

**WIKIS IN INTEGRATING THE
STUDY OF CULTURE
AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE
LEARNING**

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Outline

- **Wiki as an educational tool**
- **Implementing wikis in a CLIL course in English and Culture**
- **Students' perceptions of blended learning**

Web 2.0 tools

- social networking sites,
- blogs,
- wikis,
- folksonomies,
- video sharing sites, etc.

“... many Web 2.0 applications are powerful socialization and communication tools. As such, they will have an incredible educational potential for foreign language instruction”.

Simon E., 2008



Wiki = Collaboration



Using wikis in a language classroom

- give extra practice in a language independently of time and space
- offer authentic writing practice
- engage students in peer-editing
- develop collaboration skills
- promote digital literacy and creativity
- provide a safe social networking environment

Wikis in a CLIL course

Wiki =

= working with content in a target language =

= dual focus =

= CLIL =

= use language to learn and learn to use
language

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Welcome to English and Culture Virtual Classroom!

Here you will learn about the history of the English language, its development and its role in the modern world. You will also gain new knowledge about the people and culture of major English-speaking nations - Great Britain and the United States of America.



Americans
dvkaterina May 28, 2016

Now you can read about American cultural values in our wiki. Scroll down the page to find a link to the file with explanations why Americans may come across the way they do to people from other cultures.

nastya_agaurova Jun 3, 2016

Northern California, often abbreviated NorCal, is the northern portion of the U.S. state of California. Spanning the state's northernmost 48 counties, in contrast to the 10 counties of Southern California its main population centers include the San Francisco Bay Area (anchored by the cities of San Francisco, San Jose, and Oakland), the Greater Sacramento area (anchored by the state capital Sacramento), and the Metropolitan Fresno area (anchored by the city of Fresno). Northern

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- English Around the World
- Countries Where English Is An Official Language
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- You're Not Fluent Until You Understand the Culture

United Kingdom

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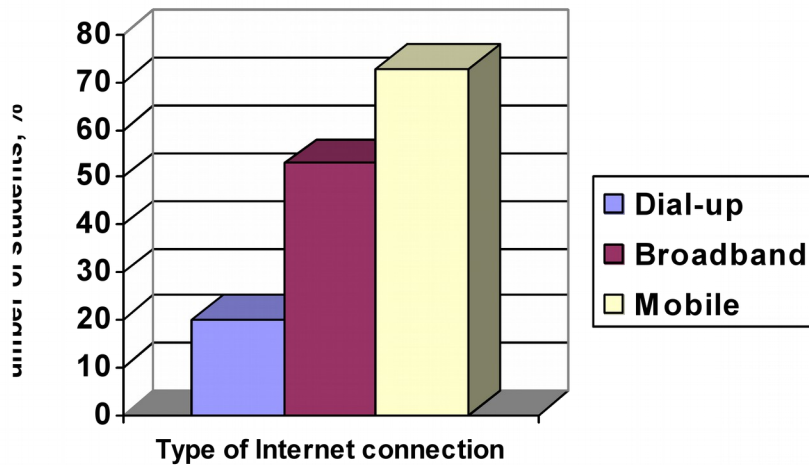
Features of the wiki

- Pages created by the teacher and students
- Class project
- Participation assessment tools
- A safe social network (newsfeed and discussion, classroom management, links to further learning resources)
- A web quest

