualization of most frequent terms from open-ended responses]

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RQ3: Which blended learning components most effectively develop specific language skills?

Key Findings:

1. Skill-specific effectiveness:
   - Listening: Authentic video materials (r = .62)
   - Speaking: AI conversation tools (r = .71)
   - Reading: Annotated e-texts (r = .58)
   - Writing: Automated grammar checks (r = .65)

Table 3: Component Effectiveness Correlations

BL Component	Target Skill	Correlation	p-valu
Video Materials	Listening	.62	0.001
AI Conversation Tools	Speaking	.71	0.001
Interactive Quizzes	Grammar	.59	0.003
Peer Review platform	Writing	.54	0.007

Figure 3: Component-Skill Relationship Map

[Network diagram showing connections between BL components and skill gains]

Cross-Cutting Findings:

1. The combination of structured online practice (M=4.2/5 satisfaction) and guided classroom application (M=4.4/5) yielded best results
2. Learners with initial low proficiency benefited most (35% greater gains than high-proficiency peers)
3. Instructor involvement in online components correlated with higher completion rates (r=.52)

Unexpected Findings:

1. Writing improvement was strongly predicted by engagement in peer review (β=.43, p=0.01)
2. Video-based lessons showed diminishing returns beyond 20 minutes/session

3. Mobile access correlated with higher participation (r=.38) but lower assignment quality

5. Discussion

The improvement of English language competency at the higher education level has demonstrated significant promise thanks to blended learning, a novel approach that blends traditional classroom instruction with online learning. By streamlining the learning process and shifting theoretical instruction online while emphasizing practice and engagement in the classroom, this paradigm increases learning efficiency. When it comes to English listening skills, the benefits of blended learning are especially noticeable. Online resources are used to help students prepare before class, and interactive exercises and problem-solving are the main focus of the classroom (Isayeva et al., 2020).

The multi-sensory experience offered by websites like YouTube, for instance, improves students' perceptions of cultural contexts and their listening comprehension (Abbas & Qassim, 2020; Huang, 2022). The issue of inadequate language exposure in conventional classrooms is also resolved by Mobile-Assisted Blended Learning (MABL), which offers students learning opportunities at any time and location and dramatically enhances listening and pronunciation skills through tailored feedback (Pyo & Lee, 2022).

By emphasizing on language practice in class and studying theoretical material beforehand, the flipped classroom model in language learning gives students additional chances for real-world language interaction. It has been demonstrated that this technique considerably increases pupils' language fluency and expressive abilities (Chatta & Haque, 2020). Nonetheless, more research is required to determine how to prevent student fatigue in online learning and strike a balance between the content of pre-class and in-class activities (Jiao et al., 2023). In the meantime, multimodal technology integration offers fresh approaches to enhancing language communication abilities; however, more study is required to determine how to integrate and choose resources sensibly to optimize teaching and learning efficacy (Kartal & Yeşilçınar, 2023).

With online annotation tools and multimodal resources that assist students in marking and analyzing text, blended learning enhances reading comprehension and self-directed learning (Azmuddin et al., 2020). The difficulty of high-level students' in-depth learning still requires attention, even as low- and middle-level students gain more (Tao

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et al., 2024). The combination of flipped classrooms and Online Collaborative Writing (OCW) greatly improves students' writing fluency and vocabulary complexity while also encouraging the growth of critical thinking skills (Ocak Kılınç & Yüksel, 2024). However, to ensure high-quality writing output and sustain student interest, the instructional design still needs to be enhanced (Kasuma et al., 2021).

One important pedagogical strategy for enhancing ability to speak English in higher education is blended learning (BL), which integrates traditional in-person instruction with online learning modalities. By moving theoretical instruction to websites for preparatory study, this paradigm maximizes learning and frees up valuable classroom time for interactive problem-solving, active participation, and practical application (Isayeva et al., 2020). The outcomes of this study add to the increasing amount of research confirming the effectiveness of this method, especially when it comes to the development of discrete language abilities.

The development of listening skills is where BL's beneficial impacts are most noticeable. Online platforms such as YouTube offer multi-sensory and authentic input that significantly enhances students' listening comprehension and cultural context awareness (Abbas & Qassim, 2020; Huang, 2022). This result aligns with the idea of Mobile-Assisted Blended Learning (MABL), offering ubiquitous learning opportunities to solve the crucial restriction of restricted exposure in traditional classrooms. The individualized feedback built into MABL systems can result in significant gains in pronunciation and aural skills, as Pyo & Lee (2022) have shown.
The ability of students to self-regulate their learning is crucial for the successful use of these materials, though, and this conclusion is strongly supported by Zheng et al. (2021), whose research study identified self-regulated learning (SRL) as the key to success in technology-enhanced language settings. This highlights a possible area where more techno-optimistic perspectives may diverge: without the learner's purposeful participation, the technology is useless.

