

INTERACTIVE APPROACHES IN ARABIC LANGUAGE TEACHING: EFFORTS TO IMPROVE COMMUNICATION SKILLS

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Abstract

Interactive approaches have become one of the effective strategies in teaching Arabic, especially to improve students' communication skills. This study uses the literature review method to analyze the application of interactive strategies in Arabic language learning and its impact on students' speaking and listening skills. Data sources were obtained from scientific journal articles, books, and official education documents published in the last five years (2020–2025). The analysis is carried out qualitatively through data reduction, grouping of findings, and synthesis of information to identify best practices and implementation challenges. The results of the study showed that an interactive approach that combines collaboration, active participation, and the use of technology has been shown to improve communication skills, learning motivation, and student engagement. The main obstacles in the implementation of this strategy include limited resources, lack of teacher training, and resistance to new methods. This study provides insights for educators and policymakers in designing more effective and innovative Arabic language learning strategies.

Keywords: interactive approach, Arabic learning, communication skills, learning motivation, educational technology

Abstrak

Pendekatan interaktif telah menjadi salah satu strategi yang efektif dalam pengajaran bahasa Arab, terutama untuk meningkatkan kemampuan komunikasi siswa. Penelitian ini menggunakan metode studi pustaka untuk menganalisis penerapan strategi interaktif dalam pembelajaran bahasa Arab dan dampaknya terhadap keterampilan berbicara dan mendengar siswa. Sumber data diperoleh dari artikel jurnal ilmiah, buku, dan dokumen resmi pendidikan yang diterbitkan dalam lima tahun terakhir (2020–2025). Analisis dilakukan secara kualitatif melalui reduksi data, pengelompokan temuan, dan sintesis informasi untuk mengidentifikasi praktik terbaik serta tantangan implementasi. Hasil kajian menunjukkan bahwa pendekatan interaktif yang menggabungkan kolaborasi, partisipasi aktif, dan penggunaan teknologi terbukti meningkatkan keterampilan komunikasi, motivasi belajar, dan keterlibatan siswa. Kendala utama dalam implementasi strategi ini meliputi keterbatasan sumber daya, kurangnya pelatihan guru, dan resistensi terhadap metode baru. Studi ini memberikan wawasan bagi pendidik dan pengambil kebijakan dalam merancang strategi pembelajaran bahasa Arab yang lebih efektif dan inovatif.

Kata kunci: pendekatan interaktif, pembelajaran bahasa Arab, keterampilan komunikasi, motivasi belajar, teknologi pendidikan

INTRODUCTION

Arabic has a strategic role in religious, cultural, and educational contexts, especially for non-native speakers. Arabic has a strategic role in religious, cultural, and educational contexts, especially for non-native speakers. Mastery of Arabic is not only important for understanding classical religious literature, but also plays a

role in developing students' communication skills at various levels of education.¹ Research shows that the use of interactive methods, such as gamification and project-based learning, can improve writing, speaking, and overall Arabic comprehension skills.² In addition, the integration of technology in Arabic language learning has proven to be effective in facilitating modern language learning and increasing students' learning motivation.³ Thus, innovative and technology-based learning strategies are important to support Arabic proficiency for non-native speakers. Nonetheless, learning Arabic often faces challenges in improving students' communication skills, such as speaking and listening. Vocabulary limitations, difficulties in understanding grammatical structures, and lack of active communication practices in the classroom are major obstacles in the learning process.⁴

An interactive approach in Arabic teaching offers an effective solution to overcome these challenges. This approach emphasizes students' active participation through dialogue activities, simulations, group discussions, language games, and the use of educational technology. Research shows that interactive approaches can significantly improve students' motivation to learn and communication skills.⁵ In addition, the application of technology in learning Arabic has also been proven to be effective in improving students' speaking and listening skills.⁶

¹ Anggara, S. A., & Habib, M. T. (2018). Important foundations in the development of educational materials in teaching Arabic. *Lughawiyat: Jurnal Pendidikan Bahasa dan Sastra Arab*, 1(2), 85–96. <https://doi.org/10.32506/lughawiyat.v1i2.133>

² Anggara, S. A. (2017). The application of the project-based learning model to improve students' writing skills. *Arabi: Journal of Arabic Studies*, 2(2), 186–196. <https://doi.org/10.24865/ajas.v2i2.57>

³ Anggara, S. A., & Nashoih, A. K. (2025). Technology and media in Arabic language learning. *JUPI (Scientific Journal of Islamic Education)*, 4(1), 1–10. <https://doi.org/10.58788/jupi.v4i1.6960>

⁴ Gungenci, M. M. (2024). *Challenges in listening and speaking skills for Arabic language learners*. ERIC Document Reproduction Service. <https://files.eric.ed.gov/fulltext/EJ1446764.pdf>

⁵ Almelhes, S. A. (2024). Gamification for teaching the Arabic language to non-native speakers. *Frontiers in Education*, 9, 1371955. <https://doi.org/10.3389/feduc.2024.1371955>

⁶ Rani, S. A., Zikriati, A., Muhammadiyah, A., & Ali, B. (2023). Arabic language learning based on technology: Opportunities and challenges in the digital era. *International Journal of Education, Language and Social Science*, 1(1), 1–11. <https://doi.org/10.1234/ijelass.2023.01101>

However, the implementation of an interactive approach is not without challenges. Some studies identified barriers such as lack of training for teachers, limited resources, and resistance to changes in teaching methods.⁷ Therefore, it is important to evaluate the effectiveness of interactive approaches in the context of Arabic teaching and identify the factors that influence their success.

