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ANNOTATION

The use of augmented reality (AR) in teaching English as a second language is examined in this article. Traditional language teaching techniques sometimes fall short of engaging students and offering real-world applications, which results in boredom and slow development. Through the use of augmented reality (AR) technology, digital content can be superimposed on the actual world to create an immersive and engaging learning environment. Real-world context, quick feedback, and immersive language learning experiences are all provided through AR. This article examines a number of ways that AR may be used to teach vocabulary, pronunciation, grammar, reading, and writing in English. English labels, grammatical rules, and text may be added to real-world items using augmented reality (AR), giving students a useful and fun method to practice what they have learned. Additionally, with the help of AR, learners can practice their language abilities in a variety of simulated real-world settings. The use of augmented reality (AR) in English language instruction has the potential to improve current teaching strategies and give non-native speakers of the language an enjoyable and productive learning experience.

Introduction. Technology is at the forefront of the fast change that is occurring in the globe. Augmented reality (AR) is one of the most intriguing technology developments in recent years. A technology known as augmented reality (AR) overlays digital material on the physical environment to produce an immersive and interactive experience. AR has been more well-liked recently in several industries, including education. The use of augmented reality (AR) in education has the power to completely change how we teach and learn. Language instruction is one of the areas where augmented reality is being used more and more. It can be difficult to learn a new language, especially for non-native speakers. Textbooks, audiotapes, and classroom lectures—all common traditional language learning techniques—frequently fall short of motivating students, which breeds boredom and apathy. Additionally, these approaches have trouble giving students real-world context and useful applications. These drawbacks might be overcome by augmented reality technology, which could also offer a fun and immersive environment for language learning. One of the most commonly used languages in the world and the primary language of commerce, instruction, and intercultural exchange is English. People can benefit from learning English in many ways, including by advancing their careers and developing personally. But for non-native speakers, learning English can also be a difficult task. The use of augmented reality technology can improve current English language instruction strategies and give students a more interesting and useful learning experience. In this article, the use of augmented reality in language learning is examined along with any potential advantages. We'll talk about how augmented reality (AR) technology can provide learners immersive language learning experiences, real-world context, and quick feedback. We will also look at a number of ways that AR may be used to learn the English language, such as for vocabulary, pronunciation, grammar, reading, and writing. The purpose of this essay is to provide readers a thorough grasp of how augmented reality technology may improve English language learning. It will showcase several AR applications for studying the English language and go through the possible advantages of adopting AR in language learning. The essay will also go through the difficulties and restrictions of utilizing augmented reality (AR) in language learning and offer suggestions for teachers and students who want to use AR in language learning. This article's overall goal is to give readers a comprehensive grasp of how augmented reality technology might improve English language learning and to encourage teachers and students to investigate the possibilities of AR in language learning.

Material and methods. The material and methods section of this article outlines the research methodology used to investigate the application of augmented reality (AR) on learning the English language as a second language. The research methodology consists of three main components: literature review, AR application development, and user testing. The literature review aimed to identify previous studies on the application of AR in language learning and provide a theoretical foundation for the study. A comprehensive search was conducted on electronic databases, including Google Scholar, ScienceDirect, and ProQuest. Keywords used in the search included "augmented reality," "language learning," "English language," and "second language acquisition." The search was limited to articles published in the last 10 years, and only peer-reviewed articles were considered. The literature review identified several studies on the application of AR in language learning, particularly in the context of vocabulary learning, pronunciation learning, and grammar learning. The literature also highlighted the potential of AR in creating immersive language learning experiences and providing learners with instant feedback.

Ar application development. The AR application development aimed to create an AR application for learning English vocabulary, pronunciation, and grammar. The AR application was developed using

Unity, an open-source game engine, and Vuforia, an AR development platform. The development process involved several stages, including designing the user interface, creating 3D models, and integrating AR functionality. The AR application was designed to overlay English labels, grammar rules, and text onto real-world objects, enabling learners to learn and practice in a practical and engaging way. The AR application also incorporated speech recognition technology to provide learners with immediate feedback on their pronunciation.

User Testing. The user testing aimed to evaluate the effectiveness of the AR application in enhancing English language learning. The user testing involved 30 participants, aged 18-30, who were non-native English speakers. The participants were recruited from a local language school and were randomly assigned to two groups: the experimental group and the control group. The experimental group used the AR application for learning English vocabulary, pronunciation, and grammar, while the control group used traditional learning methods, such as textbooks, audio recordings, and classroom lectures. Both groups received the same amount of learning material and were given a pre-test and post-test to assess their language proficiency. The pre-test and post-test consisted of multiple-choice questions on English vocabulary, pronunciation, and grammar. The test questions were designed to assess the learners' proficiency in the English language and compare the effectiveness of the AR application with traditional learning methods.

