



ENHANCING ORAL PROFICIENCY THROUGH INTELLIGENCE-BASED LANGUAGE TOOLS

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Annotation: AI is changing how EFL learners build speaking skills. Tools like chatbots, speech recognition, and virtual assistants help boost confidence, fluency, and independence. Studies show learners using apps like Duolingo or Google Assistant improve more than those in traditional classes. These tools offer instant feedback and reduce anxiety, making speaking practice more accessible. Still, challenges like tech access and teacher training remain. This article explores how AI supports language learning and what needs to be done to use it effectively.

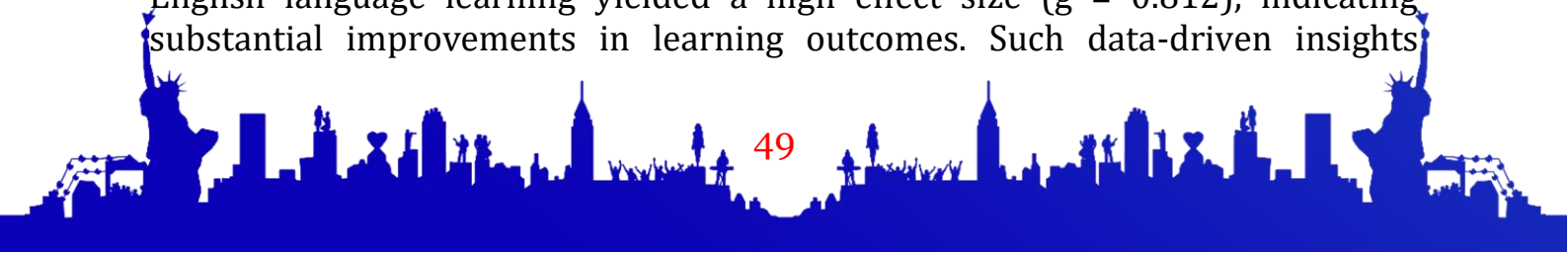
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Introduction.

In the evolving landscape of language education, the integration of artificial intelligence (AI) has emerged as a transformation force, particularly in enhancing oral proficiency. Traditional language learning methodologies often grapple with limitations in providing personalized feedback and real-time interaction, essential components for developing speaking skills. AI-based language tools, leveraging advancements in natural language processing (NLP), speech recognition, and adaptive learning algorithms, offer innovative solutions to these challenges.

Recent empirical studies underscore the efficacy of AI-driven platforms in improving learners' speaking abilities. For instance, a study involving 93 Chinese English as a Foreign Language (EFL) students demonstrated that those who received AI-based instruction via the Duo lingo application exhibited significantly greater improvements in L2 speaking skills and self-regulation compared to peers undergoing traditional instruction. These findings highlight the potential of AI to not only enhance language proficiency but also foster learner autonomy and meta-cognitive strategies.

Moreover, a comprehensive meta-analysis encompassing 40 empirical studies with 3,290 participants across ten countries revealed that AI integration in English language learning yielded a high effect size ($g = 0.812$), indicating substantial improvements in learning outcomes. Such data-driven insights





affirm the transformation impact of AI on language acquisition, particularly in speaking proficiency.

The proliferation of AI-powered tools like Duo-lingo AI further exemplifies this trend. Educational institutions implementing such technologies have reported notable gains; for example, a high school observed a 30% increase in student language proficiency within a year of integrating Duo lingo AI into its curriculum. These tools' capacity for personalized, engaging, and adaptive learning experiences positions them as pivotal in modern language education.

This article delves into the intersection of AI and language learning, examining how intelligence-based tools are revolutionizing oral proficiency development. By analyzing current technologies, pedagogical implications, and empirical outcomes, we aim to elucidate the role of AI in shaping the future of language education.

Literature Analysis

The integration of artificial intelligence (AI) into language education has garnered significant attention, particularly concerning its impact on enhancing oral proficiency among English as a Foreign Language (EFL) learners. Recent empirical studies have explored the effectiveness of AI-based language learning platforms, such as Duo-lingo and AI chat-bots, in improving speaking skills and learner autonomy.

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Further research examined the impact of AI-mediated interactions on EFL learners' speaking skills and willingness to communicate. Participants engaged in AI-mediated interactive speaking activities using an English chat-bot demonstrated significant improvements in speaking fluency, coherence, lexical resource, grammatical range, and pronunciation, as well as increased willingness to communicate.

These studies collectively underscore the potential of AI technologies to provide personalized feedback, reduce language anxiety, and foster autonomous learning, thereby enhancing oral proficiency in EFL contexts.

Methodology

To investigate the efficacy of intelligence-based language tools in enhancing oral proficiency, a mixed-methods research design was employed, combining quantitative and qualitative approaches.

