



## **ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF LEARNING FOREIGN LANGUAGES THROUGH MOBILE APPLICATIONS**

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**Abstract:** Nowadays, the development of modern technologies has brought significant changes to the field of education. Mobile applications have made it easier and more effective to learn foreign languages. While in the past people relied on textbooks, tutors, and various learning materials, today anyone can study a language efficiently and conveniently through apps on their mobile devices. This article explores the advantages, possibilities, and limitations of learning languages through mobile applications.

**Keywords:** types of mobile applications, language learning apps (Duolingo, Memrise), advantages of learning, disadvantages.

**Anotatsiya:** Bugungi kunda zamonaviy texnologiyalarning rivojlanishi ta'lim sohasida ham sezilarli o'zgarishlar yuz bermoqda. Hozirgi kunda mobil ilovalar yordamida chet tillarini samarali o'rganish osonlashmoqda. Ilgari chet tillarini o'rganish uchun darsliklar, repetitorlar hamda turli xil til darsliklaridan foydalanilgan bo'lsa, bugungi kunda hamma o'z mobil ilovasiga yuklayotgan ilovalar orqali samarali hamda oson til o'rganishi mumkin. Ushbu maqolada telefondagi mobil ilovalar orqali tez va samarali til o'rganishning afzalliklari va uning imkoniyatlari haqida fikr yuritiladi.

**Kalit so'zlar:** mobil ilovalar turlari, chet tilini o'rgatuvchi ilovalar ( Duolingo, Memrise), ta'lim olish afzalliklari, kamchiliklari.

### **Introduction**

Learning foreign languages through mobile applications is becoming an integral part of personal development. In particular, learning languages such as English, Korean, German, and Russian opens up opportunities to work and study abroad. According to researchers, "Applications for mobile systems create new opportunities in the field of education and help make the language learning process more effective and interactive, supporting independent learning." [Kukulska-Hulme, 2009]. Indeed, mobile apps provide great opportunities for learners. Especially for



students, learning independently with the help of topic-based video lessons, educational games, tests, and engaging exercises available in these apps is very beneficial.




In recent years, language learning through mobile apps has become increasingly widespread. This article analyzes the effectiveness of language learning through such apps, discussing both their advantages and disadvantages, and their impact on the education process. Mobile apps can be categorized by their primary purposes:

**Social applications** – apps focused on communication and social interaction, such as Twitter, Snapchat, Instagram, WhatsApp, Pinterest.

**Financial applications** – apps for banking services, financial management, and household budgeting like myMoney, Kontomierz, or Receipts.

**Reading and audiobook apps** – ideal for book lovers, such as Moon+Reader (for eBooks), Google Play Books (for purchasing and cloud-storing books), and Amazon Kindle (for accessing a large collection of books).

### Popular Language Learning Apps

LOGO	APP NAME	PLATFORM	SKILL	FREE / PAID
	Duolingo	iOS / Android	Vocabulary building	Free
	Memrise	iOS / Android	Vocabulary building	Free
	Busuu	Android/ iOS	Listening, reading, writing, speaking grammar, vocabulary	Free



	LingQ- Languag e learning	iOS / Andoid	Reading, listening, vocabulary, pronunciation,comprehens ion	Free
	Elsa Speak: English learning	iOS / Android	Learning via, video, audio, article	Free
	Quizlet	iOS / Android	Vocabulary, spelling, listening, reading	Free
	Hello Talk	iOS / Android	Speaking, writing, listening	Free
	Babbel	iOS/ Android	Grammar, vocabulary,listening, speaking	Free
	Pimsleur	iOS/ Android	Listening, Speaking, pronunciation	Paid

Today, learning a foreign language has become easier and more convenient thanks to mobile applications. Whether for studying, travelling, working, or personal growth, the above apps provide new opportunities for development. However, like all apps, they come with both benefits and drawbacks. According to research, such apps offer substantial support to beginners through interactive lessons and structured learning plans. [Language Learning Apps: Pros, Cons, and Alternatives, Aha Momento Blog, 2023].



### **Advantages and disadvantages of using mobile apps in English lessons:**

#### **Advantages:**

1. **Convenience:** Mobile apps can be used anytime and anywhere. Learners can study at their own pace and at a time that suits them — during a break, on a train, in a car, or from the comfort of home.

2. **Active engagement:** Many apps feature interactive lessons, quizzes, and engaging exercises that encourage users to actively participate, increasing their motivation to learn.

3. **Structured lesson plans:** Most apps provide a ready-made curriculum, guiding users on where to start and what to study next, especially helpful for beginners.

4. **Affordability:** While some apps have premium features, many provide free, high-quality learning experiences.

#### **Disadvantages:**

1. **Limited error explanation:** Apps often cannot fully explain why an answer is incorrect, unlike a classroom setting where a teacher can provide detailed feedback.

2. **No opportunity to ask questions:** If you have specific questions related to the lesson, you can't ask the app for clarification. You must follow the app's pre-set plan.

3. **Reduced interaction:** Relying only on apps may limit real-life speaking practice and human communication. For better results, it's advisable to combine app-based learning with classroom or conversational practice.

#### **Conclusion**

In conclusion, mobile applications have revolutionized the way we learn foreign languages, making education more accessible, flexible, and interactive. These tools are particularly beneficial for beginners and self-learners due to their user-friendly design, structured content, and on-the-go accessibility. However, they are not without limitations—such as lack of personalized feedback and limited opportunities for real-time communication. Therefore, for optimal language acquisition, mobile learning should be used in combination with other methods like traditional classroom instruction or real-life conversation practice. When used effectively, mobile apps can significantly enhance language learning outcomes and support lifelong learning goals.



Also I can mention that, learning foreign languages through mobile applications is a modern and flexible approach that supports independent education. Despite, certain limitations, these apps offer great advantages, especially for beginners. By combining app-based learning with classroom instruction or language exchange programs, learners can achieve even better results in mastering a foreign language.

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