#### Comparative Study of ZOOM and VR Lessons in Language Education

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1) ASIA TEFL 2022 (2022.8.7)

https://youtu.be/TxfZ4mi8JmA

2) My presentation at Cambridge Conference (2020.2.28)

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4) 2020Expo Education 講演 (2020.11.21)

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# Outline

**Theoretical Background Case Study 1: VR lessons Case Study 2: ZOOM lessons** Questionnaire Limitations **Summary Conclusion** 



## Research Questions:

How does VR affect language learning and the higher-order thinking skills?

How does interaction with young CCC members affect language learning and worldviews?





#### Paradigm Shift Society 5.0 21<sup>st</sup> century, Society 5.0, DX

Our lives are transformed in many ways, and education is dramatically affected.

How to create a successful transition into new ways of language education in the 21st Century. **Changes in teachers' role: Facilitator, Curator, Mentor** 

**Support the learning process** by assigning the **appropriate scope of learning** to student instead of giving the lectures, creating questions, and marking.

Feedbacks are especially important to raise students' motivations.

# Theoretical Background

### Socio-Constructivism: Online Dialogue with CCCs

Vygotsky's sociocultural theory of human learning which describes learning as a social process and the origination of human intelligence in society or culture. Human development is socially situated. Social interaction plays a fundamental role in the development of cognition and knowledge is constructed through interaction with others. Does this theory work online?



Source: National Training Laboratories, Bethel, Maine

### Bloom's Digital Taxonomy (McNulty, 2018)

Educational psychologist Benjamin Bloom developed a taxonomy of learning objectives in 1956, as a structure to understand the learning process



#### Bloom's taxonomy (revised)

## Al/Google home speaker with iPads Alexia + VR (Augmented reality)



### History of our VR research

2018, Started using VR at my AGU seminar with Smart Speaker

2019, AI + VR, Integration, 220 points in TOEIC

2021, VR lessons with 7 CCC members with Immerse

2022, VR lessons with 6 CCC members with Immerse

July 2022, VR lessons with ION for 2 weeks +12 weeks

# SMART CALL, 6 Exploring the impact of AI on EFL teaching in Japan



### 1<sup>st</sup> Case Study: VR lessons with 6 CCCs



### VR lesson with Immerse https://www.immerse.online/ja/why-vr-japan



# Virtual lesson for 8 months (n=60) 45 minutes per week (1 vs 5~8 students)



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# VR online Lesson with a CCC teacher 45 minutes per week (1 vs 3 or 4 students), Occulus 2



# Results: No progresses at all.

#### OPIc Speaking test:

Pre 5.929 Post 5.714

#### TOEIC:

No data of all (n=60), 20% dropped out.

1 student

Pre 625 Post 805

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# Outcomes



#### Speaking skills



#### Intercultural communication skills



Motivation to study abroad



Reduced the foreign language anxiety

### Participants' comments Summary of comments (Satake, 2021)

It was fun and useful to take practical English conversation lessons at home using their avatar in various situations in VR, where they were <u>less nervous</u> about speaking in English

⇒VR English lessons helped Japanese learners of English to reduce their foreign language anxiety in a short period





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2<sup>nd</sup> Case Study During COVID-19 April 2021~January 2022

## The Four Specific Purposes:

To develop students' higher order thinking skills and worldviews.

- Where are you coming from? What am I here for? What is your life purpose?
  Metaphysics; Interaction with CCC(Campus Crusade) from U.S.A.
- To acquire 21<sup>st</sup> century skills to prepare for digitalized societies.
- To acquire a more cross-culturally sensitive understanding via ICT and to develop CQ. (COIL: Collaborative Online International Learning)
- To improve English proficiency and presentation skills. Implicit knowledge to use Language.

#### ZOOM LMS/Course Power Moodle MP4 movie SNS/Facebook Messenger/Line/Slack



Flipgrid Kahoot **Deep L/QuillBot Grammarly** /**Trinka Quizlet** / PeerEval YouTube **Computerized** Assessment **Learning Analytics** AI/VR/MR





# Flipped Learning (Input →Output)



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Case Study 2: Interaction with 9 CCCs



### **Worldviews related to Higher Order Thinking**





Purpose of Education: By John Lennox (Oxford mathematician) Who are you!

