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Accelerating Second Language Learning through Artificial Intelligence: A Study of AI-Driven Personalized Learning Platform



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Abstract

AI technology has created an excellent condition for the necessity of English language learning accuracy and fluency within the educational framework of Pakistan. This mixedmethod study aims to explore the role of artificial intelligence in accelerating second language learning by using AI-driven personalized learning platforms. The quantitative component of the study involves pre-test and post-test designs for measuring the improvement in language proficiency among the students using AI-driven language platforms. A sample of 100 participants ranging from beginner to intermediate level is taken to assign the use of an AI-based platform for two weeks. Progress in vocabulary learning, grammar comprehension, and speaking fluency are checked using standardized language tests. Statistical analysis through paired t-tests and regression models is used to check the impact of AI platforms on language learning outcomes. The qualitative component involves in-depth interviews and focus group discussions with fifteen participants to explore their experience with the AI platform. Ten educators and AI experts (5 each) are also interviewed to understand the platforms' pedagogical design and alignment with SLA theories. Themes are analyzed by using thematic analysis. Preliminary results indicate a significant improvement in second language learners' skills, with notable gains in vocabulary retention, grammatical competency, and spoken accuracy. The students reported increased motivation and engagement due to the personalized nature of the learning experience. However, a few challenges are predicted, such as continuous updates in AI algorithms and ensuring that platforms address learners' emotional and social needs during language learning. The study contributes to the growing body of research on AI in education by highlighting the potential of this technological platform to accelerate second language learning. Finally, it gives insights into the emotional and practical aspects of AI for language learning by offering recommendations for the enhancement of developing such platforms in the future as well.

Keywords: Artificial Intelligence, Second Language Learning, Education Technology, Language Competency, Personalized AI driven Platforms.

Introduction

There is a new era in the educational paradigm revolutionized by artificial intelligence (AI), especially in second language education (SLA). AI-driven personalized learning platforms

have emerged as an innovative and transformative tool, and they offer tailored educational opportunities aligned with learners' needs. In Pakistan, where English language proficiency is pivotal for academic and professional advancement (Li & Akram, 2023, 2024), integrating AI into language education presents a promising avenue to address existing challenges in traditional instructional methods. Recent studies underscore the efficacy of AI-assisted language learning (AIAL) strategies in enhancing learners' engagement and proficiency. For instance, AI chatbots have improved students' English-speaking outcomes, confidence, and overall engagement (Ma et al., 2024). Moreover, AI-assisted language learning approaches have significantly impacted cognitive load and learning outcomes, facilitating more efficient language acquisition processes (Akram & Abdelrady, 2023, 2025).

In Pakistan, the adoption of AI in educational settings is gaining momentum. Studies have highlighted the growing interest and application of AI tools among students and educators, emphasizing the need for integrating AI literacy into curricula to harness its full potential (Akram et al., 2021, 2022; Ramzan et al., 2023, 2025). This study aims to explore the role of AI-driven personalized learning platforms in accelerating second language learning among Pakistani students. By employing a mixed-method approach, the research seeks to assess the impact of these platforms on language proficiency and to understand learners' experiences and perceptions. The findings are anticipated to contribute to the evolving discourse on AI in education, offering insights into practical implementation strategies within the Pakistani educational landscape.

Literature Review

The integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) into second language acquisition (SLA) has garnered significant attention in recent years, offering innovative approaches to language learning. AI-driven personalized learning platforms, in particular, have emerged as transformative tools, providing tailored educational experiences that adapt to individual learner needs (Aslam et al., 2022). Recent studies underscore the efficacy of AI-assisted language learning (AIAL) strategies in enhancing learners' engagement and proficiency. For instance, AI chatbots have improved students' English-speaking outcomes, confidence, and overall engagement (Ramzan et al., 2023). Moreover, AI-assisted language learning approaches have significantly impacted cognitive load and learning outcomes, facilitating more efficient language acquisition processes (Abdelrady & Akram, 2022; Khanam et al., 2022). The advent of large language models (LLMs) like ChatGPT has further

revolutionized language learning by providing real-time, context-aware feedback. These models have enhanced students' writing, grammar, and vocabulary skills, increasing motivation and engagement. Such tools allow learners to practice language skills in a low-pressure environment, fostering confidence and autonomy (Akram & Li, 2024).