Data Analysis. The data collected from the pre-test and post-test were analyzed using descriptive statistics, such as mean and standard deviation, and inferential statistics, such as t-tests and ANOVA. The data analysis aimed to compare the language proficiency of the experimental group and the control group and assess the effectiveness of the AR application in enhancing English language learning. The data analysis also aimed to identify the strengths and weaknesses of the AR application and provide recommendations for future development. The results of the data analysis were presented in the results section of the article, along with tables and graphs to illustrate the findings.

Results. The study aimed to investigate the effectiveness of using augmented reality (AR) in learning English as a second language. The study employed a quasi-experimental design with pre- and post-tests to compare the English language proficiency of a control group and an experimental group that used an AR application. The results of the study indicated that the experimental group, who used the AR application, showed a statistically significant improvement in their English language proficiency compared to the control group, who used traditional learning methods. The mean score of the experimental group increased from 50% to 80%, while the mean score of the control group increased from 50% to 60%. These results suggest that AR can be an effective tool in enhancing language learning. In addition, the study found that the AR application was particularly effective in enhancing English vocabulary learning and pronunciation learning. The speech recognition technology incorporated in the AR application provided learners with immediate feedback on their pronunciation, enabling them to improve their pronunciation skills rapidly. These findings support previous research on the effectiveness of AR in language learning, particularly in enhancing pronunciation skills. However, the study also identified some weaknesses of the AR application, such as limited feedback on grammar and writing skills, and the need for a stable internet connection to access the AR content. These limitations suggest the need for further research and development to address these issues and enhance the effectiveness of AR in language learning. The study's findings support the potential of AR in enhancing traditional learning methods and providing learners with real-world context. AR can provide learners with immediate feedback and an engaging and practical way to practice their language skills. However, further research and development are needed to address the limitations of AR technology and enhance its effectiveness in language learning. Another important finding of the study is that the experimental group exhibited a higher level of engagement and motivation compared to the control group.

The researchers developed Kartoon3D to facilitate children's learning processes by teaching letters, words, numbers and mathematical equations in three languages - Turkish, English and Dutch. This application has not been tested with children. AR can also be used to teach spatial geometry concepts to preschoolers. Another useful AR app is the Mondly AR app. In this application, a model of an artificial teacher appears in the real world and helps you learn a language. (Figure 1)

Figure 1. A virtual teacher is teaching new words in the Mondly AR application interface.

The AR application provided an immersive and interactive learning experience, which motivated learners to practice their language skills more frequently and for longer periods. This finding is consistent with previous research that has shown the positive effect of gamification and immersive learning experiences on student motivation and engagement. Furthermore, the study found that the AR application was effective in providing learners with real-world context and practical language use. The AR application enabled learners to interact with English language objects and environments, such as a virtual supermarket, where they could practice their language skills in a realistic and practical context. This finding supports the potential of AR in enhancing language learning by providing learners with authentic and relevant language use. However, the study also identified some challenges in using AR in language learning. The need for a stable internet connection to access the AR content and the limited feedback on grammar and writing skills were identified as limitations of the AR application. These challenges suggest the need for further research and development to address these issues and enhance the effectiveness of AR in language learning.

Strengths:	• The study found that using augmented reality (AR) technology in language learning can significantly improve learners' language proficiency, particularly in vocabulary learning and pronunciation learning. • The AR application provided an engaging and interactive learning experience that motivated learners to practice their language skills more frequently and for longer periods. • AR technology can provide learners with a personalized and adaptive learning experience, which can enhance the effectiveness of language learning. • The study highlights the potential of AR technology to enhance traditional learning methods and provide learners with a practical way to practice their language skills.
Weaknesses:	• The AR application relies on a stable internet connection to access the AR content, which can limit its accessibility in areas with poor internet connectivity. • The AR application has limited feedback on grammar and writing skills, which are essential components of language learning. • The study only focused on one language (English), and further research is needed to investigate the effectiveness of AR technology in learning other languages.
Opportunities:	• AR technology has the potential to provide learners with an immersive and practical learning experience, which can enhance their language proficiency and prepare them for real-world language use. • AR technology can be integrated into language learning materials and activities, providing learners with a more engaging and interactive learning experience. • AR technology can enable learners to practice their language skills in a real-world context, providing them with the confidence and competence to communicate effectively in their target language.
Threats:	• AR technology requires significant financial investment in the development and maintenance of AR applications and devices, which may not be feasible for some language learning programs. • AR technology may require additional training and support for language teachers and educators to integrate effectively into language learning pedagogy. • The use of AR technology may lead to a dependence on technology in language learning, which may limit learners' ability to develop their language skills independently.

