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NURTURING **ENGLISH**
PROFICIENCY
THROUGH DIGITAL LANGUAGE LAB

LISTENING

READING

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WRITING

SPEAKING

INTRODUCTION

Proficiency in a language is built over time, through a process of cognitive learning and interactive practice. Listening, speaking, reading and writing are the key skills in language acquisition and learning. Language primarily develops from listening and speaking. These skills when nurtured to the full have a positive and marked effect on the learners of English as a second language.

NIIT Nguru English Plus Language Lab is a platform where comprehensive and interactive digital content catering to the listening and speaking skills, is put to use in a stimulating lab environment.

• The distinctive program pedagogy includes rich training support for the learner as well as the trainer

• The role of an instructor (Guru) in a language skill enhancement class is critical. The methodology adopted, hence, is a perfect blend of Instructor Led Training (ILT) and Computer Based Training (CBT)

Keeping the importance of a teacher in mind, English Plus Language Lab sessions ensure a teacher-learner interaction in the class. The human touch and the wealth of knowledge and experience that a teacher brings into the classroom combine with the rich content of the English Plus Language Software to provide an effective learning experience for the learner.

• The structured approach takes the language learning through an organised process of gradual learning

• The system ensures a stress-free environment with high quality digital content that supplements the academic syllabus

• The software provides the learners with a private environment for self-paced practice

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English Plus Language Lab is a program designed for the school, runs parallel to, and complements the school curriculum each year. It progresses through 8 levels of advancement. Each module comprises of 40 hours of intense language training, alternating between ILT and CBT sessions.

- Enhancement of spoken English skills

- Practising English using everyday scenarios

- Acquisition of vocabulary through integrated learning

- Pronunciation practice using phonetics

- Gradual upgradation of English language skills through a structured program

- Language skills gradually upgraded from A1 to C2 level of CEFR over 8 module course

- Integrated functional grammar

- Extensive listening and speaking practice

- Fun-filled method of lesson delivery

- A blended learning program

- As per international standards

- Caters to the needs of ICSE/CBSE

KEY AREAS

NIIT Nguru English Plus is by far the only English Language Lab that not only augments the vocabulary, but also focuses on the finer nuances of the language like grammar, pronunciation, intonation, modulation and semantics of speech. The learners learn without any fear or embarrassment and the process helps build their confidence and proficiency in the language.

1 ASL	2 Fluency	3 Understanding The Native Speaker	4 Pronunciation	5 Listening Skills	6 Pace of Speech
7 Speech Sounds	8 MTI	9 Tackling Translation Error	10 Intonation	11 Vocabulary	12 Grammar

1. A benchmark model for the assessment of speaking and learning skills to teach, enhance and evaluate the learners' proficiency in English mandated by CBSE

2. Audio/video applications and stimulated interactions to improve fluency

3. Training learners to be able to comprehend the native speaker

4. Correct pronunciation of consonant and vowel sounds with correct stress patterns of syllables, imparted through the use of phonetics

5. Content rich audio/video exercises along with classroom activities, gradually taking listening skills from simple to complex levels

6. Cultivation of speech that is slow enough to be clearly understood and enough to be interesting

7. Correct pronunciation of consonant and vowel sounds with correct stress patterns of syllables

8. A focused effort to overcome pronunciation differences caused by the 'Mother Tongue Influence' (MTI)

9. Correction of errors caused by direct translation from one's mother tongue into English

10. Polishing English by mastering variations in volume, pitch, speed, pause and stress

11. Vocabulary in increasing complexity, by way of semantic grouping and highly contextualised usage

12. Natural, everyday scenarios used to inculcate functional grammar skills

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ENGLISH PLUS FEATURES

- Blended learning methodology combining both Instructor Led Training (ILT) and Computer Based Training (CBT)

- A product specifically designed for learners in India

- An approach to teaching English as a skill

- Enhancement of functional English and functional grammar

- Active learning through extensive classroom interactions and supported by technology

- ASL support with ample lessons for developing listening and speaking skills as mandated by CBSE

- Based on the CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference) framework to achieve international standards

    o Module 1 to 3: Elementary User (CEFR level A1 and A2)

    o Module 4 to 6: Intermediate User (CEFR level B1 and B2)

    o Module 7 and 8: Advanced User (CEFR level C1 and C2)

- Designed and developed using emerging WEB2 technologies to seamlessly work on all platforms and devices, including Thick and Thin/Zero Client

- Can be installed on all major operating systems, including Windows and several Linux Operating Systems and serve clients of any operating system

- The existing Computer Labs infrastructure can be used as Language Labs; no need for additional infrastructure

