# LANGUAGE ACQUISITION THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA

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**Abstract:** Social Media refers to the means of interaction between people through communication. They share, create or exchange their ideas and information through networks. At present we live in the world of technology, competition and mainly social networking. Language practitioner and an educator custom social media as a tool for their development. Online English learning opportunities are interesting and dynamic. If we use a blog or forum site it will be interactive and more enjoyable. Apart from useful websites providing vocabulary the internet provides us with a means for communicating with students and teachers of English located in other parts of the world. Social Media is emerging in various forms to bring the people together in as communities. We cannot find a person without phone in the world. Basically, students find it difficult and inconvenient to deliver, share and present their views in front of others. Social Media helps the learners to reach the world outside the classroom through "Learning Technologies". Nowadays, the young minds want to learn out of the class and around the world. Language learners are able to enhance their language skills due to the different avenues in which new social media have created.

## 1. LANGUAGE ACQUISITION THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA

English is the most widely used language in the world. The traditional way of learning has less scope for application and the reach is limited. Many people find social media more interesting to learn new things and update themselves. There are numerous and endless resources available on the web for both basic and advanced learners offered by many reliable websites. Social media offers news about all over the world information by touching button. Online English learning opportunities are interesting and dynamic. If we use a blog or forum site it will be interactive and more enjoyable. Apart from useful websites providing vocabulary the internet provides us with a means for communicating with students and teachers of English located in other parts of the world.

Social Media refers to the means of interaction between people through communication. They share, create or exchange their ideas and information through networks. The social networks like Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, WhatsApp, YouTube etc plays a vital role to pass the message and comment in an easy method to convey in the world. At present we live in the world of technology, competition and mainlly social networking.

Social Media is emerging in various forms to bring the people together in as communities. We cannot find a person without phone in the world. Basically, students find it difficult and inconvenient to deliver, share and present their views in front of others. But unknowingly they chat and reply in English language through phone. This is one way of benefit that makes the students to learn English language through Social Media without any hesitation. In this technique, when they conversation with their friends in any medias like Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and WhatsAppetc, they might cross some new word. This method also molds them to acquire vocabulary easily. If a teacher insists them to learn any new things, they feel novelty in it, inconvenient and trouble but, this media supports them to assimilate so many new

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words which was unknown to them to absorb easily. We can say that "Students learn without a teacher" through social media. In this way internet has affected the preferred learning style of young people. Social Media helps the learners to reach the world outside the classroom through "Learning Technologies". Nowadays, the young minds want to learn out of the class and around the world.

Learning through social media makes the student and teacher to feel share free environment, promote learners group task and so on. Media brings people together without any partiality. Students may not find any controversy on using new social media. Through social media they came to know about the opportunities and information for their carrier. It has some disadvantages also; it may divert them sometimes. Nearly, lakhs of teens use social media every day. Nowadays, you cannot find a student without book and bag, but not with out a mobile phone. Mobile phone takes an important role in their lifestyle, but sometimes it may create problem also. Mobile phone may relieve stress from our mind and keep it pleasant. At the same time, it may put us into trouble for many unknown reasons also. It helps us to identify many things and it may lead us into problem in many times. When we are in an any important meeting, it may disturb us but sometimes sit may help us to solve the problem also. Many people use of it and feel happy and at the same time many may hurt of it also. Like a coin it has two sides one is positive and other is negative, it is in our hand to make it as positive and possible without any problem.

Most popular websites become a pivotal resource for school pupils across all their subjects. The young people wanted to learn English across the world. Majority of social media are free to use and join, so they are utilizing it. The social media applications, tools and sites had been categorized into broader aspects as for communication, collaboration, education and entertainment, specifically for social networking publish, photo sharing, audio, video, microblogging etc.

Impact of social media is the second language acquisition learning process. It creates a platform to the scholars, students and researchers from different fields to learn new ideas, phrases, vocabulary etc. Language basically a tool for communication. It plays an important role in all walks of life. Communication helps us to convey and survey the information as written, listening and speaking. Language is used to communicate with person to person, along with friends, family members, colleagues and most specially in learning and teaching. In one point of view, English language has spread over and developed all over the world as one of the basic language in olden age.

Social Media is basically a media which is used through electronic devices and it can be rechargeable also. Electronic devices like mobile phones, tablets, laptop and so many other ways to facilitate them to share their own views and ideas in an easy systematically methodology. Social media is useful in communicating and sharing of knowledge because it reaches frequency usability and facilitate the users as compare to other sources. (Pavlik et al, 2015).

Social media plays a dominant role by giving an opportunity and develop the learners Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing skills and also it provides the opportunity to improve their phrases, vocabulary etc.It should be remembered that different learners need emphasis on different types of methods and materials to learn new words and techniques. Generally, nowadays students find it uninteresting for using dictionaries, newspapers and books etc to learn new phrases. Because they are having number of websites to learn new ideas. But it may not help the poor people to learn through technology. We can find two types of learners one is basic learners and the other is advanced learners.

Basic learners find it difficult in the beginning stage and they will face more problems. They will be well versed in all but due to technology they were not able to prove themselves, because they were not aware of media. But, the scenario changed nowadays, they are also aware of technology and its usage. The rural area students were completely changed because of social media and technology development; there is no partiality between the learners. Technology

made a tremendous change in their lifestyle, communication, knowledge, education system etc. Social Media gave platform for the research scholars for their area of specialization in many ways. Advanced learners also got struck in many places but they don't reveal it outside because of their smartness. These types of learners were addict to technology sometimes, so for them technology is harmful. Some students may utilize it for their development. If we use technology in right way we were able to shine in many fields. It gives us the update news and information within a second. They were familiar with media.

