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SOCIALIZING AND LEARNING ON THE SOCIAL MEDIA

ОБЩЕНИЕ И ОБУЧЕНИЕ В СОЦИАЛЬНЫХ СЕТЯХ

The current study investigates the learning activities on a social media application. Social networking sites provides people with a platform for socializing and learning across time and space. Therefore, more and more people turn to the social media for different purposes. In this research I explore what and how people are learning on the social media. Participate observation and qualitative interview during of period of one month are conducted through online chatting on a language learning application named HELLOTALK. Then, content analysis is employed to examine the detailed socializing and learning activities and process. My current findings are that language acquisition is enhanced through human relations. Social interaction enriches the process of foreign language learning, and it helps to lead language learning to a broader context of social cultural exchange. Such process of socializing and learning on the social media has fundamental effect of shaping our ways of acting, feeling, interacting, representing, and knowing.