

E-learning Solutions for Language Teaching and Learning: Yoruba Language

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Abstract

Computers are high capability electronic devices with the ability to receive, process and save data outputting them as information under the control of programmed set of instructions. Computers have indispensably pervaded every sphere of human existence such that computers play increasingly important roles in everyday life. Resources and information users need are not uniformly located while humans also cannot have all the resources they need at a particular point in time [2,6]. Network, an interconnection of computers, IT (Information Technology) installations and their peripherals came handy to make resource and information sharing a possibility [6]. An internetwork is formed when there is an interconnection of two or more LANs or WANs via a router using a logical addressing scheme such as IP (Internet Protocol) [4]. Internet is the largest internetwork in the world connecting millions of communication devices not limited to computers and billions of users [4,7]. Internet is a global network built on the TCP/IP framework using IP as the logical addressing scheme. Internet has grown collosally with merits not limited to communication, E-commerce, resource sharing, E-learning etc. [6]. E-learning is any form of learning or teaching routed via ICT (Information and Communications Technology) equipments and infrastructures with Internet as the major platform [2,3,5]. Infact, Internet has become the major platform for E-learning initiation worldwide with Nigeria not being an exception [1,2]. Virtually any form of knowlegde can be acquired via E-learning nowadays through Internet platform and languages are not left out of this global trend [2,5]. This paper presents E-learning solutions for language education and instruction towards effective teaching of yoruba language spoken in South-western Nigeria. Yoruba language is the major means of communication in South-western Nigeria which has become a language learnt in foreign universities like in Brazil, Cuba etc. Also, people from this part of Nigeria in diaspora who want to learn and speak their language can learn through the solutions as well as foreigners.

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