Language practitioners and education have seen the impact of social media in second language acquisition and learning. In a recent study, the researcher found that a certain group that received learning, engagement and motivation through social media site. In foreign countries students were exposed to use e-learning materials and smart class room for their preparation. Students use e-mail, chat groups, bulletin boards and face book for discussing the issues pertaining for the studies with their friends. Many foreign universities were using online teaching method in class room and they used to practice online mock test to test the learners level. Not only in foreign countries many reputed schools started to enhance the field of teaching and learning process through technology.

There are now several web tools that are really great in teaching vocabulary and that you can use with your students in the classroom. I have curated a list of some of the best web tools to teach vocabulary.

1- **Vocabulary.com**

This website will help students master the vocabulary essential to their academic success.

**2- BBC Learning English**

In this section, learns will have access to a plethora of vocabulary act ivies and tasks great for classroom inclusion.

**3- Confusing Words**

Confusing Words is a collection of many words that are troublesome to readers and writers. Words are grouped according to the way they are most often confused or misused.

**4- Just the Word**

Just the Word is a cool website that helps students make informed decisions as to the right word selection to use in their writing

**5-Lexipedia**

Lexipedia is an online visual semantic network with dictionary and thesaurus reference functionality

**6- Wordia**

Wordia is a free games-based learning platform - built on the foundations of a dictionary - that blends word-based learning games with interactive video vocabulary.

**7- Wordhippo**

Wordhippo is a great vocabulary web tool that lets you easily provide antonyms and synonyms to your words.

**8- Wordthink**

WordThink provides you with a daily reminder to use many of the words you already know, and add many new words to your vocabulary that you can actually use every day!

2. **Google Class Room**

This web will make the students to create & assign assignments to one or multiple classes. A teacher can view who has or has not completed the assignments and provide feedback during and after the sessions. Assign grades are provided for the students according to their performance. In the same time they can correct themselves from their own through technology.

Through this website student can create their own web page and all the exercise shared through their mail. A teacher without a board can teach through this method.  A teacher can share all the materials through this sheet at the smart time students can also share the material for others. We can create a separate a column for every exercise. Once the classes created in the group means the learners can navigate and view any class by clicking the three horizontal lines in the upper-left corner. The learner can use this link at any time to watch the old sessions. But when a learner is absent he /she may lose the class when a teacher teaches in blackboard teaching method. But here whereas the technology help them to recap the class without a teacher. Like this so many advantages are there in this media class room, by the video session.

Some Useful Websites are as s follows:

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| bbclearningenglish | Flubaroo | Titanpad |
| Story bird.com | Pdfdrive | Classdojo |
| Nitrotype | Easel.ly | Spellingcity |
| En.linoit | Wunderlist | Learnzillion |
| Screecast-o-matic | Printfriendly | Simplek12 |

Popular Social Media Tools and Platforms:

- **Blogs:** A platform for casual dialogue and discussions on a specific topic or opinion.
- **Facebook:** The world's largest social network, with more than 1.55 billion monthly active users (as of the third quarter of 2015). Users create a personal profile, add other users as friends, and exchange messages, including status updates. Brands create pages and Facebook users can "like" brands' pages.
- **Twitter:** A social networking/micro-blogging platform that allows groups and individuals to stay connected through the exchange of short status messages (140-character limit).
- **YouTube & Vimeo:** Video hosting and watching websites.
- **Flickr:** An image and video hosting website and online community. Photos can be shared on Facebook and Twitter and other social networking sites.
- **Instagram:** A free photo and video sharing app that allows users to apply digital filters, frames and special effects to their photos and then share them on a variety of social networking sites.

- **Snapchat:** A mobile app that lets users send photos and videos to friends or to their "story." Snaps disappear after viewing or after 24 hours. Currently, we are not allowing individual departments to have Snapchat accounts, but asking that they contribute to the Tufts University account.

3. **LinkedIn Groups:**

A place where groups of professionals with similar areas of interest can share information and participate in a conversationStudents improve themselves through new techniques and methodologies for vibrant teaching-learning process. This environment makes them to learn without a teacher. Technology helps the students to find, learn etc for their betterment. Websites clear their doubts and gives a live explanation for their research. Finally, technologies help the students in all ways for teir education and use it in right way for their development. Language practitioner and an educator custom social media as a tool for their development. Nowadays, we live in a signal country world, if we live a day without signal then that is empty. Almost all the people male and female, boys and girls, younger and older, lower-class and upper-class people, even babies and children use various social media tools for variety of purposes.

More than 100 social media are using for education purpose. Government created many free websites for language learners. Through this they are learning pronunciation, vocabulary and online blogs are also there for their development. Nowadays the most prominent interfaced are WhatsApp, Face book and Twitter. They give spaces for the learners independently and it allows them to interact with them without any hesitation. The expression of ideas they carried out through internet technology and the capabilities which encourage communications are referred to in this article as social media. This free flow of information is enhanced through new communication tools and sites that are referred to as social networking sites.

The use of social media has drawn significant attention for the learners and teachers  An increasing number of practitioners have started using social media in their teaching. Learners mostly use social media for communication with friends and families. Social media causes some health issue and it affects cultural issues. While using social media, users have to remember the cultural norms and it should be used for positive purposes. The use of social media is an informative way to enhance our skills and abilities. . Youngsters are seen in contact with these media daily .Social media has various merits but it also has some demerits which affect people negatively. False information can lead the education system to failure, in an organization wrong advertisement will affect the productivity, social media can abuse the society by invading on people's privacy, some useless blogs can influence youth that can become violent and can take some inappropriate actions. Use of social media is beneficial but should be used in a limited way without getting addicted.

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