FACILITATING WEB-BASED COMMUNICATION DEVELOPMENT

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Language laboratories are among the essential facilities in an academic institution. Through this, students could improve their speaking skills and correct grammar mistakes, accents, and many other aspects to develop competent and effective communication. Laboratories like this are becoming prerequisites mainly since the need for competent communicators is arising as technology becomes swift. While language competence could be developed through language laboratories, the need for improvisation with adjustments to the persisting technological trend must be addressed. It calls for incorporating technology in language Laboratories, known as the Wed-Assisted Language Laboratory (WALL).

WALL is a computer-assisted language laboratory (CALL) type with an internet connection. The materials are displayed on the computer screens, such as grammar tests and pronunciation discussions (Aleman, 2014). Through this WALL, learners can still learn effective language communication while enjoying the interface provided by the computer. This web-assisted language laboratory erases the possibility of losing interest in the oral and written assessments in class. Nowadays, WALL is further developed to have interactive displays depending on the year level of the learners.

Uzunboylu (2018) found in his study that compared to the traditional mode, students exhibited a higher level of learning grammar through web assistance. It only proves the capacity of WALL to further the learning of the learners in a language laboratory. Moreover, this will lessen the talk time for teachers and enable them to focus on the individual gains of the learners while the latter browse or practice through web

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materials. Besides, the educator facilitating the activity could resolve other queries and concerns, making the learning more accessible.

As technological advancement penetrates the educational domain, approaches might also change more favorably through incorporating web-based materials in teaching. WALL is just one of the many other modalities that could contribute to developing the language learning capacity of the students. The country is known as a significant speaker of the English language, which is why it is taught as a primary subject. Through facilities like language laboratories, boosting confidence and improving language and communication skills will be easier while performing interactively through the assistance of technology.

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