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My English Companion: A Self Paced Learning Portal

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Language proficiency can significantly impact the learning process as it can either facilitate or hinder comprehension and mastery of subject matter. For non-native speakers of a particular language, improving language proficiency is crucial to ensure that they can fully understand and engage with the subject matter and communicate their ideas effectively. One way to improve language proficiency is by using online language learning resources. Using learning websites to teach English proficiency can be a great way to improve language skills. Learning websites are essential tools that can benefit learners at different skill levels and allow them to learn at their own pace (Yazon & Callo, 2021). An advantage of using educational websites is it frequently provides interactive activities and multimedia resources that make learning exciting and enjoyable (Shanthi et al., 2021).

Information on MyEC

MyEnglish Companion (MyEC) is one such website. It is an English learning website developed to help students learn, and lecturers teach. This website was created using WIX.com: Website Builder. MyEC provides various resources, all in one website, for the learning of grammar, vocabulary practice, reading, listening, and speaking. Hence, MyEC provides all the necessary components of effective language learning. MyEC was designed to teach the code ELC151: Integrated Language Skills II. The website helps students journey through their English proficiency course by going through 7 units. For units 1 to 6, the content is divided into four (4) sections - Reading, Grammar, Listening, and Speaking. Unit 7, on the other hand, contains materials on Reflective Reading. This reading practice entails reflecting on one's reading, paying

close attention to the values and lessons, and putting that in writing. Although students are encouraged to progress according to the sequence of the course content, they can have the option to explore each unit in any sequence that they like.

Features of MyEC

MyEC is supported by multiple content types – text, audio, images, video, and animation. These resources offer a range of benefits, such as flexibility, individualization, and accessibility. The content of MyEC can be accessed from anywhere with an internet connection, allowing learners to practice and improve their language skills at their own pace and convenience. Learners can subscribe to this learning portal at a mere payment of RM10, giving them access to the content for four months.



Figure 1.1 The Website Header of MyEC

Figure 1.1 depicts the website header of MyEC. It has the navigation menu for a subscription (plan and pricing) and all the learning units (1 to 7). Next, an interface, as seen in Figure 1.2, will appear after one of the learning units is clicked.

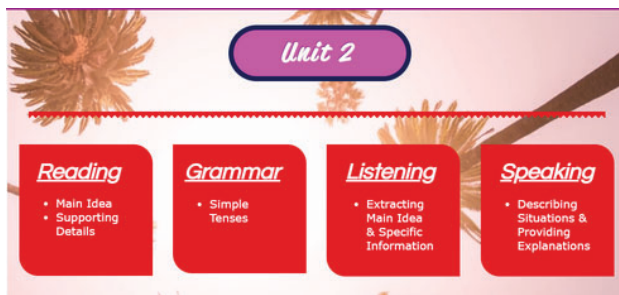


Figure 1.2 Sample Content page for learning unit 2

The content of each learning unit in MyEC is arranged into 4 different sections namely reading, grammar, listening, and speaking. This feature can help learners focus on topics and areas they struggle with the most, leading to a more efficient learning experience.



Figure 1.3 Sample of learning contents in MyEC

Each learning unit starts with the Learning Objectives, followed by interactive notes (PowerPoint or Canva slides), audio site, images, and animation videos, leading to greater classroom engagement, participation, and collaboration. The maximum use of MyEC can help learners understand lectures and discussions and participate in them meaningfully.

Improving language proficiency through online language learning resources can significantly impact the learning process (Yazon & Callo, 2021). One of the significant benefits of MyEC is helping learners improve their language proficiency by providing access to a broader range of educational resources related to their ELC151 course on a single website. Learners can understand more challenging texts and engage with more complex academic concepts as proficiency increases. This can lead to increased opportunities for academic success, such as improved grades and higher levels of academic achievement. MyEC can enhance comprehension and mastery of subject matter, provide access to a broader range of educational resources, improve communication skills, and lead to increased academic success. As such, the online language learning website of MyEC is a valuable tool for learners looking to improve their language proficiency.



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