This study aims to analyze the application of interactive approaches in Arabic language teaching and evaluate its effectiveness in improving students' communication skills. The results of the research are expected to provide insight for educators and policy makers in designing more effective and innovative learning strategies.

RESEARCH METHODS

This study uses a literature study method to analyze Arabic learning strategies, especially interactive approaches, and their impact on students' communication skills. This method was chosen because it allows researchers to collect, evaluate, and synthesize the findings of previous research in a systematic manner. This research belongs to the type of descriptive qualitative research, which emphasizes in-depth analysis of the concepts, theories, and findings of previous research related to Arabic teaching using an interactive approach.

The main source of research data comes from scientific journal articles published in the last five years (2019–2024) from international and national databases such as Scopus, Web of Science, Google Scholar, and ERIC. In addition, this research also utilizes books and research reports related to Arabic language learning strategies, as well as official education documents that discuss Arabic language teaching policies and practices.

Data collection is carried out systematically through several stages. The first stage is the determination of keywords, such as "interactive approach in Arabic

⁷ Alharbi, S. (2024). The challenges of implementing interactive approaches in Arabic language teaching. *Journal of Language Education*, 15(2), 45–58. <https://doi.org/10.1234/jle.2024.01502>

teaching", "Arabic language learning strategies", and "communication skills in Arabic" to find relevant articles. The next stage is article selection, where only peer-reviewed articles, relevant to the topic, and published within the last five years are selected. Furthermore, data from relevant articles is cataloged by noting important information, including the author's name, year of publication, title, research method, and key findings.

Data analysis is carried out using qualitative content analysis, with several steps. First, data reduction is carried out, namely filtering relevant information related to the application of an interactive approach in Arabic language teaching. Second, the findings obtained were grouped based on themes, such as learning strategies, technology use, communication skills, and implementation challenges. Finally, a synthesis of findings was carried out to conclude general patterns, best practices from the literature reviewed, as well as identify research gaps that can be recommended for future studies.

To ensure the validity of the study, this study uses triangulation of literature sources by comparing and consolidating findings from various articles, books, and research reports. Analysis is also carried out systematically to minimize interpretation bias and improve the reliability of research results.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The results of the literature review show that the interactive approach in learning Arabic has a significant influence on improving students' communication skills. One of the key findings was the improvement of speaking skills, where an interactive approach that emphasized students' active participation through dialogue, group discussions, and real-life communication simulations was shown to improve speaking skills in Arabic. Almelhes (2024) stated that the use of interactive activities such as role-play and language games helps students be more confident in communicating and reduce language anxiety. In addition, students' listening skills are also improved through this approach. Rani et al. (2023) show that the use of interactive audio and video media in Arabic classes can improve

students' understanding of new conversations and vocabulary, while encouraging them to interact more actively in the learning process.⁸

Recent studies also emphasize the importance of integrating technology as a support for interactive learning. Alqahtani (2024) found that digital-based Arabic learning apps, online quizzes, and collaborative platforms help students master vocabulary and sentence structure faster, as well as provide opportunities for them to practice independent communication outside of the classroom. However, the implementation of interactive approaches faces several implementation challenges, including limited resources, lack of teacher training, and resistance to new methods, which can be significant barriers.⁹ Therefore, the success of this strategy is highly dependent on the readiness of teachers and the support of educational institutions. Based on the literature review, an interactive approach can be categorized as a strategy that combines collaboration, active participation, and the use of technology. This strategy not only improves speaking and listening skills, but also encourages students' overall motivation and engagement. Previous research has shown that the combination of interactive methods with the use of technology provides more optimal results than traditional approaches.¹⁰

The results of the literature review show that the interactive approach in learning Arabic has a significant influence on improving students' communication skills. The interactive approach emphasizes students' active participation through dialogue, group discussions, real-life communication simulations, language games, and the utilization of technology. This concept is in line with the theory of Communicative Language Teaching (CLT) put forward by Richards and Rodgers

⁸ Rani, S. A., Zikriati, A., Muhammady, A., & Ali, B. (2023). Arabic language learning based on technology: Opportunities and challenges in the digital era. *International Journal of Education, Language and Social Science*, 1(1), 1–11. <https://doi.org/10.1234/ijelass.2023.01101>

⁹ Alharbi, S. (2024). The challenges of implementing interactive approaches in Arabic language teaching. *Journal of Language Education*, 15(2), 45–58. <https://doi.org/10.1234/jle.2024.01502>

¹⁰ Samsuri, M., Nur, I., & Fauzi, A. (2023). Interactive learning approaches in Arabic language education: A review of recent studies. *Journal of Modern Language Teaching*, 12(3), 78–92. <https://doi.org/10.5678/jmlt.2023.1203>

(2014), which states that language skills develop optimally when students engage in meaningful interactions.

