

ONLINE PRACTICE FOR SPEAKING ENGLISH

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Abstract: *The study deals with the main resources of online speaking practice in learning a foreign language. Speaking practice is long acknowledged to contribute greatly to the development of fluency, confidence and experience of language learners. Although much research has long been devoted to various educational aspects along with different issues of language study, there is a necessity of more detailed survey of online speaking practice in a foreign language learning. Consequently, the study aimed at examining the key online means of English speaking practice. The key online practice sources for English speaking have been explored by the methods of monitoring and comparative analysis of internet resources. Further research perspectives of English speaking practice online have been specified due to the study findings.*

INTRODUCTION.

Practice is the best way to improve a foreign language speaking. Practicing English speaking can help you become more fluent, feel more confident and get experience actually using all the English phrases, words and grammar you have learned. It is an important step in the learning process.

Learners often struggle with finding ways to use English outside the classroom [1]. The internet is a wonderful resource for learning. There are millions of websites, including the kind that can help you learn English speaking online [2].

Educators and learners around the world have had to adapt with new global challenges, and digital learning is a valuable asset. Offering learning opportunities online opens up education to many more people. Digital education facilities have enabled many learners to gain qualifications and even retrain for new careers at any stage in their life.

There are always new ways to practice speaking English online with a native speaker. A language partner or teacher can help you to stay motivated when you are learning to practice English [3]. There are thousands of people who can help you practice your spoken English, and they are all right at your fingertips. You can find them all on the Internet [4].

Much research has long been devoted to various educational aspects [5; 6; 7; 8; 9; 10; 11; 12; 13; 14; 15; 16], as well as different issues of language study [17; 18; 19; 20; 21; 22; 23; 24; 25; 26; 27; 28; 29]. Although there is a necessity of more detailed survey of online speaking practice in learning a foreign language. Hence, the aim of the study is to examine the key online means of English speaking practice.

MAIN MATERIAL.

Successful learning is known to comprise interactivity, personalization and effective communication. Online education allows to study at home at convenient times. Most English study on the internet is unscheduled. On the web, you can study English on your own time and pace, without having to cut into your regular daily life.

In addition to personalization, it provides such an important opportunity for foreign language students as interactive communication. Interacting with native speakers is a proven method for achieving language competency, and online platforms can connect students easily with native-speakers in another country.

Due to monitoring and comparative analysis of the internet resources [1; 2; 3; 4], the key means of online practice for speaking English have been found to be the following.

LingoGlobe. This is a platform where you can find people to practice your English. With thousands of members, it has many great options to find a language exchange friend. You can find someone who is currently available, or you can visit the lively new Language Forum where many language students like you are searching for someone to practice speaking with. You can search for people by the language that they want to learn or are willing to teach. You can even search for people by hobbies and interests. It is free to visit.

Spoken English Practice. This is one of the great websites to learn English speaking. Many posts of the blog could give you some helpful tips and advice to improve your speaking ability. Moreover, the website also provides a tutoring

service, where you can video chat with native English speakers. It is entirely spoken and by simply speaking with someone else in English, you will be able to improve your fluency.

Coursea. It offers courses from top colleges and universities from all over the world. The classes are made by actual professors from these schools. Although they have lessons for many different topics, there is a large amount of courses that focus on learning English and English speaking. You can sign up for one of these free classes in order to have access to videos, quizzes, and assignments to help you learn English speaking online. You will also hand in work and be graded as if you are in an actual college class.

Apps4speaking. With this application, you can have an interactive conversation with video characters and use the latest speech recognition technology. This is great for visual learners. First, you listen to a dialogue in a video as many times as you need. You will be shown pictures to link with the meaning of the words. That way, it is possible for you to focus on speaking instead of reading a text. Then, you can read the dialogues in order to understand them better before you start speaking. Finally, you get to play the role of one of the characters in the video and immerse yourself in the conversation.

English Speak. It is made up of different audio lessons that teach sayings in English. Each lesson has two audio clips of an English conversation. One has a regular speaking speed and one is slow speed, so you can listen and really hear what they are saying. The lessons also have written out versions of the lesson so you read exactly what each person said. A unique aspect of this website is that it comes in multiple languages. The audio is always in English; however, there is an option to have the explanations and written scripts in a different language, so you learn the equivalent phrase in your language. English speak is a must try if you are looking to learn English speaking online.

Toastmasters International. The Toastmasters Club is a place where people can learn public English speaking skills. It is not an English learning organization, but rather it is a general speaking practice organization. Here, anyone can learn and practice speaking in front of others. It is a great place to get more confidence for speaking with people in English. There are videos online that you can check to see, if this is the kind of speaking practice you are looking for, and there are clubhouses all over the world. Price varies for each club. Free to visit as a guest.

Allison. This is an educational platform that offers online classes. The

courses come in a wide variety of topics, including learning languages and English speaking. Classes include videos or audio files that break down the different concepts. Some classes are more in-depth than others. Some will be only an hour or two while others have over 20 hours' worth of content. Before beginning a class, check how long it is so you can plan your schedule around it and decide how much time to want to take practicing English.

My Language Exchange. This website has online lessons and an online text chat service so you can text your new friend. You can then ask them if they want to have a Skype call or organize a small group to practice together. You can also write your new expressions on your own notepad and find language learners from nearly every country in the world.

Go Speaky. You can just sign up on this website, if you do not want to download or install any special programs for voice and video chatting. Go Speaky has a built-in video chat right on the website, so you can find and talk to other people without leaving your browser. The website matches people up based on similar interests, so there is a good chance that you will have something in common with the speaking partners that you find there.

