

E-LEARNING

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At the end of this lecture, you are going to know:

- What does e-learning mean?
- What is the value of e-learning?
- What are the main types of e-learning?
- The Role of E-Learning in ELT
- Famous platforms of e-learning

WHAT DOES E-LEARNING MEAN?

A learning system based on formalized teaching but with the help of electronic resources is known as E-learning.

While teaching can be based in or out of the classrooms, the use of computers and the Internet forms the major component of E-learning.

E-learning can also be termed as a network-enabled transfer of skills and knowledge, and the delivery of education is made to a large number of recipients at the same or different times. Earlier, it was not accepted wholeheartedly as it was assumed that this system lacked the human element required in learning.

E-Learning is learning utilizing electronic technologies to access educational curricula outside of a traditional classroom. In most cases, it refers to a course, program or degree delivered completely online.

- There are many terms used to describe learning that is delivered online, via the internet, ranging from **Distance Education** to **computerized electronic learning**, **online learning**, **internet learning**, and many others.
- We define eLearning as courses that are specifically delivered via the internet to somewhere other than the classroom where the professor is teaching.
- It is not a course delivered via a DVD or CD-ROM, videotape, or over a television channel.
- It is **interactive** in that you can also **communicate** with your teachers, professors, or other students in your class. There is always a teacher or professor **interacting /communicating** with you and grading your participation, your assignments, and your tests.

In simple language, e-learning is defined as **Learning that is enabled electronically.**

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- The possibility for students to make use of self-paced learning and to choose their own learning environments.
- E-learning is both cost-effective and cost-efficient, as it removes the geographical obstacles often associated with traditional classrooms and education.
- E-learning has been introduced to empower learners to get basic schooling and enhance skills. Also, they can obtain a degree certificate, without actually attending school or university, or any other institution.
- For tutors, it is a great source of earning, wherein they can teach from anywhere in their preferred time.

The Value of E-learning

- Unlike the traditional method of teaching, e-learning has a quick mode of delivery. This indicates that learning **time** is reduced.
- According to psychology, the audio-visual method of teaching leads to a disciplined learning environment. There are an effective tutor and student engagements.
- E-learning has worked towards bringing learners, tutors, experts, practitioners, and other interested groups to one place. Thus, there is a good **practice of knowledge sharing** followed through different online platforms.

The main types of e-learning



E-Learning is conducted in many forms and at times is the blend of the following methodologies and practices:

- ❑ Completed online – no face to face meetings
- ❑ Provided through Mixed Learning – A blend of online and direct communication.

That is in the two different forms:

1. **Synchronous**- the communication between the provider and the receiver happens directly as in chat rooms, or video-audio conferencing. Synchronous e-learning works in real-time and resembles a virtual classroom that allows learners to question, teachers to respond and clarify immediately through instant messaging (chat), teleconferencing, and videoconferencing. With synchronized e-learning software or online courses, learners can interact with fellow students and lecturers during the program.
2. **Asynchronous**- The information is passed through forums, emails, wikis, etc.

As opposed to Synchronous e-learning, it involves coursework delivered via the web, email, weblogs, threaded discussions, forums. In this scenario, learners finish the program at their own pace employing the internet merely as a medium of support.

- A new form of e-learning known as **blended learning** is emerging.
- As the name suggests it is an amalgamation of synchronous and asynchronous learning methods. Using both online training through virtual classrooms and also giving CDs and study material for self-study is now being increasingly preferred over any single type of training.

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In our daily life, the use of the internet is very crucial. We always find some important material by accessing the internet. It has become one of the vital ways to make available resources for research and learning for both teachers and students to share and acquire information. Technology-based e-learning encompasses the use of the internet and other important technologies to produce materials for learning, teach learners, and also regulate courses in an organization.

E-learning is important for education for the following reasons:

- E-learning enhances the efficacy of knowledge and qualifications via ease of access to a huge amount of information.
- It is able to provide opportunities for relations between learners by the use of discussion forums.
- E-learning is cost-effective in the sense that there is no need for the students or learners to travel.

- E-learning always takes into consideration the individual learners' differences.
- E-learning helps compensate for scarcities of academic staff, including instructors or teachers as well as facilitators, lab technicians etc.
- The use of e-Learning allows self-pacing. For instance, the asynchronous way permits each student to study at his or her own pace and speed whether slow or quick.

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Famous Platforms of E-learning

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The 7 best online learning platforms of 2022

Best Overall: [Coursera](#) •

Best for Niche Topics: [Udemy](#) •

Best for Creative Fields: [Skillshare](#) •

Best for Celebrity Lessons: [MasterClass](#) •

Best for STEM: [EdX](#) •

Best for Career Building: [Udacity](#) •

Best for Data Learning: [Pluralsight](#) •

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