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A Study on the Perspectives of English Teachers of the English Supplementary School toward the Multimedia Computer-Assisted Instruction (MCAI) Integrated with Distance Learning (DL) in COVID-19 Pandemic Period: Changes and Challenges

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Introduction



Study Motivations

• the witness of fluctuation of English supplementary schools during COVID-19 pandemic outbreak period from the late 2019 to the early 2022

- the curiosity in one rising English supplementary school with MCAI & online use
- the prospect MCAI could accomplish to fulfill better English educational environment



Introduction



Study Purpose

• to unfold the English teachers' outlooks toward the changes & alternations

of taking MCAI during the DL period

to understand the real challenges & dilemmas for English teachers of taking

MCAI during DL period at an English supplementary school

to recommend **promising paradigms** of technology-assisted educational

approach for the post-pandemic time



Literature Review

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Multimedia Computer-Assisted Instruction (MCAI)



Literature Review

Distance Learning (DL)



Literature Review

Comparative Analysis on Two Teaching Modes

| Mode | Traditional Teaching | Distance Learning | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| learning mode | teacher-centered | student-centered | |
| content (abundance) | stable | dynamic | |
| interaction & conversation | synchronous | synchronous or asynchronous | |
| evaluation mode | paper-and-pencil evaluation | online | |
| database of assessment | single | multiple | |
| time of lecture | fixed | flexible | |
| location of lecture | fixed | flexible | |
| instructional facilities | physical classroom | technological (virtual) | |
| | | classroom | |
| resources | limited (knowledge-based) | diverse (Internet-based) | |
| materials | paper | non-paper | |

Table 5. The Comparison between Traditional Classroom Teaching and DL

Table 5. Comparative Analysis



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Research Method

Subjects & Participants: 9 Teachers from CY English



| Teacher's Name (Abbr.) | Educational Background | Teaching Field | Teaching Tenure |
|------------------------|---|------------------------|-----------------|
| Ms. An. | BA in English, WZU | GEPT, Children English | 5 |
| Ms. Ab. | BA in Foreign Language Instruction., WZU | GEPT, Children English | 2 |
| Mr. Ji. | BA in Foreign Language Instruction., WZU | GEPT, TOEIC | ≥4 |
| Mr. W. | MA in English, NTNU | GEPT | 3 |
| Ms. E. | BA in English, NKNU | GEPT, Children English | 9 |
| Ms. L. | BA in English, NKNU | GEPT, TOEIC | ≥4 |
| Mr. Ja. | MA in TESOL, Essex University, UK | GEPT, TOEIC | ≥12 |
| Mr. E. | BA in Applied Japanese, NKUHT | Children English | ≥1 |
| Mr. T. | BA in Hospital & Tourism, NKUHT | GEPT | ≥1.5 |

Research Method

Subjects & Participants: 2 Experts

| Teacher's Name (Abbr.) | Education | Teaching Field | Teaching Tenure |
|------------------------|--|---|-----------------|
| Ms. K. | Ph.D . in Applied Linguistics & English Language Teaching, Newcastle University, UK | GEPT, TOEIC, IELTS, Children English | ≥30 |
| Ms. V. | N/A | GEPT, TOEIC, TOELF, Children English, Aviation English | ≥ 25 |

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Analytical Schema for Research Results





The Changes: Advance for Teachers' Online Instructional Capability



"I consider it a turning point for me to adapt the online DL period, as I discovered fun in the integration of MCAI in DL. My instructional abilities were adorned with these experiences in taking MCAI in DL. Google Map, Google Earth and Quizlet were not rather interesting and stunning while in the physical class. In taking these online applications in DL, I found myself unfolding another interest in teaching, and my instructional capabilities were refreshed and upgraded. I still keep trying with them, and adore them in my teaching as well." (2022-0704-CY-CN-Ab)

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The Changes: the Visible Improve over the Instructional Affluence (Content of Curriculum)

"Making online tools integrated with DL was a chance for me to evaluate the brand-new instructional style that could become a future trend. Therefore, in my instructional experiences during DL period, efficacies in teaching could be seen. For me, I spared more time in figuring out fun games and applications, instead of scanning the materials solely. More fun and interesting modes were expected in the further courses." (2022-0614-CY-SG-W)