# Where do we come from?

# What am I here for?

# What is the purpose of my life?

### Curator's role

# 10 Topics to be covered:

YouTube Documents Videos For the digitalized society 5.0

EdTech (21<sup>st</sup> century skills)

Al and Society

**Cross-Cultural IQ** 

**Global leadership** 

Worldviews / Ontology & Epistemology

**Science & Theology** 

World Heritage

<u>17 SDGs</u>

**Global issues from Oxford Martin School** 

**Presentation skills** 

## **A ZOOM CQ Lesson**


### The What and Why of Culture?

The beliefs, values, customs, attitudes that makes one group unique or at least distinguishes it from another. (Livermore)

70% of international ventures fail because of a lack of CQ!

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# **Breakout session: Presentation/Interaction**





#### **Breakout session:** Presentation/Interaction



What is a Digital Storytelling? PPT slides  $\rightarrow$  MP4 Movie

DS is a process blending media to enrich and enhance the written or spoken word.

DS merges the traditional art of storytelling with the power of new technologies.

Students can demonstrate creative thinking, construct knowledge, and develop innovative products.



# Assessment (Portfolio)

**OPIc** Speaking Proficiency Test (Pre vs Post)

### **Assess presentation with PeerEval**

# MPEG-4 movie product (PowerPoint slides + Voice) Digital storytelling

Engagement by Observation (Filming each lesson)

## Pre 6.7 (B1.1) vs Post 7.4 (B1.2) (OPIc speaking test) n=17 CEFR Level

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	Advanced High	C1	11		Physician, Human Resources Communications Consultant, Financial Services Senior Consultant, Quality Assurance Specialist, Marketing Manager, Financial Advisor, Broker, Military Linguist, Translation Officer	6 Upper Division + 6 Lower Division					
	Advanced Mid	B2.2	10	Narrate and describe in past, present and future and deal effectively with an unanticipated complication	Banking and Investment Services Customer Service Representative, Fraud Specialist, Account Executive, Medical Interpreter, Patient Advocate, Court Stenographer, Court Interpreter, Human Resources Benefits Specialist, Technical Services Agent, Collection Representative, Estimating Coordinator	6 Lower Division + 3 Upper Division	1320h				
	Advanced Low	<mark>B2</mark> .1	9		K12 Language Teacher, Nurse, Social Worker, Claims Processor, Police Officer, Maintenance Administrator, Billing Clerk, Legal Secretary, Legal Receptionist, 911 Dispatcher, Consumer Products Customer Services Representative, Retail Services Personnel	9 Lower Division					
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# Box plots with individual data points



Means and +/-1 SDs are displayed in red.

# Changes of the individual data

Only 2 students less progressed, 15 students made progress.



# Assessment with a smart phone during a presentation.

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Technology for Better and More Frequent Presentations

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#### Making peer evaluations accurate and fun!

#### **Total Score**

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# Comments about the use of PeerEval

➢It is easy to reflect on presentation to improve weakness and quickly to get the mean score among evaluators.

>Quick feedback

# Questionnaire

#### 5: I totally agree

#### 4: I somewhat agree

**3: Neutral** 

2: I somewhat disagree

1: I totally disagree

### Do you think you have improved your English proficiency? 76 % agreed.



# Do you think OPIc speaking test would be useful to assess your oral English proficiency? 76% agreed.



I totally agree
I somewhat agree
Neutral

### Did you acquire the higher-order thinking skills? (Analysis, Evaluation, Creation) 71% agreed.



I totally agree I somewhat agree Neutral I somewhat disagree

# 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills: 3Rs and 7Cs

2021.1 N=17 ZOOM **3Rs**: Reading, Writing, Arithmetic **7Cs**: How much students agreed

- Critical Thinking & Problem-Solving
- Creativity & Innovation
- Collaboration, Teamwork & Leadership 77%
- Cross-cultural understanding
- Communication & Media Literacy
- Computing & ITC Literacy
- Career & Learning Self-reliance

-Bernard Trilling and Charles Fadel 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills 71%

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**3Rs**: Reading, Writing, Arithmetic How much students agreed 7Cs:

- Critical Thinking & Problem-Solving 68%
- **Creativity & Innovation**

2022

N = 145

Hybrid

- **Collaboration, Teamwork & Leadership** 80%
- Cross-cultural understanding •
- Communication & Media Literacy
- **Computing & ITC Literacy**
- Career & Learning Self-reliance ٠

-Bernard Trilling and Charles Fadel 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills

38%

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#### Did the interaction with CCCs help you to improve your English? 88 % agreed.