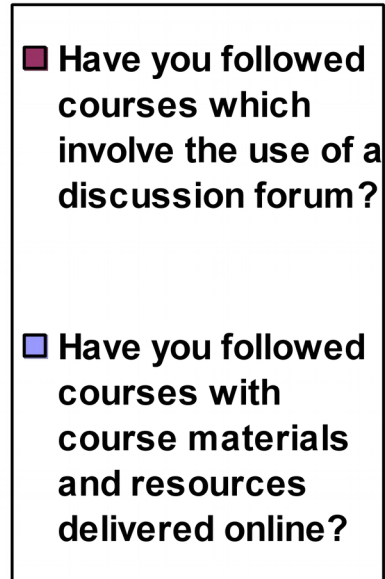
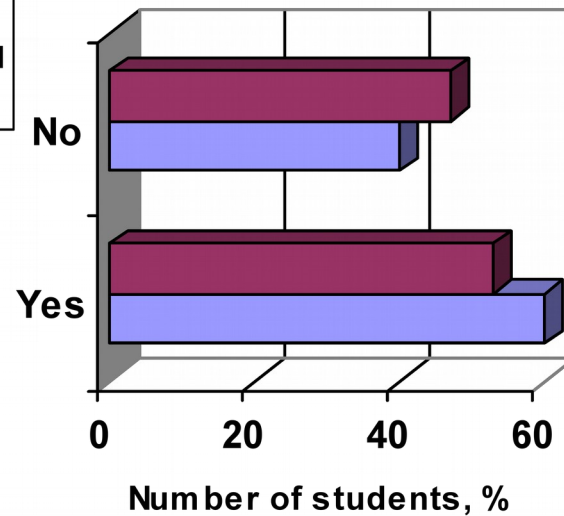
A collaborative knowledge community

Students' preparedness for blended learning

Access to the Internet



Experience in using computers for learning

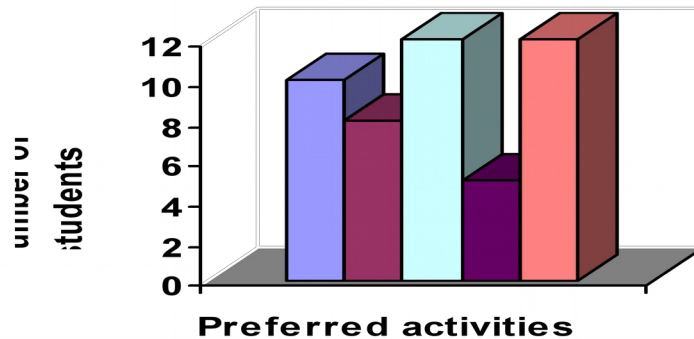


Expectations towards blended learning

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
BL supports ideas and experience sharing amongst students.				13	2
BL increases opportunities for discussion and debate amongst students outside class.			2	8	5
BL provides flexibility to learners (offering access to resources when students need them – enabling them to study when they choose to).			3	9	3
BL provides greater transparency for individual learning (revealing individual study time).			2	8	5
A virtual classroom helps students to prepare well for class sessions.			5	8	2
BL increases the study workload for students.	1	7	3		4
BL increases interaction between individual students and the course instructor outside class.		2	3	8	1
BL helps the instructor to address individual learning needs.			6	9	
BL enables instructors to provide a wide variety of learning resources for students.			3	3	9

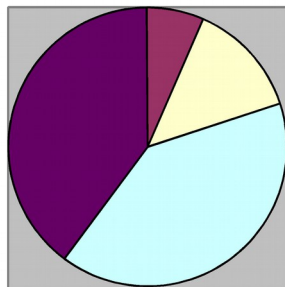
Students' satisfaction with blended learning

Preferred online activities



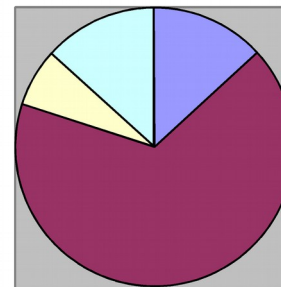
- Browsing and editing wiki pages
- Posting messages on the discussion board
- Taking part in the web quest
- Researching for additional information on the Internet
- Creating own wiki page

BL encourages learning more independently



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- Disagree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Agree
- Strongly agree

Working on a wiki requires special computer skills



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- Disagree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Agree
- Strongly agree

The importance of a teacher's role in blended learning

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
A blended learning course makes it more important for students to interact with the lecturer during classroom hours.		1	1	8	5
I am satisfied with the variety of learning resources available during this course.		1		8	6
Class assignments were clearly communicated to me.		1		6	8
Classroom and online activities are related and complement each other.		1		5	9

Conclusion

Wikis

- simulate communication and develop team working skills
- give extensive reading, writing and editing practice
- suitable for CLIL courses
- easy to use and develop digital literacy
- ensure interaction between class sessions
- provide for a greater variety of learning resources
- encourage independent learning

**More challenging and demanding
in terms of pedagogy**



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