

《高中英语（上外版）》必修第三册

第四单元 Life and Technology

第5课时学案（教师版）

课题：Online Learning

课时学习目标：

- 能在口语表达中关注“contrast and comparison”的表意功能；
- 通过补充阅读、课堂讨论，进一步丰富线上学习特点描述的相关词块内容；
- 能通过观察、模仿、小组合作等形式，依据评价量表，理解运用口语演讲的停顿技巧，流畅地表达对网络教育的观点。

Learning Procedure

I. Warm-up

Think and talk about the application of educational robot freely.



II. Evaluating: Realizing their speaking problems and learning strategy and criteria

Take notes while interacting with the classmates and listening to the teacher's introduction of speaking strategy and the checklist.

III. Reading: Input and vocabulary collecting

Read the text and find out the useful words.

Guided questions:

1. How many aspects does the author talk about Online Learning in Paragraph 2?
2. What are they?
3. Can you find some more useful words that may help you understand more about online learning?
4. [Instruction] list the target words about introducing online learning.

Reading material

What is Online Learning?

Online learning is a term for distance courses that are offered over the Internet. The courses offered through online learning cover a wide range of subjects, audiences, and prices.

There are five main reasons behind the growth in online learning: access, efficiency, stability, cost, and technology.

There are two types of online course access; open and restricted. Open access allows virtually anyone with an Internet browser to view the course material. Restricted access is used to limit the class to registered students. These courses offer instructor interaction and require grades upon completion.

It is more efficient for both the educator and the student to access course materials online. From the educator perspective, the course lectures can be recorded once and reused. This greatly reduced the staff time and costs. Online courses allow students to complete coursework from different locations and remove the time restriction.

The material for online courses provided by educational institutions has been carefully reviewed and approved before being offered. As a result, they are stable and can be reused as needed.

Due to the reduced expenses for online courses, the fees are sometimes lower than a standard instructor-led course. Additional savings by the student in transportation and related costs make online learning the most cost-effective.

Technology continues to meet the needs of online students. These tools include mobile audio, video viewers and course management software. The continued development will further enhance the quality of online courses and encourage more people to further their education.

Reference answer

1. The author talked about online learning from five aspects.
2. They are respectively access, efficiency, stability, cost and technology.
3. term, Internet, cover, access, open, restricted, efficiency, educator and student, flexibility, location and time, stability, review, approve, cost, fees, savings, technology, tools, development, etc.
4. Flexible, efficient, cost-effective, reusable, mobile audio, video viewers, course management software...

IV. Working in groups

Discuss in groups and prepare for their presentation.

Guided questions:

What are the main advantages and disadvantages of Online Learning?

Step 1: work out the pros and cons

Step 2: come up with good examples to support their opinion

Step 3: Practise their presentations within group

Reference answer

On one hand, online learning is flexible, because it can be realized without the limitation of location or time. It is stable due to its being reviewed by authorities before the online courses are offered. It is cost-effective, because it saves more money compared with the traditional classroom learning. It is also closely related to the development of technology, for technology can provide more tools, apps or software for online learning and benefit a wider range of people.

On the other hand, it's hard to supervise the students' learning activities in online learning, for the instructors and students are not face to face. It's also harmful to students' body health if they study online for too long. It's unsafe on the internet as well, for there's so much information, good and bad, but most students are not able to tell them properly. Using too much hi-tech in learning may decrease students' learning ability...

V. Speaking and evaluating

Give presentations on stage; make comments on others' presentations in terms of the check list.

Checklist

1. Did he/she use the expressions or words listed on the blackboard? (What are they) (2 points)
2. Does his/her speech have the three sections (introduction, body, conclusion)? (2 points)
3. Did he/she apply the speaking strategy to his/her speech? (for example) (2 points)
4. How much is his/her presentation fluent? (little/much/very much) (2 points)
5. How persuasive/convincing is his/her speech (little/ a little/ much/ very much)? (2 points)

VI. Homework:

1. Polish your presentation again by following the checklist
2. Find an online article about 5G technology, try to introduce what actually 5G technology is in your own words.