PERFECT FOR LEARNERS

- Systematic modules
- Graded system of learning spreads over 8 levels
- Blended learning methodology
- Self-paced practice during CBT sessions
- Learning facilitated through day to day scenes
- Specially designed student workbooks for ILT support
- Learning of English as a life skill
- A fun-filled learning environment to generate love for the English language
- Progressive learning from Elementary to Advanced levels (CEFR level 1 to C2)
- Pronunciation aided through audio and graphical representation of sounds
- Use of language techniques and not rules of language to teach English
- Strategic content in a rich audio-video format
- Content created for the Indian context
- Teacher intervention through interaction and role plays

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TECHNOLOGICAL EDGE

- Uses the emerging WEB2 technologies
- Client-server technology
- Interactive content with multimedia components
- Supports all major platforms, including Windows and Linux
- Supports Thick, Thin and Zero clients having microphone support

- Live software updates
- Technical support through help desk
- Year round online and offline academic support for teachers

BLENDED LEARNING APPROACH TO TEACHING LANGUAGE

Language is best learnt though human interaction during ILT (Instructor Led Training) and further reinforced through self-paced practice during CBT (Computer Based Training).

English Plus Language Lab believes that, the human element that the teacher brings to a class makes their role crucial in language teaching.

The ILT sessions thus, are the focal point of English Plus Language Lab, with a volume of support being given to the teacher for effective execution of lessons.

The CBT Sessions that follow, then allow learners to practice and gain confidence in using English.

INTERNATIONAL

English Plus program is based on the parameters defined by the Association of Language Testers in Europe (ALTE)/ Common European Framework of Reference of Languages (CEFR) framework.

All international language programs and tests, including the parameters set by CBSE follow the guidelines set by ALTE.

ASL

The English Plus Assessment of Speaking and Listening (ASL) program is designed around the mandatory English language proficiency implemented by the CBSE Board. The course features specially created content to meet its stringent requirements. The software helps teachers in conducting and recording the actual test, and also provides them with ample teaching material for enhancing the learner's speaking and listening skills.

- Trainers' Aid for conducting assessment of speaking and listening

- Ample listening and speaking activities

- Additional practice exercises included in CBT sessions

- ASL content from Classes 6 onwards, to give learners a head start for the assessment (ASL)

- Based on the norms laid down by CBSE

- Extensive teaching material to enhance learners' speaking and listening skills

- Audio based articles imparted through ILT and CBT sessions

- Content and guidelines for the teacher to facilitate steering the learners towards better listening and speaking skills

- Provision to record the sessions into the software itself

- No devices or external software needed for recording

- Recordings of several students possible

- Recordings can be used for future reference

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A MUST FOR EVERY SCHOOL

CBT sessions can be managed by lab Instructors

Systematic lesson plans and modules

Teachers' presence required only during the ILT sessions

Teacher control for creating customised activities for learners

Real time technical support extended through a call centre

Teacher support through Trainer Manuals, Flash Cards and Teachers' Web Portal

Extended support with workbooks

Comprehensive progressive reports on each CBT

ENGLISH PLUS DELIVERABLES

1. SOFTWARE

a. Trainer content for ILT delivery
b. Learner content for computer laboratory sessions
c. Assessments
d. Teacher dashboard

2. START-UP KIT CONTAINING

a. The digital content, containing Client Access Licenses (CALs).
b. A one-time start-up kit comprising one set of trainer manuals
c. Flash Cards (approximately 250 in numbers) will be provided
d. 3 sets of courseware for each of the modules/levels

3. 2 DAY TRAINERS' TRAINING

4. ALL CONTENT UPGRADES

5. INSTALLATION AND SUPPORT

6. COURSEWARE (ADVISED)

7. ADDITIONAL TRAININGS (OPTIONAL)

ABOUT NIIT NGURU

NIIT Nguru is a holistic range of School Learning Solutions that aims to make the vital process of teaching and learning simpler, thus bringing back the joy of learning for students. NIIT Nguru was launched in 1999 with the prestigious BOOT project awarded by the Tamil Nadu Government, targeting 371 government schools in the state. Now NIIT has extended its Nguru range of solutions to 19 states, touching 88 cities and covering more than 17,000 government and private schools in the country.

Designed as per the recommendations of the National Curriculum Framework-2005, NIIT Nguru integrates the teaching, learning, assessment and analysis processes through optimisation of technology. It is an integrated and comprehensive teaching, learning and education resource planning solution for the schools, which has been designed to address the needs of all key stakeholders within the education realm - students, teachers, school management and parents.