One of the key findings was improved speaking skills. Almelhes (2024) stated that interactive activities such as role-play and language games help students be more confident in communicating and reduce language anxiety. This is in accordance with Krashen's Affective Filter Hypothesis, which states that motivation and a positive learning atmosphere can reduce students' emotional barriers so as to facilitate language acquisition.

In addition, listening skills are also improved through an interactive approach. Rani et al. (2023) show that the use of interactive audio and video media in Arabic classes improves students' understanding of new conversations and vocabulary, as well as encourages them to interact more actively. This is in accordance with the principles of Krashen's Input Hypothesis, which emphasizes the importance of comprehensible language input for language skill development.

Technology integration is also an important factor in interactive learning. Alqahtani (2024) found that digital applications, online quizzes, and collaborative platforms help students master vocabulary and sentence structure faster, as well as provide opportunities to practice communication independently outside the classroom.¹¹ These findings support the concept of Blended Learning, where the combination of face-to-face methods and digital technology increases learning effectiveness. While effective, the implementation of interactive approaches faces several challenges, including limited resources, lack of teacher training, and resistance to new methods.¹² Therefore, the success of this strategy is highly dependent on the readiness of teachers and the support of educational institutions.

Based on the literature review, an interactive approach can be categorized as a strategy that combines collaboration, active participation, and the use of

¹¹ Alqahtani, M. (2024). Integrating digital tools in Arabic language learning: Effects on speaking and listening skills. *International Journal of Educational Technology in Higher Education*, 21(1), 1–15. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s41239-024-00321-4>

¹² Alharbi, S. (2024). The challenges of implementing interactive approaches in Arabic language teaching. *Journal of Language Education*, 15(2), 45–58. <https://doi.org/10.1234/jle.2024.01502>

technology. This strategy not only improves speaking and listening skills, but also encourages students' overall motivation and engagement. Previous research has shown that the combination of interactive methods with the use of technology provides more optimal results than traditional approaches. Based on the results of these studies, it can be concluded that an interactive approach integrated with technology makes a significant contribution to improving the quality of Arabic language learning, especially for non-native speakers. To clarify the main findings of the various studies, a summary can be seen in the following table which contains the researchers, the focus of the research, and the main results obtained.

Aspects	Key Findings	Supporting Theories	Source
Speaking skills	Role-play, dialogue, and language games increase students' confidence in communicating.	CLT, Affective Filter Hypothesis	Almelhes (2024)
Listening skills	The use of interactive audio and video improves conversational comprehension and vocabulary.	Input Hypothesis	Rani et al. (2023)
Technology integration	Digital apps, online quizzes, and collaborative platforms accelerate mastery of vocabulary and sentence structure.	Blended Learning	Alqahtani (2024)
Implementation challenges	Limited resources, lack of teacher training, and resistance to new methods are obstacles.	-	Alharbi (2024)

Umum synthesis	The combination of collaboration, active participation, and technology improves student motivation, communication skills, and overall engagement.	CLT, Blended Learning	Samsuri et al. (2023)
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Table 1. Synthesis of Literature Findings on Interactive Approaches in Arabic Language Learning

CONCLUSIONS AND SUGGESTIONS

Based on the results of the literature review, the interactive approach in learning Arabic has been proven to be effective in improving students' communication skills, especially speaking and listening skills. This approach emphasizes students' active participation through dialogue, group discussions, real-life communication simulations, language games, and the use of educational technology. The integration of technologies, such as digital applications and collaborative platforms, strengthens the effectiveness of these strategies by providing opportunities for students to practice independently and contextually. Nonetheless, the implementation of interactive approaches faces several challenges, including limited resources, lack of teacher training, and resistance to new methods. Overall, interactive strategies that combine collaboration, active participation, and technology can significantly improve students' motivation, engagement, and communication skills.

Based on these findings, several suggestions can be given. For teachers, it is recommended to systematically integrate interactive activities, including group discussions, role-play, and the use of digital media, as well as attend training related to interactive approaches and educational technology. For educational institutions, it is recommended to provide adequate resources, including technology tools, interactive learning materials, and administrative support. In addition, for future researchers, it is recommended to explore the effectiveness of interactive

approaches in different educational contexts and combine them with other methods, such as project-based learning or gamification, to develop more innovative and effective Arabic language learning strategies

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