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A B S T R A C T
This article discusses the significant role of the English language in the context of modern education. It examines how English serves as a global means of communication, its influence on academic and professional development, and the integration of technology in English language learning.

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INTRODUCTION

In the twenty-first century, English has become an inseparable part of global education. It is the language of science, technology, business, and international communication. The demand for English proficiency has grown rapidly, as it is now considered a vital skill for academic success and professional growth. In Uzbekistan, like in many other developing countries, the importance of learning English has significantly increased in recent years. It is introduced as a compulsory subject in schools and universities to prepare students for participation in the global community. The purpose of this article is to analyze the role of English in modern education and to identify the factors that make it essential for today's learners.

1. English as a Global Language

English is recognized as the most widely spoken second language in the world. According to linguists, over 1.5 billion people use English either as a first or second language. It has become the medium of international communication, diplomacy, and science. Academic journals, international conferences, and research papers are predominantly published in English, which emphasizes its global importance. Therefore, learning English enables students to access a wealth of global information and participate in international academic discussions. In the context of higher education, English proficiency allows students to study abroad, apply for scholarships, and collaborate on research projects.

2. The Role of English in Academic and Professional Development

English is not just a language subject; it is a tool for knowledge and innovation. In modern education, many universities offer degree programs entirely in English, especially in fields such as business, medicine, and information technology. This trend shows that English is a key to international academic success. Moreover, in the labor market, employers increasingly value employees with strong English communication skills. It provides access to better job opportunities, global mobility, and professional advancement. As a result, English proficiency has become one of the core competencies of a well-educated individual.

3. Technology and English Language Learning

The digital age has transformed traditional learning methods. Modern technologies—such as online learning platforms, mobile applications, and virtual classrooms—play a crucial role in improving English education. Platforms like Coursera, BBC Learning English, and Khan Academy allow learners to study English interactively and independently. Teachers also use multimedia tools, educational software, and video conferencing to create engaging lessons. These innovations help students enhance their speaking, listening, and writing skills effectively, regardless of their location.

4. Challenges in English Language Education

Despite its importance, teaching and learning English still face certain challenges. Many schools and universities, particularly in developing countries, lack qualified teachers and updated resources. Students may also experience difficulties due to limited exposure to real communication environments. To overcome these problems, governments and educational institutions should invest in teacher training programs, modern textbooks, and digital infrastructure. Encouraging English-speaking clubs and international exchange programs can also help students gain practical experience.

Conclusion

In conclusion, English plays a crucial role in modern education by connecting students to global knowledge and opportunities. It promotes academic excellence, enhances professional skills, and supports intercultural understanding. The effective integration of technology and innovative teaching methods can further strengthen English education. As the world becomes increasingly interconnected, mastering English is no longer a privilege but a necessity for success in both education and career.

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