

## Leveraging Technology In Language Learning

To this day, the use of technology in language learning is still a controversial subject. Despite proof to the contrary, many still contend that language learning software cannot facilitate the necessary instruction for someone to become truly proficient in picking up a new language. In fact, as I write this, it's highly that an argument is going down at some forum or some blog about the use of technology in teaching grammar, mastering vocabulary and developing language skills.

### Grammar

For analytical learners, even early versions of language learning software is like a gift sent down from heaven when it comes to language study, because the medium suits their preferred modes of picking up information so well. While modern language software still offers the same structured type of instruction, they now include the option of studying in other forms, making them suitable even for those who aren't suited to stimulus-response types of instruction.

### Vocabulary

Vocabulary is one area where electronic technologies can truly take the game to another level. With a language software available, you can easily find the equivalent of an English word in any language that you want, complete instructions on the proper context in which to employ them.

### Language Skills

In the areas of reading and listening comprehension, technology can perform like no other. The availability of materials of all forms ? from articles to movies to songs ? allow people to train their capacity to understand in another language much easier. For developing writing and speaking skills, though, I'm inclined to agree with detractors ? you need real-world experience for that. Language software can provide basic practice, but you'll need to apply the language out in the world to really gain heightened proficiency with its use.