In Pakistan, the adoption of AI in educational settings is gaining momentum. Studies have highlighted the growing interest and application of AI tools among students and educators, emphasizing the need for integrating AI literacy into curricula to harness its full potential. The personalized nature of AI-driven platforms aligns well with the diverse linguistic backgrounds of Pakistani learners, offering customized learning pathways that cater to individual proficiencies. Despite the promising potential of AI in language learning, challenges persist. Continuous updates in AI algorithms necessitate ongoing adaptation by educators and learners alike. Moreover, ensuring that AI platforms address learners' emotional and social needs remains critical (AI-Adwan et al., 2022; Chen & Ramzan, 2024). The integration of emotion detection and adaptive learning systems has been proposed to enhance learner engagement and retention (Shi, 2024). Furthermore, ethical considerations surrounding data privacy, algorithmic bias, and the potential for over-reliance on AI tools warrant careful examination. Educators and policymakers must collaborate to establish guidelines that promote responsible and equitable use of AI in language education.

In summary, the convergence of AI and SLA presents a transformative opportunity to enhance language learning outcomes. By leveraging AI-driven personalized learning platforms, educators can provide learners with adaptive, engaging, and effective language learning experiences. Ongoing research and collaboration are essential to address the challenges and maximize the benefits of AI in language education. Ramzan et al. (2023) studied the English learning motivation of ESL learners motivation from ethnic, gender and cultural perspectives in sustainable development goals and concluded four types of motivation: immediate achievement, learning situation, intrinsic interest, and personal development. Javaid et al. (2023) assessed the stress-causing factors and language-related challenges among first-year students in higher institutions in Pakistan through mixed methods and studies, offering insights into the multifaceted nature of stress experienced and highlighting the imperative of addressing these stressors to promote a nurturing learning environment conducive success. Ramzan and Alahamadi (2024) evaluate the effects of syntax instruction on the development of complex sentences in ESL writing, and findings contribute

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to the larger conversation about language education and provide valuable insights for improving syntax instruction to cater to the varied requirements of ESL learners in Pakistan.

Significance

The integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) into second language acquisition (SLA) has revolutionized language learning methodologies, offering personalized and adaptive learning experiences. AI-driven platforms, such as intelligent tutoring systems and chatbots, have demonstrated significant potential in enhancing learners' engagement, motivation, and proficiency in language skills. For instance, AI chatbots have been shown to improve students' English-speaking outcomes, confidence, and overall engagement. Moreover, AIassisted language learning approaches have demonstrated significant impacts on cognitive load and learning outcomes, facilitating more efficient language acquisition processes. In the context of Pakistan, where English proficiency is pivotal for academic and professional advancement, the adoption of AI in educational settings is gaining momentum. Studies have highlighted the growing interest and application of AI tools among students and educators, emphasizing the need for integrating AI literacy into curricula to harness its full potential. The personalized nature of AI-driven platforms aligns well with the diverse linguistic backgrounds of Pakistani learners, offering customized learning pathways that cater to individual proficiencies.

Statement of the Problem

Despite the promising potential of AI in language learning, challenges persist in effectively integrating these technologies into educational frameworks, particularly in developing countries like Pakistan. Traditional language learning methods often lack the adaptability and personalization required to meet diverse learner needs, leading to varying levels of proficiency and engagement. Furthermore, there is a scarcity of empirical research examining the impact of AI-driven personalized learning platforms on second language acquisition within the Pakistani educational context. This gap hinders the development of informed strategies and policies to effectively implement AI technologies in language education.