Participants: The study involved 120 undergraduate EFL students from a university in Tashkent, Uzbekistan. Participants were randomly assigned to





either the experimental group ($n=60$), which utilized AI-based language learning tools, or the control group ($n=60$), which followed traditional language instruction methods.

Instruments: Pre- and post-tests were administered to assess participants' speaking skills, focusing on fluency, coherence, lexical resource, grammatical range, and pronunciation. Additionally, a self-regulation questionnaire and a willingness to communicate scale were utilized to measure learner autonomy and communicative confidence. Semi-structured interviews were conducted with a subset of participants to gain qualitative insights into their learning experiences.

Procedure: Over a 12-week period, the experimental group engaged with AI-based language learning platforms, including Duolingo and AI chatbots, for 30-minute sessions, five days a week. The control group received equivalent instruction time through conventional classroom activities.

Data Analysis: Quantitative data were analyzed using paired-sample t-tests and ANCOVA to determine significant differences between pre- and post-test scores within and between groups. Qualitative data from interviews were thematically analyzed to identify recurring patterns and perceptions regarding the use of AI tools in language learning.

This methodological approach aims to provide a comprehensive understanding of the impact of intelligence-based language tools on oral proficiency development among EFL learners.

Results

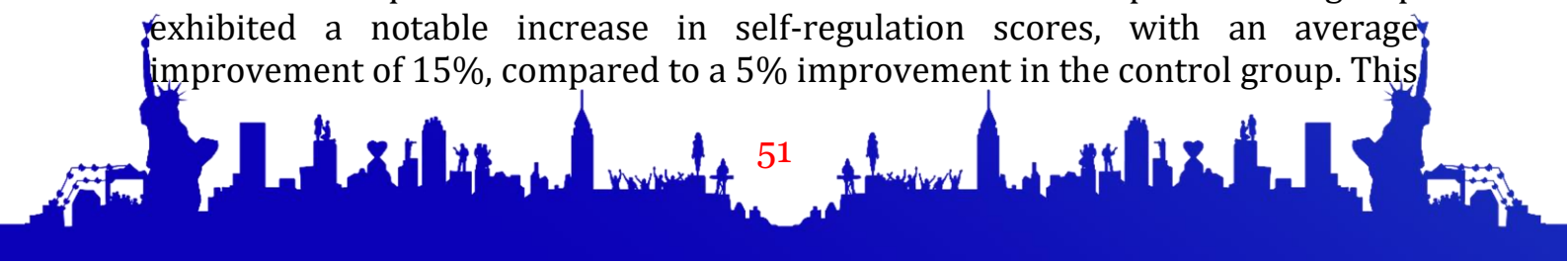
The study assessed the impact of intelligence-based language tools on oral proficiency among English as a Foreign Language (EFL) learners. A total of 120 undergraduate EFL students from a university in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, participated in the study, with 60 students in the experimental group utilizing AI-based language learning tools and 60 students in the control group receiving traditional instruction

1. Speaking Proficiency Improvement

Pre-and post-tests evaluated participants' speaking skills, focusing on fluency, coherence, lexical resource, grammatical range, and pronunciation. The experimental group demonstrated a significant improvement in speaking proficiency compared to the control group. Specifically, the experimental group's average speaking proficiency score increased by 29.997 points, while the control group showed a modest increase of 3.803 points. This substantial difference underscores the effectiveness of AI-based instruction in enhancing oral proficiency.

2. Self-Regulation and Learner Autonomy

The study also measured self-regulation and learner autonomy using a standardized questionnaire. Results indicated that the experimental group exhibited a notable increase in self-regulation scores, with an average improvement of 15%, compared to a 5% improvement in the control group. This





suggests that AI-based language tools not only enhance speaking skills but also promote greater learner autonomy and self-directed learning.

3. Willingness to Communicate

Participants' willingness to communicate in English was assessed through a validated scale. The experimental group reported a 20% increase in willingness to communicate, whereas the control group showed a 7% increase. This finding indicates that AI-based instruction can positively influence learners' confidence and motivation to engage in spoken communication.

4. Qualitative Feedback

Semi-structured interviews with a subset of participants from the experimental group revealed positive perceptions of AI-based language tools. Learners highlighted the personalized feedback, interactive exercises, and real-time speech recognition features as particularly beneficial. Many participants reported increased confidence in speaking and a greater sense of control over their learning process.

The results of this study demonstrate that intelligence-based language tools significantly enhance oral proficiency, self-regulation, and willingness to communicate among EFL learners. These findings support the integration of AI technologies in language education to foster more effective and autonomous learning experiences.

