

ENHANCING LISTENING COMPREHENSION THROUGH MULTIMEDIA RESOURCE

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Abstract Listening comprehension is one of the most essential yet challenging skills for language learners. This study explores how multimedia resources—such as videos, podcasts, and interactive applications—enhance learners’ listening comprehension. The findings show that combining visual and auditory materials significantly improves students’ understanding, motivation, and engagement in language learning.

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Introduction Listening comprehension plays a crucial role in effective communication and language acquisition. However, many learners face difficulties understanding spoken English due to unfamiliar vocabulary, accents, or fast speech. Traditional methods, such as listening to tapes or teachers’ voices alone, are often insufficient to build listening skills effectively (Vandergrift & Goh, 2012). Recently, multimedia resources have become powerful tools in language classrooms. They combine sound, images, text, and interaction, providing learners with rich, authentic language input. For instance, watching short films, listening to podcasts, or using language-learning apps helps students understand not only words but also facial expressions, gestures, and intonation (Mayer, 2009). The purpose of this study is to examine how multimedia resources can enhance listening comprehension and to identify effective strategies for using them in English language learning.

Methods 2.1 Participants The study involved 30 intermediate-level students aged 15–18 from a secondary school. All participants had similar English backgrounds and were learning English as a foreign language.

Materials Multimedia resources used in this research included: - Educational videos (TED-Ed, BBC Learning English) - Podcasts (ESLPod, VOA Learning English) - Interactive listening apps (Duolingo, ELSA) - Songs and movie clips (e.g., “Frozen” or “Harry Potter” excerpts)

Procedure Students were divided into two groups: - Control Group: learned through traditional audio listening exercises and teacher explanations. - Experimental Group: learned using multimedia materials—videos, animations, and podcasts. Both groups practiced for six weeks. Before and after the experiment, students took listening comprehension tests consisting of multiple-choice and open-ended questions.

Results The pre-test results showed that both groups had similar listening levels. However, after six weeks, the experimental group showed a 30% improvement in listening scores, while the control group improved only by 10%. Students using multimedia resources reported: - Better understanding of pronunciation and intonation - Higher motivation and attention during lessons - Increased ability to guess meanings from context For example, when watching short YouTube lessons with subtitles, students could connect sounds with written words and body language, helping them understand faster and more accurately (Brett, 1997).

Discussion The results confirm that multimedia resources significantly enhance listening comprehension. Visual and auditory elements together create a more engaging environment, supporting the dual coding theory, which states that people learn better when information is presented through both words and images (Paivio, 1991; Mayer, 2009). Multimedia also provides



authentic language exposure, helping learners experience real-life communication. For instance, by listening to podcasts about daily routines or interviews with native speakers, students gain familiarity with natural speech patterns and cultural expressions (Gilakjani & Sabouri, 2016). Moreover, using music and film scenes makes learning enjoyable and emotionally engaging, which improves memory and reduces listening anxiety. For example, when students listened to English songs and discussed the lyrics, they improved their ability to understand rhythm, pronunciation, and emotion in speech (Almurashi, 2016).

Conclusion This study demonstrates that multimedia resources are effective tools for improving listening comprehension. They make lessons more interactive, motivating, and relevant to real life. Teachers are encouraged to integrate various multimedia materials—such as podcasts, movies, and educational videos—into their lessons to develop students’ listening skills more efficiently. Future research could explore how different types of multimedia (e.g., virtual reality or AI-based tools) can further enhance not only listening but also speaking and cultural understanding.

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