



HYBRID MEDIA-BASED ENGLISH INSTRUCTION: CHALLENGES AND PEDAGOGICAL SOLUTIONS

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The rapid digitalization of education has significantly transformed English language teaching (ELT), leading to the widespread adoption of hybrid media-based instruction that combines traditional classroom interaction with digital and multimedia technologies. This study investigates the key challenges encountered in hybrid English instruction and proposes pedagogical solutions to enhance its effectiveness in non-philological higher education institutions. A mixed-method research design was employed, involving classroom observation, student surveys, and teacher interviews. The findings reveal that technological limitations, digital literacy gaps, and decreased learner autonomy are the main obstacles affecting hybrid instruction. The study suggests pedagogical strategies including scaffolded media integration, teacher digital training, and metacognitive learning support to improve learner engagement and language proficiency.

The integration of digital technologies into education has significantly reshaped contemporary English language teaching (ELT). In recent years, hybrid media-based instruction, which combines face-to-face classroom interaction with online and multimedia resources, has emerged as an effective pedagogical approach for enhancing language learning outcomes[2]. This instructional model provides learners with increased exposure to authentic language input, flexible learning opportunities, and interactive digital environments.

In Uzbekistan, ongoing educational reforms emphasize the modernization of foreign language instruction through the implementation of digital platforms, electronic resources, and blended learning models. However, the rapid introduction of hybrid instruction has also revealed a number of pedagogical and technological challenges, particularly in non-philological higher education institutions where students demonstrate varying levels of digital literacy and language proficiency. These challenges often hinder the effective integration of media technologies and reduce the pedagogical potential of hybrid instruction[1]. Therefore, this study aims to analyze the major challenges associated with hybrid media-based English instruction and to propose pedagogical solutions that support learner autonomy, cognitive engagement, and language competence development.

Hybrid media-based instruction is characterized by the purposeful combination of traditional classroom teaching with digital tools such as online platforms, multimedia resources, mobile applications, and interactive content. These media technologies contribute to the development of listening, speaking, reading, and vocabulary skills by providing authentic learning materials and facilitating learner-centered instruction[6].

Despite these advantages, several challenges limit the effectiveness of hybrid ELT implementation. One of the primary problems is insufficient technological infrastructure. Limited access to stable internet connections and modern devices restricts students' participation in online activities. Furthermore, a lack of digital literacy among both teachers



and students often leads to ineffective use of media tools, causing confusion and reduced motivation. Another significant challenge is the low level of learner autonomy and self-regulation. Many students experience difficulties managing independent online tasks, which results in passive participation and superficial learning. The absence of metacognitive guidance further weakens students' ability to plan, monitor, and evaluate their learning processes in digital environments.

To address these issues, several pedagogical solutions are proposed. Firstly, media technologies should be introduced gradually through scaffolded instruction. Teachers need to provide clear guidelines, step-by-step tasks, and model demonstrations for using digital tools effectively. Secondly, systematic teacher training programs should be organized to enhance digital pedagogical competence and methodological flexibility. In addition, the development of students' metacognitive skills is essential for improving hybrid learning outcomes. The integration of reflection journals, self-assessment checklists, and formative online feedback can significantly enhance learner autonomy and responsibility. Media-based formative assessment tools such as Quizlet, Google Forms, and interactive video platforms can also be utilized to monitor students' progress and provide timely support.

To conclude, hybrid media-based English instruction represents a promising and innovative pedagogical model that aligns with the demands of modern higher education. However, its successful implementation requires the resolution of technological, pedagogical, and cognitive challenges. The findings of this study indicate that insufficient digital infrastructure, limited digital literacy, and low learner autonomy are the main factors that reduce the effectiveness of hybrid ELT.

By applying scaffolded media integration, strengthening teacher digital training, and promoting metacognitive learning strategies, higher education institutions can significantly enhance the quality and sustainability of hybrid English instruction. These pedagogical solutions not only improve language learning outcomes but also contribute to the development of independent, digitally competent learners capable of adapting to modern educational environments.

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