Conversation Exchange. This website lets you meet people who speak the language you want to improve in your city. If you cannot find someone in your city or area, then you can organize a Skype call to practice the language speaking online. Additionally, you can practice writing in English with a pen pal. The website helps you find people you can talk to with a voice chat, or even native English speakers who may live near you.

Open language. Open language is another application to learn English speaking online. There are different levels within this app starting with teaching beginners to speak English and finishing helping advanced speakers speak English like a native. The application is aimed more at specialising and helping teaching English for use in the business world.

Easy language exchange. You can practice the language you are learning and then spend time speaking in your native language to give your partner a chance to practice your language. Easy Language Exchange is a free platform where language learners from all over the world have access to a free and user-friendly site to come together and learn their targeted foreign language.

Daily Step English. Daily Step website consists of English audio lessons and written scripts of the conversations. However, this website offers audio clips in either British or American accents, which is very useful if you are trying to learn a British accent. Daily Step also has a blog with English speaking tips and offers

additional lessons for a price.

Busuu. This is one of the few applications, that could boast over fifty million native speakers, any of which can become your next speaking partner. Busuu is well known within the language learning community, and can connect you to a speaking partner through its detailed search options. You can find an English speaker learning your language, or find another English learner to practice the language with. This application includes teaching vocabulary, writing practice, recording practice and speaking with native English speakers. Premium membership prices vary. Basic membership is free.

Elsa. Elsa is an artificial intelligence pronunciation coach that helps you improve your English speaking and pronunciation. You learn how to speak short, fun dialogues and can get instant feedback. First, you need to do an assessment test and then you will have a customized lesson plan especially for you, and get to know where you make mistakes in English.

TED Talks. It is not a traditional English learning tool but for advanced and intermediate level students TED talks are a great way to improve spoken English. This is also a wonderful way to expand your vocabulary and sentence formulations skills. It is also an immensely powerful way to improve pronunciation and accent. On top of all this, you get to learn about something cool. This might be the most famous source of English practice. It is a collection of educational monologues. TED is so popular among English learners that there is a TED site just for ESL students.

Uedmy. It is an educational website that offers courses in almost any field of interest. They also have lessons in English. These lessons are broken down into lectures, videos, and whatever other resources the creators included. The lessons are made by professionals in the field who have worked with many different students. They will be able to provide the right kind of material to help you with your English speaking.

Two min English. This free app is great for beginners. It contains 200 plus two-minute lessons on many topics including English for business, English for use when traveling, social English, common phrases and idioms. There are also no advertisements used within this site, which is good. However, Two min English will not be beneficial for students who are at an intermediate or upper level in English proficiency.

Coeffee learning. This is a fun website that teaches languages through games. Have fun while you learn with other people, you can make friends through the main games and become a part of the community. Once you meet

some of the language learners on Coeffee, you can move your conversations to a voice or video chat program and practice your speaking there.

Fluent U. It teaches multiple different languages, including English. The service provides images and videos with subtitles and definitions to help you learn new vocabulary. It also allows you to hear how words are pronounced, which is vital to learning English speaking. The site also has two English blogs, one for learners and one for educators. If you are trying to learn English speaking online, Fluent U will definitely be helpful.

Coffee Strap. It is a well-designed website that uses an algorithm to find you a language partner based on your personality, interests and your language needs. You can use text or video calls to improve your English. It only has about 2,500 users, but it makes up for the small size with a smart matching method that finds speaking partners that you'll enjoy talking with. Once you have found a partner, you can engage in guided conversations, which are only seven minutes long. After the seven minutes are over, you will get a different partner to continue practicing with. That means you can get a lot of practice here.

My English Pages. This website has all types of resources for people trying to learn English. It has information on grammar, vocabulary, idioms, figures of speech, and so on. My English Pages also has a section on English speaking. This section lists different English sayings and phrases that are used in certain situations. For example, it gives a list of common sayings that people use to greet one another. It also has explanations behind different sayings and social situations, which is important for someone who is learning English.

Cambly. This is a teaching platform that lets you talk to English native speakers from all around the world. You can speak when you want and it is very easy to call a teacher. It is a very flexible platform and you can also reserve an hour with some of your favourite teachers. It offers one of the fastest ways to start speaking English online.

HelloTalk. This is a very popular application to practice foreign language learning. The app includes a lot of features for language learning exchanges and also short English courses, translation tools and moments which are something like an Instagram story.

Italki. This is one of the biggest platform in the world to learn English. There are around 3,000 teachers available from every country in the world. Italki is not like a traditional school, or other online schools, as it does not provide the lessons. It provides a place for you to find a teacher. You need to book a class with a teacher in advance.

Rosetta Stone. It is an experienced player in the language learning market place with presence worldwide. There are different subscriptions for using this app, charges are for 3 months, 6 months or 12 months. Rosetta Stone includes online tutoring lessons with native English speakers and is aimed primarily to help beginners and intermediates.

YouTube. It has an endless amount of videos that can be watched for free. To help with your English, you could simply go on the website and watch any video with a native English speaker. Watching something for entertainment can help you pick up new words and sayings. However, there are educational YouTube channels that focus on teaching people how to improve their English speaking practice. Everything you need is to go onto YouTube and try to find the many videos that could help you learn English speaking online.

CONCLUSIONS.

Based on the above survey outcomes, it is possible to conclude the following. English speaking practice is recognized to be a great contribution to the improvement of language fluency, confidence and experience of the learners. Online educational resources reveal to provide the key components of successful learning, known to encompass the interactivity, personalization and effective communication. Due to the variety of online learning opportunities, comprising lots of educational platforms, websites and applications, studying a foreign language becomes available to many more people. The particular features of the main online resources for English speaking practice have been briefly reviewed in the article. The perspectives of further research imply the effective means of implementing the survey findings in the existing educational environment.

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