Did the interaction with CCC broaden your worldviews and make you more interested in other cultures? 82% agreed. (meet with CCCs every other week)



I totally agree
I somewhat agree
Neutral

# 80.7% agreed. (2022. July n=145, Waseda)

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# 80.6% agreed.

42. 外国からの若者(CCC members)

と交流を多くしました。交流を通して、自分の世…が広くなり、より異文化に興味を持ちましたか。 145件の回答



### Did the interaction at breakout rooms help you improve your English proficiency? 100% agreed.



### **Comment by Student**

"I feel that interacting with CCC(Campus Crusade for Christ) members was very meaningful in learning their worldviews. I felt that it was essential to listen to many stories from people of different backgrounds to understand different cultures. "

## **Comment by CCC member**

"In April, the students did not speak much English, and their presentations were not good. However, after meeting and conversing with the students many times, they gained confidence, and by the last class, their presentations were quite good, and we could see significant progress from the students."

# Feedback from students:



# Research Questions:

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# Summary of two studies

1) Interaction in person

# 2) Interaction with VR

# 3) Interaction with ZOOM

4) Video on demand

# Limitations of Research

- 1) Difficult to control the experiments over 8 months
- 2) No obligation to take part in all VR lessons
- 3) Lack of data between pre-vs. post
- 4) Number of participants
- 5) Difference in instructional designs

## John Dewey

(Experiential Learning)

John Dewey once said, "If we teach today as we taught yesterday, we rob our children of tomorrow." The technology we have at our fingertips can help us to become those memorable teachers of tomorrow.

# **Implications for Future Research**

1) Does Vygotsky's sociocultural theory work even in digital age?

2) Face to face, there was a synchronization phenomenon in the frequency of brain responses. However, online, there was no such synchronization at all. Online communication can convey information, but not emotional empathy. How to deal with this ?

3) How to find out the good research methods to assess the human cognition?

### Summary during COVID-19 Education for the 21<sup>st</sup> century



#### Interaction with VR and CCCs

#### Higher Order Thinking Skills

#### Cross-cultural Sensitivity

>Autonomous Learners

# Conclusion (Einstein)



"Education is what remains after you have forgotten what you have learned in school."
# Final comments

 Dominus illuminatio mea. The Lord is my light.
(Psalms 27:1) University of Oxford
The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge. (Proverbs 1:7)

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#### Thank you for listening!

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# Blessings to you all !

How can we use technology to serve humanity (and education) best? ICT Education in the Post-Corona Era

Not "state and capitalism-centered" but "life and human rights-centered" for a new society. "sharing, caring and learning community".

We share resources and capital, care for each other without leaving anyone behind, and solve various problems.

The "renovation of learning" that we seek is also to nurture children who will promote the construction of this "new society".

#### 1) How does technology impact the cognitive abilities of students/ children?



- a. Higher-order thinking skills through interaction with young people from overseas and listening to the lectures by Foreign professors impacted the cognitive abilities.
- b. In the realm of cognitive science and brain science (for example, I think that the influence of social networking sites has led to the spread of thinking and cognition that makes immediate and reflexive value judgments).
- c. From an educational perspective in terms of its impact on the "development of cognitive abilities," in the direction of "a shift from memorization to utilization/inquirybased thinking and cognition" which will lead students to higher order-thinking skills.
- d. ICT terminals have become part of the infrastructure or teaching tools.
- e. With the help of ICT, the traditional knowledge aspect (memorization) is being developed, while the cognitive ability to tackle some kind of "question" to pursue curiosity or solve a real problem in society is required.

