

Using Technology in Class

Young people love learning, but they like learning even more if they are presented with information in an *interesting* and *challenging* way. Today, I am going to give a talk about how you can use technology in Jordanian classrooms.

1. Two characteristics for the way of presenting information :

a. interesting b. challenging

Many classrooms now use **a whiteboard** as a computer screen. As a consequence, teachers can **show websites** on the board in front of the class. Teachers can then **use the internet** to *show educational programmes, play educational games, music, recording of languages*, and so on.

- 1. **Reason** : Using a whiteboard **Result** : Teachers can show websites on the board in front of the class
- 2. How do teachers use the whiteboard ?
 - 1. Show websites 2: Use the internet
- 3. Mention the consequences = results = benefits = purposes of using the internet on the whiteboard at schools ?

= 1. show educational programmes 2. play educational games. 3. play music 4. recording of languages

In some countries, **tablet computers** are available for students to use in class. Therefore, students can use the tablets to tasks such as *showing photographs, researching information, recording interviews, and creating diagrams*. Tablets are ideal for pair and group work.

1. Mention the benefits of using tablet computer : (tasks)

- 1. showing photographs 2. researching information 3. recording interviews 4. creating diagrams.
- 2. Tablets are ideal for two things :

1. pair work 2. group work.

Teachers can perhaps ask their students to start writing a blog (an online diary), either about their own lives or as if they were someone famous. They can also create a website for the classroom. Students can contribute to the website, so for example they can post work, photos and messages.

1. Students can write a blog about two things :

- 1. Their own lives 2. As if they were someone famous.
- 2. The benefits of creating a website
- 1. Post work 2. Post photos

3. Post messages

Most young people communicate through **social media**, but which they send each other photos and messages via the internet. Some students like to send messages that are under 140 letters for anyone to read. Teachers can ask students to summarise information about what they have learnt in class in the same way. If students learn to summerise quickly, they will be able to use this skill in the future.

1. Benefits of using social media by young people :

- 1. send each other photos 2. Send each other messages via the internet.
- 2. Type of messages students like to send : Messages that are under 140 letters for anyone to read.
- **3. Benefits of summarizing quickly by students** : result They will be able to use this skill in the future.

We all like to send emails, don't we ? **Email exchanges** are very useful in the classroom. Teachers can ask students to email what they have learnt to students of a similar age at another school. They could even email students in another country. As a result, students can then share information and help each other with tasks.

1. Benefits of using email exchange in the process of learning :

1. share information 2. help each other with tasks.

2. Where can email exchange be useful ?

1. at another school 2. in another country

Another way of communicating with other schools is talking to people over the computer. Most computers have cameras, so you can also see the people you are talking to. In this way, students who are studying English in Jordan can see what students in England are doing in the classroom while <u>they</u> are speaking to them. You can also use this system to invite guest speakers to give talks over a computer. For example, scientists or teachers from another country could give a lesson to the class. If you had this type of lesson, the students would be very excited.

1. Two ways of communicating with other schools :

1. Email exchange 2. talking to people over the computer

2. Benefits of using the camera :

- 1. You can also see the people you are talking to.
- 2. You can also use this system to invite guest speakers to give talks over a computer.

3. The advantage of taking online lessons : The students would be very excited.

- **4.** Quote the sentence which indicates the result of seeing people you are talking to using the camera. "In this way, students who are studying English in Jordan can see what students in England are doing in the classroom while they are speaking to them."
- **5. What is the result of taking a lesson by teacher from another country :** The students would be very excited.

Students often use computers at home if they have them. Students can use **social media** on their computer to help them with their studies, including asking other students to check and compare their work, asking questions and sharing ideas. The teacher must be part of the group, too, to monitor what is happening. Thank you for listening . Does any one have any questions ?

1. The benefits of using social media by students :

- 1. check and compare their work 2. asking questions
- 3. sharing ideas.

2. The role of the teacher when students use social media :

They must be part of the group to monitor what is happening.

Key Word	Meaning in English	Meaning in Arabic
blog	A regularly updated personal website or web page, usually written in an informal style	سجل شخصي على النت
email exchange	A series of emails between two or more people, each email generally a reply to the previous one	تبادل الايميلات
post	To put a message or document on the internet so that other people can see it.	يرسل
social media	Social interaction between people and communities on websites or blogs	وسائل الاعلام
tablet computer	A mobile computer, with a touch screen, processor and battery all in one unit	كمبيوتر لوحي
white board	A touch screen computer program that enable you to draw sketches, write and present ideas and talks to colleagues and students.	السبورة البيضاء