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THE ROLE OF AI CHATBOTS IN DEVELOPING EFL SPEAKING SKILLS

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Abstract. The rapid development of artificial intelligence technologies has significantly influenced modern education, particularly in the field of language learning. Among these technologies, AI chatbots have become increasingly popular tools for improving English as a Foreign Language (EFL) speaking skills. This article examines the role of AI chatbots in enhancing learners' speaking abilities, confidence, pronunciation, and communication fluency. The study discusses the advantages of chatbot-assisted learning, including immediate feedback, personalized interaction, accessibility, and reduced speaking anxiety. At the same time, certain limitations such as lack of emotional understanding and occasional inaccuracies are also considered. The article argues that AI chatbots should not replace teachers but rather serve as supportive educational tools that complement traditional language instruction. By integrating artificial intelligence into language education, students may gain more opportunities to practice speaking in an interactive and flexible environment.

Keywords: artificial intelligence, AI chatbots, EFL, speaking skills, language learning, educational technology

English has become one of the most important international languages in education, business, science, and communication. As a result, developing speaking skills is considered a major objective for learners studying English as a Foreign Language (EFL). However, many students experience difficulties in speaking due to fear of making mistakes, limited vocabulary, lack of confidence, and insufficient practice opportunities. In recent years, technological innovations have introduced new methods for language learning. Among these innovations, AI chatbots have attracted considerable attention because they allow learners to engage in interactive communication at any time. AI chatbots are computer programs designed to simulate human conversation through text or voice interaction. These systems are capable of answering questions, maintaining conversations, correcting mistakes, and providing language support. According to Fryer and Carpenter (2006), conversational technologies can create more engaging language learning environments by encouraging active participation. Similarly, artificial intelligence tools provide students with opportunities to practice communication without the social pressure often experienced in traditional classrooms. Therefore, AI chatbots are becoming valuable instruments for supporting EFL speaking development.

One of the main advantages of AI chatbots is their interactive nature. Traditional classroom environments may not always provide sufficient speaking practice because students have limited time to communicate individually with teachers. In contrast, chatbots are available continuously and allow learners to practice conversations whenever they wish. AI chatbots can simulate real-life communication scenarios such as job interviews, travel situations, academic discussions, or casual conversations. This helps learners improve fluency and develop practical communication skills. Furthermore, students can repeat conversations multiple times without fear of embarrassment or

criticism. Research by Huang, Yang, and Chang (2022) suggests that AI-based conversational systems increase learner engagement and motivation in language education. Since students often feel more relaxed when speaking with technology rather than with native speakers, they may participate more actively and confidently during practice sessions.

Pronunciation and fluency are essential components of speaking proficiency. Many AI chatbots now include voice recognition systems that evaluate pronunciation and provide corrective feedback. These features allow students to identify pronunciation mistakes and improve their speaking accuracy independently. Additionally, regular interaction with chatbots helps learners develop fluency through continuous speaking practice. Frequent exposure to conversational English enables students to respond more naturally and quickly during communication. Instead of memorizing isolated grammar rules, learners become more familiar with practical language use in authentic contexts.

Speaking anxiety is one of the most common problems faced by EFL learners. Many students avoid speaking activities because they fear negative evaluation, criticism, or making grammatical mistakes in front of others. This anxiety often limits participation and slows language development. AI chatbots can help reduce this problem by providing a non-judgmental learning environment. Students may feel more comfortable practicing English with artificial intelligence because they are not afraid of social embarrassment. The absence of peer pressure encourages learners to experiment with language more freely. According to Kim (2018), technology-assisted learning environments can positively influence learner confidence and willingness to communicate. When students gain confidence through chatbot interaction, they may gradually become more prepared to participate in real classroom discussions and conversations with native speakers. Therefore, AI chatbots play an important psychological role in supporting language learners, particularly introverted students who may hesitate to speak during traditional lessons.

Despite their advantages, AI chatbots also have several limitations. One significant issue is that chatbots cannot fully replace human interaction. Human communication involves emotions, cultural understanding, humor, body language, and spontaneous reactions that artificial intelligence may not interpret accurately. In some cases, chatbots may provide incorrect responses or unnatural language patterns. Overdependence on technology may also reduce opportunities for authentic social communication with teachers and classmates. Furthermore, some students may become too reliant on automated correction systems instead of developing independent critical thinking skills. Another challenge is unequal access to technological resources. Not all learners have stable internet connections, modern devices, or sufficient digital literacy to use AI tools effectively. As a result, the benefits of chatbot-assisted learning may not be equally available to all students. For these reasons, AI chatbots should be viewed as supplementary educational tools rather than complete replacements for traditional teaching methods.

The role of artificial intelligence in education is expected to continue growing in the future. As AI technologies become more advanced, chatbots may provide increasingly personalized and adaptive learning experiences. Future systems could



analyze learner weaknesses more accurately and create customized speaking exercises based on individual needs. However, successful implementation requires balance. Educators must combine technological innovation with human-centered teaching approaches. Teachers remain essential for providing emotional support, cultural understanding, and complex communication guidance that artificial intelligence cannot fully replicate. Consequently, the most effective educational model may involve cooperation between teachers and AI technologies rather than competition between them.

AI chatbots have become valuable tools for developing EFL speaking skills in modern education. Their accessibility, interactive nature, and ability to provide immediate feedback create numerous opportunities for language practice. Chatbots help learners improve fluency, pronunciation, vocabulary, and communication confidence while reducing speaking anxiety. At the same time, artificial intelligence technologies still possess certain limitations related to emotional understanding, communication authenticity, and technological accessibility. Therefore, AI chatbots should not replace teachers but instead function as supportive instruments that enhance traditional language learning environments. Overall, the integration of AI chatbots into EFL education represents an important step toward more flexible, personalized, and engaging language learning experiences. As technology continues to evolve, AI-assisted education may play an increasingly significant role in helping students achieve effective communication skills in English.

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