# 2) Over reliance on technology/ what do you think technology will be like in the future?

- Science and technology will continue to advance further, and technology has extended the reality of human augmentation to extend human capabilities. We may be living in the age of human augmentation. In the field of education, AI, VR/AR/XR, etc. are being used for language learning. Especially Big data is used to analyze the history of learners and apply it to individualized learning. Learning Analytics will be more useful. AI/BIG data will replace some teachers in the future.
- b. Al will reach Singularity by 2045. Al could do almost the same kind of tasks just like humans. Al would be able to think and feel like humans.
- c. Some scientist (Kurzweil) predicted that AI is expected to reach Singularity by 2045. Functionally, it may be able to perform tasks similar to humans, but the major difference between humans and AI is a sort of metaphysical thinking. Humans consist of body, soul, spirit, and mind. What is the difference between the purpose of human life and the existence of AI? What makes a human being a person? When I attended the DCM Conference at Oxford University, the keynote speaker, a prominent Computer Scientist and creationist, said, "Then the LORD God formed a man<sup>[a]</sup> from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. Can God breathe on an AI and it becomes a person? (Genesis 2:7) This is also a major question of the worldviews. Were do we come from? what am I here for? what is the purpose of life or AI? Humans can not create a being.

# 3) What are the greatest challenges or dangers of the (over)use of technology in the future?

The most obvious ones that come to mind are health issues, changes in interpersonal relationships, and copyright and security issues. For example, in the introduction of digital textbooks, there are those who argue for the advantages of paper textbooks (teaching materials) due to health concerns. Personally, I don't think that these problems and concerns outweigh the benefits of ICT, but I do think that these negative aspects should be taken into consideration. However, I do think that we need to take these negative aspects into consideration. 4) What will happen to our brain activities?

--The Corona Disaster has increased online meetings and other non-face-to-face communication. Does this affect brain activity? By Professor Kawashima (2022, January 17, Asahi Newspaper)

Using a brain activity sensor developed by NeU, Tohoku University and Hitachi High-Technologies

When we are communicating well with others, the fluctuations in our brain activity are synchronized. It is a synchronization of brain activity.

Face to face, there was a synchronization phenomenon in the frequency of brain responses. However, online, there was no such synchronization at all.

The online communication tools that are heavily used in the Corona Disaster are not communicating for the brain.

Not being in sync means that you are <mark>not in a state of empathy</mark>, that you are <mark>not in a heart to heart connection</mark> with the other person.

In fact, communication is not deepening and we may become isolated.

Even though information can be communicated, -- In other words, online communication can convey information, but not emotional empathy.

The more the switching increases with the use of SNS, the lower people's ability to pay attention.

#### 5) Important questions?

What is the difference between reality and Virtual/XR/MR?

Al will advance to get closer to reality?

Even college students were already showing signs of brain aging. These people were observed to have various mental and psychological abnormalities, such as low self-esteem, high anxiety and depression, and reduced empathy and emotional regulation skills.

We need to return to a society where normal interpersonal communication is possible, not a day, not a moment too soon.

Our current conclusion is that our brains feel as if we are watching a picture-story show, but the voices are not in sync with each other.

The new Corona has caused the children's self-esteem and self-esteem to drop dramatically.

The world will become a very difficult place in the future when children who are poor communicators become the center of society.

6) How can we use technology to serve humanity (and education) best? ICT Education in the Post-Corona Era

With the new Corona, those who seek a society that is not "state and capitalism-centered" but "life and human rights-centered" have begun the search for a new society. In other words, we call that society "sharing, caring and learning community". A society in which we share resources and capital, care for each other without leaving anyone behind, and solve various problems. Without the construction of this society, we will not be able to stop the runaway growth of capital and technology. There will be no future for human beings. The "renovation of learning" that we seek is also to nurture children who will promote the construction of this "new society".

#### Aim for a new society:

# It is necessary to aim for a new society that is "life and human rights-centered" instead of "state and capital-centered.

#### **Future Education**

1) A good use for computers in education is to be one of the stationery like pencils and erasers.

2) Raise awareness and discuss the future of ICT education and schools in the new Corona and post-Corona era, which will develop under the global 4th industrial revolution.

3) Aim for a new society that is "life and human rightscentered" instead of "state and capital-centered. *Dominus illuminatio* mea

