EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY, POTENTIALS, EXPECTATIONS AND CHALLENGES

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Abstract
New concepts of language teaching are evolving as the internet continues to offer tremendous potentials for teachers and learners. So what are the new challenges and options that might enhance English language teaching in our classes in which learners may experience real involvement in authentic educational situations, allowing them the chance of independent learning, and catering for their individual learning styles that make technical aids (such as social networking, blogs, wikis, online collaborative tools, media manipulation and distribution tools) a must rather than an option for those flexible teachers who are able to adapt themselves to a fast moving world, that continues to excel over the limits of potentials to those of high expectations. How are the Gulf countries and the UAE in particular adapting to such changes?

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