The flipped classroom concept revolves around the idea of moving information acquisition online to allow for active in-class application. Our findings support previous study (Chatta & Haque, 2020) by showing that this model enhances improvements in speaking fluency and expressive ability by offering more chances for real-world language

interaction. But minimizing student cognitive load and fatigue in the online component is a substantial problem, as underlined in the work of Jiao et al. (2023). This supports Kessler's (2021) call for "robust engagement," which contends that using technology alone is not enough and that assignments need to be pedagogically created to retain motivation and profound cognitive engagement in order to go beyond straightforward compliance.

Beyond improving receptive abilities, BL has other advantages. While multimodal resources and online annotation tools have been demonstrated to promote better comprehension and self-directed learning in reading (Azmuddin et al., 2020), our outcomes, which are consistent with Tao et al. (2024), suggest that meeting the advanced analytical needs of high-proficiency students is still difficult. This subtlety is vital because, if not properly adjusted, BL may have a difference influence on students and deepen the gap. Huang's (2022) emphasis on personalised teaching alterations for varied learners is in line with this worry.

Flipped teaching and Online Collaborative Writing (OCW) seem to work well together in writing, encouraging higher-order thinking abilities in alongside linguistic traits like fluency and lexical complexity (Ocak Kılınç & Yüksel, 2024). This outcome, however, needs to be critically evaluated in light of Kasuma et al.'s (2021) work, which emphasizes the importance of instructional design. Li (2022) expands on this admonition by highlighting the critical mediating role of the teacher, particularly if using automated methods, to guarantee that feedback is appropriately interpreted and results in higher-quality work. As Majeed & Dar (2022) point out, the teacher's obligation changes from presenting information to designing and facilitating instructional methods.

6 CONCLUSION

According to the findings, junior high school students can gain by participating in blended learning classes. The results of this study suggest that the usage of blended learning in teaching and learning might be beneficial since it can help students learn English. After the treatment, the benefits of integrated learning were clearly visible. It might be argued that learning English can be facilitated by getting teaching through blended learning. The findings of this study confirmed that students' overall proficiency in English and their usage of technology are positively correlated. These findings have also shown that pupils' pleasure with technology use can increase.

Additionally, using technology in the classroom and learning through it can improve student participation. The study's findings also demonstrate that integrating technology into junior high school instruction can result in interactive learning and student-centered learning.

Generally speaking, blended or combined learning is an effective method of instructing in general English proficiency as well as presents students' performance in a certain subject in a favorable light. Due to the combination of the traditional and e-learning approaches, this approach has its own advantages, and as a result, junior high school students' abilities and progress have improved. The use of a blended learning strategy, which integrates both the teacher and the students in the educational process, is crucial in transforming the classroom environment into one that is creative and captivating. Because the teacher and the learner are the primary participants in the combined learning technique, The conversation lesson are engaging as well as fun.

Moreover, the relationship between student and electronic learning resources enhances the capacity for self-learning without the instructor's intervention. This means that The shift from instruction to learning and depending on the instructor to depend on the student is made easier, which increases the overall effectiveness of the teaching process. The ultimate goals of the blended or combined learning method as a method for instruction are to improve learners' attitudes toward learning as well as increase learners' success.

In addition, it enhances the student's abilities in areas like communication, information gathering, and teamwork with the teacher. It also gives the student the impression that they are actively involved in their education and that they can choose the learning strategy that best suits their needs. Both teachers and students save time while using the blended learning strategy.

The researcher suggests the following for additional research and developments based on the results of this study: Given the beneficial effects of teaching general English, blended learning ought to be implemented in other academic fields. In addition to taking into account other factors including student scoring rate, age, gender, and prior familiarity with IT and the internet, researchers should do additional research for usage of combined learning strategies in learners' development in other academic domains.

The blended learning strategy is impacted by a number of issues from the perspectives of both teachers and students, as well as their attitudes

toward it. Therefore, more study can focus on this area to promote the usage of this approach. This study may serve as the starting point for more relevant experiments that show how using a blended learning strategy affects various academic content or educational settings.

The study published after 2020 makes it extremely evident that pedagogy comes first and technologies comes second in effective blended learning. Create with Agency and Flexibility in Mind. When practicable, embrace HyFlex principles; nevertheless, always provide scaffolding for self-regulation to support options. Instruct the [How To], Set aside class time to instruct learners on how to use digital resources and how to oversee their own education in a virtual setting. Engineer-Engineer Communication: Instead of merely hoping that a community could develop, create assignments that call for extensive online and in-person cooperation and communication.

Leverage AI for Practice, Not Replacement: Save human contact for elegant, communicative, and affective learning fields and use AI technologies for individualized practice and initial feedback. Utilize Data to Take Initiative: Track engagement metrics to spot difficult learners early and offer assistance when needed. Choosing between digital and physical environments is not the future of integrated education in applied linguistics. It involves carefully mixing them to produce more individualized, encouraging, and successful language learning routes.

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