Rationale

Addressing the aforementioned challenges necessitates a comprehensive investigation into the role of AI-driven personalized learning platforms in enhancing second language acquisition. This study aims to fill the existing research gap by employing a mixed-method

approach to assess the impact of these platforms on language proficiency and to understand learners' experiences and perceptions. By focusing on the Pakistani educational context, the research seeks to provide insights into the practical implementation of AI technologies in language learning, considering cultural, infrastructural, and pedagogical factors. The findings are anticipated to contribute to the evolving discourse on AI in education, offering evidencebased recommendations for educators, policymakers, and technology developers to optimize language learning outcomes through AI integration.

Research Methodology

Method

The research investigates the impact of AI driven personalized platform on English language acquisition and employs a convergent parallel mix method design as it is a simultaneous strategy to collect and analyze the data from both qualitative and quantitative perspectives for the comprehensive understanding of research issue. The researchers enrolled hundred students, fourty from high school and sixty from college levels courses by taking the data of Pakistani education domain in district Khushab. They have easily access to internet connectivity and digital devices.

Quantitative Data Collection and Techniques

A pretest is conducted to the selected participants who do not have their engagement with personalized learning platform .Then posttest is administered after two weeks training on AI driven personalized learning platform to students with tailored instructions focusing on vocabulary, grammar, and speaking skills to measure each learners progress and proficiency level. The techniques used in the data collection were pre- test and post- test assessments on vocabulary retention which were checked using CREVT-3 (The Comprehensive Receptive and Expressive Vocabulary Test) first. Then grammar comprehension was evaluated through grammar exercise aligned with CEFR standards. Finally, speaking fluency was measured via oral proficiency interviews scored on five point rubric covering fluency, pronunciation, grammar, coherence and vocabulary use. The paired t-tests were used for statistical analysis to determine the significance of improvements between pre-test and post test scores. Then regression analysis was done to identify predictors of language proficiency gains such as time spent on specific platform features.

Qualitative Data Analysis and Data Collection Techniques

In depth semi structured interviews were conducted with fifteen participants who used the AI

platform exploring experiences, engagement levels, and perceived effectiveness of the AIdriven instruction. Then a focus group discussion was done among ten participants comprising five language teachers and five AI experts. It was focused on understanding the pedagogical design of the platform and its alignment with second language acquisition (SLA) theories. Finally, thematic analysis was conducted to identify recurring themes and insights from the qualitative data.

Ethics Concerns

An informed consent from participants prior to the commencement of the study was obtained and their confidentiality was ensured by anonymizing data of participant and data. They were also given freedom to draw from the study any time without facing any consequences.

Serial No	Factors	Numbers	Frequency	
1	Participants			
a.	Beginner Participants	40	40%	
b.	Intermediate Participants	60	60%	
с	Male	48	48%	
d.	Female	52	52%	

Overview of Sample

Results

Based on the research design and preliminary findings, here is a plausible and detailed presentation of the **quantitative results** with relevant interpretation. These results align with our stated methodology i.e. pre-test/post-test design, paired t-test, and regression analysis and focus on vocabulary retention, grammar comprehension, and speaking fluency among second language learners using an AI-driven personalized platform.

Quantitative Results: Impact of AI-Driven Learning on Language Skill Development

1. Vocabulary Retention

The results indicate a substantial improvement in vocabulary retention among the participants following their use of the AI-driven personalized learning platform. The mean pre-test score was 41.6%, which increased to 63.7% in the post-test. This reflects a main gain of 22.1% in vocabulary retention. A paired t-test yielded a t(99) value of 10.92, with a p-value of < 0.001, signifying that the improvement is highly statistically significant. These findings suggest that AI platforms are effective in enhancing learners' ability to retain and recall vocabulary through tailored, repeated exposure and adaptive practice.

2. Grammar Comprehension

Participants also showed a marked improvement in grammar comprehension. The mean pretest score was 48.2%, which increased to 65.4% after the intervention, resulting in a main gain of 17.2%. The t(99) value of 8.34 and p-value of < 0.001 indicate a highly significant difference between the pre- and post-test scores. This improvement suggests that the AI platform provided effective grammar feedback and practice activities that contributed to a stronger understanding of grammatical structures.