"Originally I was doubtful to MCAI during online DL as I could not realize why it was able to simplify the instructional process for teachers. Previously I heard several unsuccessful cases upon DL and I considered my own curriculums could become a mass as long as I took online applications into my instruction. However, the results were definitely converse and I have been enjoying in taking advantage of online applications in teaching. It did help me create more affluent and diverse content in the online courses." (2022-0630-CY-LH-Ji)



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The Changes: MCAI in DL Helped Save Time & Papers (Dual Accomplishment over the Convenience & Environmental-Friendliness)

"I could save time preparing a great number of paper materials, which did help us accomplish environmentalfriendly goal. I recommend supplementary schools all demand this awareness." (2022-0615-CY-SG-Ja)

"For lecturers, I recommend curriculums get integrated with MCAI since it did help me save time preparing for paper materials and a

number of trifles." (2022-0630-CY-CN-L)



the Changes: the Rise of Notion of Student-Center



"I played as an assistant role in the online class of the intermediate level of GEPT. Computer already replaced me with its functionality of helping students learn themselves through some activities." (2022-0614-CY-SG-W)

"I think of it as a great change to alter my previous concept that in the classroom, teacher is the main role and all the students must abide by his or her orders to learn. Teacher-centred teaching used to be preferential since I considered it the key to getting students to focus on the lecture. MCAI in DL has let me see some distinctions over teaching online. (2022-0617-CY-SG-T)

Dominance

Assistance

"I am now upholding this notion since I realise that traditional teacher-centred teaching would be altered in the near

future, with the technology non-stop progressing. Student-centred teaching, for teachers, is a good way to evaluate students' perception more precisely." (2022-0630-CY-LH-Ji)



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the Challenges: Teachers' or Students' Obstacles over Device Operation and Technical Conduction

"Students in the online DL could not handle the technological device and they often faced operational problems that may postpone the lecture time. I had confronted several technical problems that I myself could not solve, yet fortunately intricate ones rarely occurred. However, I don' always feel dubious and apprehensive, in deficiency of confidence." (2022-0630-CY-HS-Ev)

"The conductional aspect for students has Served as one of the major problems in online DL. As have the multimedia been employed, junior or senior-high-school students could even not handle well as long as they faced technical problems. In addition, teachers themselves, based on their unfamiliarity to the

online operation or operational solving, could result in serial instructional problems meanwhile." (2022-0615-CY-SG-Ja)





the Challenges: the Unfamiliarity of Device Operation and Technical Conduction of Parents

"Children demand the online assistance domestically. The parents should serve as the frontiers to help the teachers resolve their technical problems. However, what we have confronted in the online DL integrated with MCAI was that **parents often did with their wits' end toward their own technical problems, such as Wi-Fi disconnection, voicelessness, voice vagueness or other issues**. Therefore, I consider it a significant and immediate must for the parents to improve their technological knowledge ASAP." (2022-0615-CY-CNDF-E)

"In my perspective, information technology in English instruction not only requires teachers' know-how and students' focus and obedience, but **parents' collaborations**. A few parents, in my own observation, were unwilling to learn how to assist their children over the operation of online courses when problems took place. On the contrary, they chose to ignore, frankly speaking. The reason is not complicated. They were incapable of assisting this kind of problems. Therefore, parental collaboration with lecturers were not seen, resulting in the insignificance of students' learning outcome." (2022-0615-CY-SG-Ja)

the Challenges: the Insignificance of Students' Learning Outcome



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"Multimedia application is beneficial, to be frank. I support the use over the physical-course time, and I also promote this instructional approach to our teachers.

Nonetheless, the children could not get concentrated at all times online. Empirically, once I focus on children A, I could notice that another, supposedly children B, vanish. Consequently, I considered it not an apropos idea for children to get online courses." (2022-0615-CY-CNDF-E)

"The students' learning outcome is what we value the most. However, during the time of DL, when MCAI was taken, students' learning focus were sometimes distracted. I had to pay full attention while they were engaging in the activities to check whether they did get involve in the events. From time to time, I felt mentally exhausted." (2022-0614-CY-CNDF-An)

Conclusion & Suggestions

Conclusion: Changes



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Conclusion & Suggestions

Conclusion: Challenges





Conclusion & Suggestions



Suggestions: STOP



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