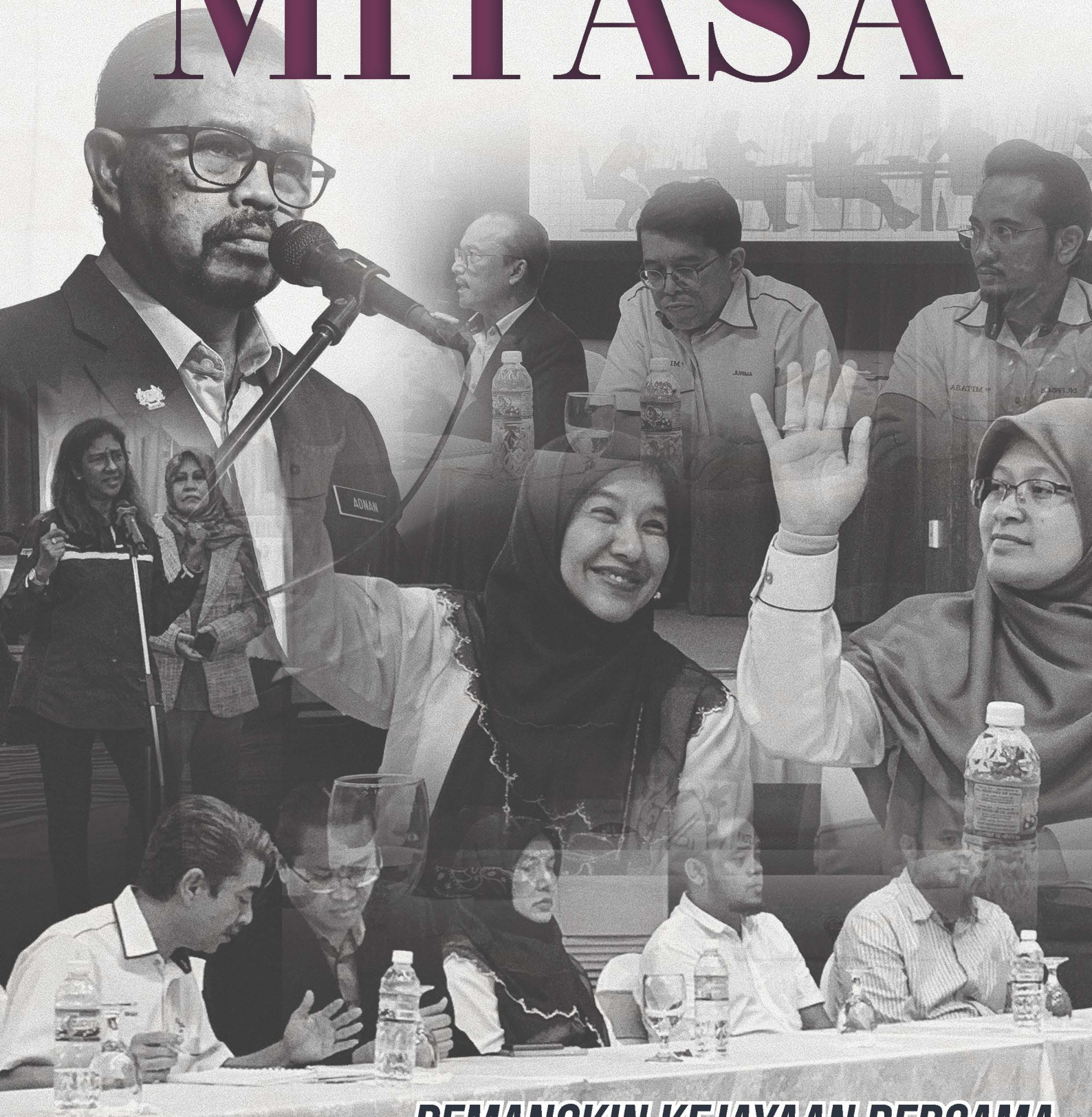


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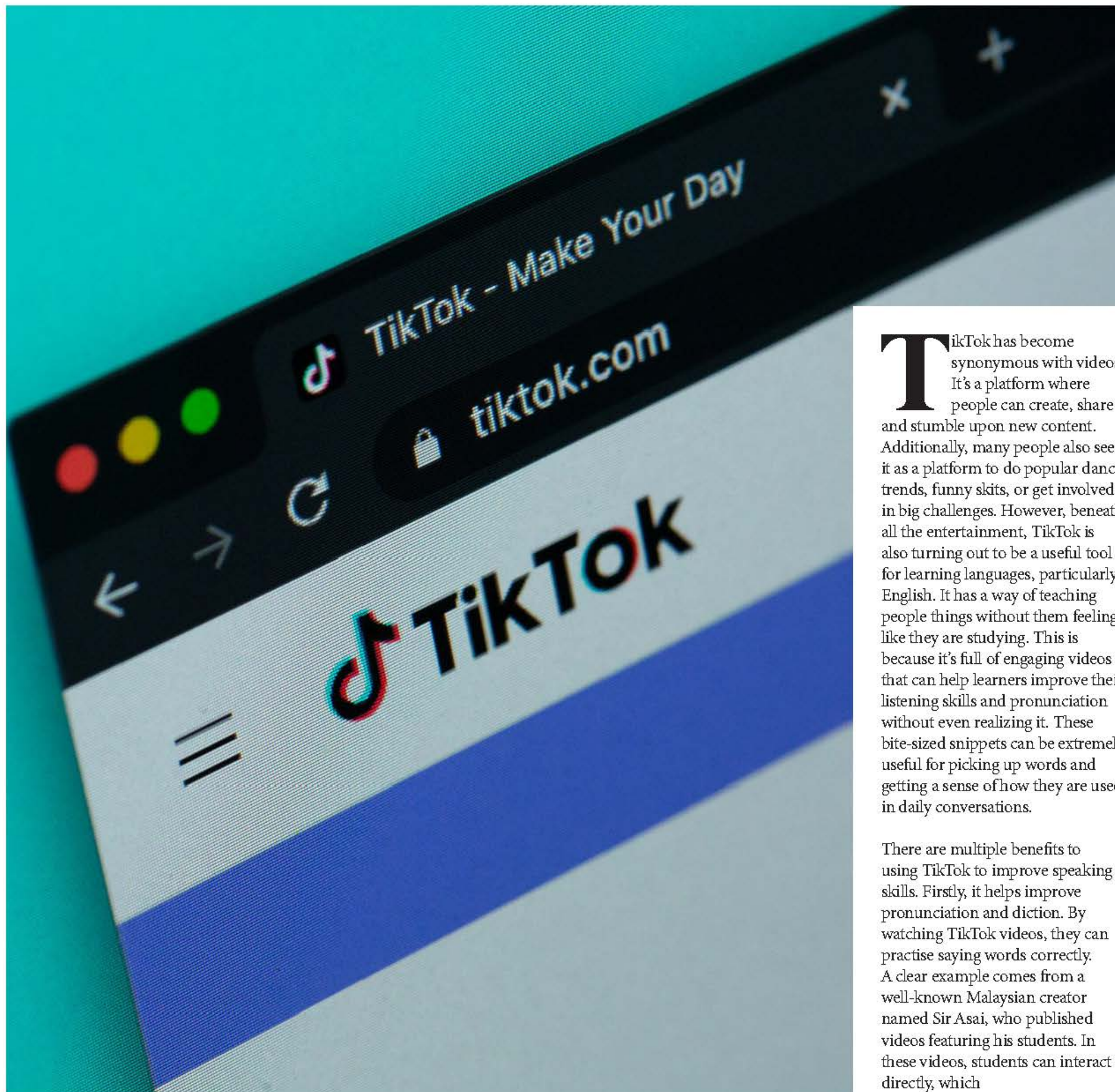
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From Scrolling to Speaking: How TikTok Is Shaping English Learning

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TikTok has become synonymous with videos. It's a platform where people can create, share and stumble upon new content. Additionally, many people also see it as a platform to do popular dance trends, funny skits, or get involved in big challenges. However, beneath all the entertainment, TikTok is also turning out to be a useful tool for learning languages, particularly English. It has a way of teaching people things without them feeling like they are studying. This is because it's full of engaging videos that can help learners improve their listening skills and pronunciation without even realizing it. These bite-sized snippets can be extremely useful for picking up words and getting a sense of how they are used in daily conversations.

There are multiple benefits to using TikTok to improve speaking skills. Firstly, it helps improve pronunciation and diction. By watching TikTok videos, they can practise saying words correctly. A clear example comes from a well-known Malaysian creator named Sir Asai, who published videos featuring his students. In these videos, students can interact directly, which

leads to the next benefit: it encourages active participation. Furthermore, with his sense of humour, Sir Asai makes English learning fun and relatable, which helps reduce anxiety among students. By both appearing in his videos and watching them, students are able to boost their speaking confidence. Hence, the case shows how TikTok can play an important role in developing students' speaking skills.

Another example that can be seen is from a creator named SheikhRaffie. By watching his TikTok videos, learners are able to expand their vocabulary. His content helps them discover new words that can be added to their vocab log, accompanied by clear explanations. The short TikTok video format also makes learning less intimidating compared to long lecture sessions. Not only that, SheikhRaffie supports bilingual learners by explaining English words through connections with Bahasa Malaysia so that learners fully understand the meaning and know when to use the words in daily conversations and sentences. In addition, he consistently provides examples so that learners can apply new words effectively in their real-life usage.

Moreover, TikTok gives exposure to a wide diversity of dialects and speaking styles. Watching creators from different countries also helps learners recognise pronunciation differences in American, British, Australian, and other types of English. This exposure aids learners in adapting to real-life conversations, which often include diverse accents, and improves their listening skills. Besides that, TikTok is known as a unique platform for learning the English Language because of its interactive nature. When learners watch and scroll through videos uploaded on TikTok, they can ask questions in the comment section or even create their own response videos. This way, they are actively engaged rather than remaining as passive learners, and it also turns language learning into a social activity.

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