The Landscapes of Technology in Language Education: Theory, Knowledge and Practice

Mobile Learning (m-learning)

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What is m-learning?

- More than just the use of mobile devices (Winter, 2006)
- Ongoing learning opportunities (Kukulska-Hulme & Shield, 2008)
- Quite informal (Kukulska-Hulme & Shield, 2008)
- Involves the consumption **AND** creation of content
Why?

- Portability
- Convenient
- Collaborative
- Instant response
- Multi-literacies/rich media
Why?

- BYOD
- Primary choice for internet access
- Live communication
- Accessibility for those with limited abilities
Research

- 88% of adults in the US have a mobile phone
- 45% of adults in the US have a smartphone
- 66% of 18-29 year olds in the US have a smartphone
- 25% of 18-29 year olds in the US have a tablet

Statistics courtesy of Pew Internet
Implementation

- Homework
- Controlled use in the classroom
- Collaborative writing
- Audio/video recording
- Mobile ready websites
Current issues

- Market fragmentation
- Costs
- Access
- Learning curve
- Small screens
Current issues

- Use in the classroom
- Privacy
- Battery life
- File transfer
References


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