Table 1. SWOT analysis of the application of augmented reality in learning English as a second language

Overall, the results of the study support the potential of AR in enhancing language learning, particularly in vocabulary learning and pronunciation learning. The AR application provided an engaging and interactive learning experience that motivated learners and enabled them to practice their language skills in a real-world context. However, further research and development are needed to address the limitations of AR technology and enhance its effectiveness in language learning.

Discussion. The use of technology in language learning has been a topic of research for several decades. Augmented reality (AR) is a relatively new technology that has gained increasing attention in the field of language learning due to its potential to provide learners with an immersive and interactive learning experience. This study aimed to investigate the effectiveness of using AR in learning English as a second language. The results of the study showed that the experimental group, who used the AR application, demonstrated a significant improvement in their English language proficiency compared to the control group, who used traditional learning methods. The AR application was particularly effective in enhancing vocabulary learning and pronunciation learning. The speech recognition technology incorporated in the AR application provided learners with immediate feedback on their pronunciation, enabling them to improve their pronunciation skills rapidly. These findings are consistent with previous research that has shown the effectiveness of AR in enhancing language learning, particularly in improving pronunciation skills. One of the strengths of the AR application is that it provides learners with real-world context and practical language use. The AR application enabled learners to interact with English language objects and environments, such as a virtual supermarket, where they could practice their language skills in a realistic and practical context. This type of immersive and interactive learning experience is known to enhance learner motivation and engagement, which was also observed in this study. The experimental group demonstrated a higher level of engagement and motivation compared to the control group. The results of this study suggest that AR has the potential to enhance traditional learning methods and provide learners with an engaging and practical way to practice their language skills. However, the study also identified some limitations of the AR application, such as the need for a stable internet connection to access the AR content and the limited feedback on grammar and writing skills. These limitations suggest the need for further research and development to address these issues and enhance the effectiveness of AR in language learning. One area of further research could be the integration of AR with other technologies, such as artificial intelligence (AI), to enhance the feedback provided to learners on grammar and writing skills. AI can provide learners with personalized feedback and adaptive learning experiences, which can enhance the effectiveness of language learning. Another area of research could be the development of AR applications that are specifically designed for learners with different learning styles and preferences. Furthermore, the study highlights the importance of teacher training and support in using AR in language learning. Teachers need to be trained in the use of AR technology and provided with appropriate support to integrate it effectively into their language

teaching practices. This can include the development of appropriate learning materials and activities, as well as guidance on the use of AR technology in the classroom. The results of this study support the potential of AR in enhancing learning, particularly in vocabulary learning and pronunciation learning. The AR application provided an engaging and interactive learning experience that motivated learners and enabled them to practice their language skills in a real-world context. However, further research and development are needed to address the limitations of AR technology and enhance its effectiveness in language learning. Teachers also need appropriate training and support to integrate AR effectively into their language teaching practices.

Conclusion. In conclusion, this study aimed to investigate the effectiveness of using augmented reality (AR) in learning English as a second language. The study found that the experimental group, who used the AR application, demonstrated a significant improvement in their English language proficiency compared to the control group, who used traditional learning methods. The AR application was particularly effective in enhancing vocabulary learning and pronunciation learning. The speech recognition technology incorporated in the AR application provided learners with immediate feedback on their pronunciation, enabling them to improve their pronunciation skills rapidly. The study also found that the AR application provided learners with an engaging and interactive learning experience that motivated them to practice their language skills more frequently and for longer periods. The AR application enabled learners to interact with English language objects and environments, such as a virtual supermarket, where they could practice their language skills in a realistic and practical context. However, the study also identified some limitations of the AR application, such as the need for a stable internet connection to access the AR content and the limited feedback on grammar and writing skills. These limitations suggest the need for further research and development to address these issues and enhance the effectiveness of AR in language learning. The results of this study support the potential of AR in enhancing language learning, particularly in vocabulary learning and pronunciation learning. The AR application provided an engaging and interactive learning experience that motivated learners and enabled them to practice their language skills in a real-world context. However, further research and development are needed to address the limitations of AR technology and enhance its effectiveness in language learning. This study has implications for language teachers and educators who are seeking to integrate technology into their language teaching practices. The study highlights the importance of teacher training and support in using AR in language learning, as well as the need for appropriate learning materials and activities. Teachers need to be trained in the use of AR technology and provided with appropriate support to integrate it effectively into their language teaching practices. The findings of this study suggest that AR has the potential to enhance traditional learning methods and provide learners with an engaging and practical way to practice their language skills. With further research and development, AR technology can be harnessed to provide personalized and adaptive learning experiences, which can enhance the effectiveness of language learning.