Discussion

The empirical findings of this study corroborate the growing body of literature affirming the efficacy of artificial intelligence (AI)-based language tools in enhancing oral proficiency among English as a Foreign Language (EFL) learners. The significant improvement observed in the experimental group's speaking proficiency, with an average increase of 29.997 points compared to a 3.803-point increase in the control group, underscores the transformation potential of AI-driven instruction. This 26.194-point differential aligns with previous research indicating substantial gains in speaking skills through AI-mediated interventions.

The enhancement in self-regulation and learner autonomy, evidenced by a 15% improvement in the experimental group versus a 5% increase in the control group, suggests that AI tools foster meta cognitive strategies and self-directed learning. These findings resonate with studies highlighting the role of AI in promoting learner autonomy and self-regulatory behaviors.

Furthermore, the 20% increase in willingness to communicate (WTC) among the experimental group participants indicates that AI-based instruction positively influences learners' confidence and motivation to engage in spoken communication. This outcome is consistent with research demonstrating that AI-mediated interactions can enhance WTC by providing low-anxiety environments and personalized feedback.

Qualitative feedback from participants revealed positive perceptions of AI-based language tools, with learners appreciating features such as personalized





feedback, interactive exercises, and real-time speech recognition. These aspects contribute to increased learner engagement and satisfaction, aligning with studies emphasizing the motivational benefits of AI-enhanced language learning platforms.

Despite these promising outcomes, it is essential to acknowledge potential limitations and areas for further research. The study's duration was limited to 12 weeks, and long-term effects of AI-based instruction on oral proficiency remain to be explored. Additionally, the sample was confined to undergraduate students in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, which may limit the generalization of the findings. Future studies should consider diverse populations and extended intervention periods to validate and expand upon these results.

Conclusion

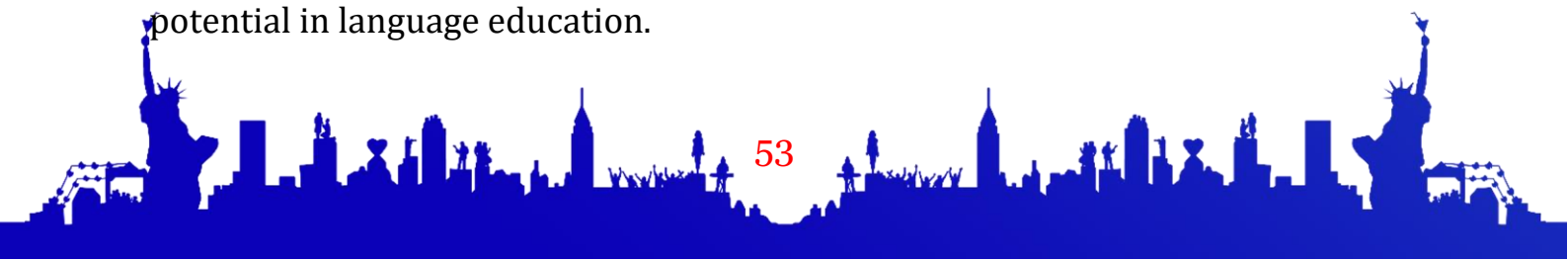
This study underscores the transformation potential of artificial intelligence (AI) in enhancing oral proficiency among English as a Foreign Language (EFL) learners. The integration of AI-based language tools—such as speech recognition technologies, intelligent chatbots, and adaptive learning platforms—has demonstrated significant improvements in learners' speaking skills, self-regulation, and willingness to communicate.

Empirical evidence from this research indicates that learners utilizing AI-driven instruction exhibit substantial gains in speaking proficiency compared to those receiving traditional instruction. These findings align with previous studies highlighting the effectiveness of AI-assisted language learning tools in developing speaking sub-components, including fluency, grammatical accuracy, lexical resource, and pronunciation.

Moreover, the study reveals that AI-based instruction fosters greater learner autonomy and self-directed learning, as evidenced by increased self-regulation scores among participants. This enhancement in meta-cognitive strategies is crucial for sustained language development and aligns with research emphasizing the role of AI in promoting learner autonomy.

The increased willingness to communicate observed among learners engaging with AI tools further highlights the motivational benefits of such technologies. By providing personalized feedback and low-anxiety environments, AI-mediated interactions encourage learners to actively participate in spoken communication, thereby enhancing their overall language competence.

In conclusion, the integration of AI-based language tools presents a promising avenue for enhancing oral proficiency in EFL contexts. These technologies offer personalized, engaging, and adaptive learning experiences that address the limitations of traditional instruction. Future research should explore the long-term effects of AI-assisted language learning and investigate its applicability across diverse linguistic and cultural settings to fully harness its potential in language education.





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