

ROLE OF BLOGS IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING AND LEARNING: AN INCLUSIVE TOOL FOR ESL LEARNERS

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ABSTRACT

A blog is a place for promoting open dialogue and encourage community building, where the bloggers and commenter's exchange opinions, ideas, and attitudes. It is basically a publication mechanism, like a journal where any instructional materials can be published so that the students and also teachers can make comments. Through blogs, teachers can publish articles and instruct students to complete the assignments and the teachers could identify the learning needs of students. Blogs are interactive homepages to engage students in online exchanges, thus expanding their language study and learning community beyond the physical classroom. Regular blogging also encourages more autonomous learning. When a student's audience includes his or her classmates, the teacher and potentially anyone with an internet connection, motivation to engage in meaningful written communication appears to increase. It can be an effective medium in terms of facilitating greater learner interaction and reflection on skills development.

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