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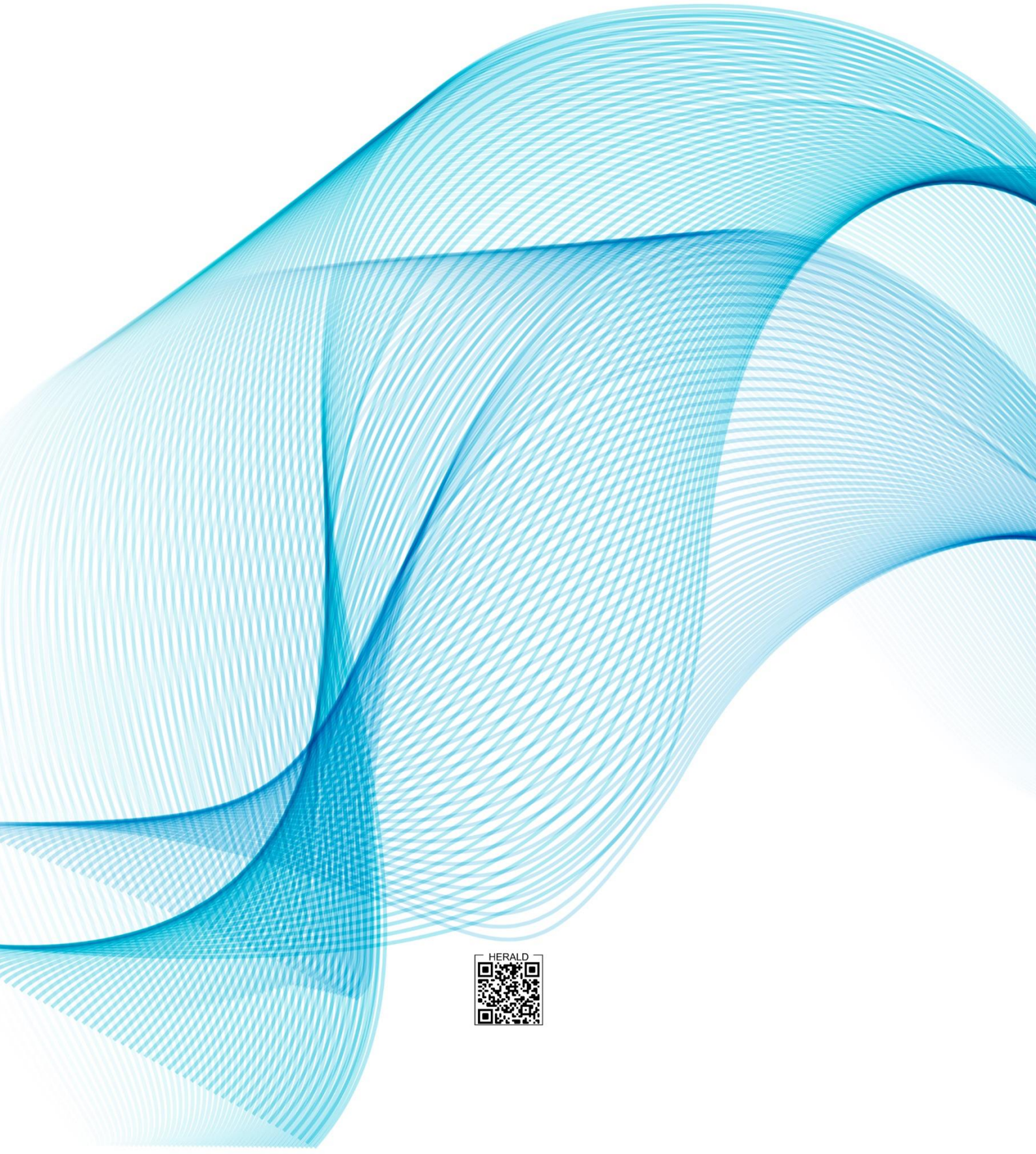
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