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USING INTERACTIVE ON LINE BOARD «PADLET» IN THE EDUCATIONAL PROCESS OF APPLIED LINGUISTS

In the digital age, the educational landscape is constantly evolving, integrating new technologies to enhance learning experiences. Among these technological advancements, interactive online tools have gained significant traction. One such tool, Padlet, has emerged as a versatile and effective platform, especially in the field of applied linguistics. This article explores the benefits and applications of Padlet in the educational process for applied linguists, highlighting its impact on collaborative learning, resource sharing, and interactive pedagogy.

Padlet is an online virtual board that allows users to post content in various formats such as text, images, videos, links, and documents. Its intuitive interface enables real-time collaboration, making it an ideal tool for educational settings. Teachers and students can create boards, customize layouts, and contribute to shared spaces, fostering an interactive learning environment.

Benefits of Padlet in Applied Linguistics Education: 1) Enhanced Collaboration and Interaction: Padlet's real-time collaboration features make it an excellent tool for group work and collaborative projects. In applied linguistics, students often engage in activities that require collective input, such as discourse analysis, peer reviews, and language research projects. Padlet allows multiple users to simultaneously contribute, comment, and edit content, facilitating a dynamic exchange of ideas and fostering a sense of community among learners. 2) Multimodal Learning: Linguistics involves the study of language in various forms and contexts. Padlet supports multimodal content, enabling the incorporation of audio recordings, videos, and interactive links. This capability is particularly beneficial for applied linguistics, where students can analyze phonetic data, watch conversational analysis videos, and access interactive language resources. The diverse content types available on Padlet cater to different learning styles, enhancing comprehension and retention. 3) Resource Aggregation and Accessibility: Padlet serves as a centralized repository for educational materials. Teachers can curate and organize resources such as academic articles, research papers, language corpora, and multimedia content on a single board. This ease of access ensures that students have all necessary materials at their fingertips, streamlining the learning process and promoting independent study. 4) Interactive Assignments and Feedback: Educators can use Padlet to create interactive assignments where students can post their responses and receive immediate feedback. For instance, in a syntax class, students might analyze sentence structures and post their findings on Padlet, allowing peers and instructors to provide constructive feedback. This interactive approach not only enhances engagement but also helps students refine their analytical skills through continuous feedback loops. 5) Global Collaboration: Applied linguistics often involves cross-cultural studies and language comparison. Padlet's online nature allows for global collaboration, enabling students from different linguistic

backgrounds to contribute and interact. This global perspective enriches the learning experience, providing insights into diverse linguistic phenomena and promoting intercultural understanding [1].

Practical Applications of Padlet in Applied Linguistics are: 1) Language Data Analysis: Students can use Padlet to compile and analyze language data collected from fieldwork or corpora studies. By posting their data and analyses on a shared board, they can compare findings, identify patterns, and discuss interpretations collaboratively. 2) Discussion Boards: Padlet can function as a discussion board where students post questions, reflections, and discussion points on readings or lectures. This ongoing dialogue extends learning beyond the classroom and encourages continuous engagement with the subject matter. 3) Project Presentations: Applied linguistics projects often require presentations of research findings. Padlet provides a platform for creating and sharing digital posters or presentation boards, allowing students to showcase their work creatively and interactively. 4) Language Learning Activities: In language teaching methodologies, Padlet can be used to create vocabulary boards, grammar exercises, and interactive storytelling activities. Students can collaborate on these activities, enhancing their language acquisition through practical application and peer learning [2].

The integration of Padlet in the educational process of applied linguists offers numerous advantages, from fostering collaboration and multimodal learning to providing a platform for resource aggregation and global interaction. As technology continues to transform education, tools like Padlet play a crucial role in creating dynamic, interactive, and engaging learning environments. By leveraging the capabilities of Padlet, educators can enhance the educational experience of applied linguistics students, preparing them for the complexities of language study in a connected world.

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