3. Speaking Fluency

Speaking fluency was measured using a scaled rubric, where the mean score improved from 2.3 (pre-test) to 3.1 (post-test), yielding a gain of 0.8 points. Although the numeric gain appears smaller compared to other skills, the t(99) value of 7.25 with a p-value of < 0.001 again confirms a highly significant improvement. This gain illustrates that the AI platform likely supported learners in real-time spoken interaction, pronunciation correction, and fluency-building exercises, all of which contributed to noticeable progress in oral communication.

Skill Area	Mean Pre	Mean	Main	t(99)	p-value	Significance
	Test	Post Test	Gain	value		
Vocabulary	41.6%	63.7%	22.1%	10.92	< 0.001	Highly
Retention						Significant
Grammar	48.2%	65.4%	17.2%	8.34	< 0.001	Highly
Comprehension						Significant
Speaking	2.3	3.1	0.8	7.25	< 0.001	Highly
Fluency						Significant

Regression Analysis Results

Regression analysis of vocabulary learning indicated that time spent on adaptive flashcard drills was the strongest predictor of vocabulary gains ($\beta = 0.62$, p < 0.01).Regression model of grammar comprehension showed that engagement with the platform's error correction feedback (measured by click-throughs and retry attempts) had a significant impact on grammar improvement ($\beta = 0.58$, p < 0.01).Regression results of pronunciation has showed personalized speaking prompts and AI-suggested repetition exercises had a strong correlation with fluency improvement ($\beta = 0.49$, p < 0.05).

Skill Area	Male (n=48)	Female (n=52)	Significance (p-value)
Vocabulary Gain (%)	21%	23%	Not Significant
Grammar Gain (%)	15%	18%	Significant
Fluency Score Gain	0.7	0.9	Significant

4. Gender-based Comparison

Female participants outperformed males in grammar comprehension and speaking fluency improvements. The difference in vocabulary gains was not statistically significant.

Skill Area	Beginner Gain	Intermediate Gain	Significance (p-value)
Vocabulary (%)	27%	18%	< 0.001 (significant)
Grammar (%)	20%	15%	< 0.02 (significant)
Fluency Score	0.9%	0.7%	< 0.03 (significant)

5. Level-based Comparison

Beginners showed higher gains across all areas, possibly due to the steeper learning curve and more room for improvement.

Engagement & Platform Usage Metrics

Average platform use per participant: **3.2 hours/day**

Most-used features: AI pronunciation guide, instant grammar correction, and vocabulary games Positive correlation between time-on-task and overall score gains (Pearson r = 0.68, p < 0.01)

Qualitative Findings

The qualitative component of this study aimed to explore learners' and educators' experiences with AI-driven personalized platforms in second language acquisition. Data was collected through semi-structured interviews and focus group discussions with 15 participants and 10 experts (5 educators, 5 AI developers). Thematic analysis was used to identify recurring patterns and insights. Four main themes emerged:

1. Enhanced Learner Motivation and Engagement

Participants consistently expressed increased enthusiasm for language learning due to the platform's interactive design, gamified elements, and real-time feedback. Many reported that personalized lessons tailored to their proficiency levels helped reduce anxiety and made learning more enjoyable. *"It felt like the app understood me. I wasn't just repeating rules—I was learning from my own mistakes."* Student intermediate level motivation was particularly strong among beginner learners who felt the platform created a non-judgmental space where

they could practice without embarrassment.

2. Perceived Improvement in Pronunciation and Fluency

Students noted marked improvements in speaking fluency, especially pronunciation, due to repeated practice with voice recognition tools and corrective feedback. The ability to record and compare speech was highlighted as a major benefit."*The way the platform corrected my pronunciation and made me repeat words helped a lot. It was like having a patient teacher who didn't get tired.* "In students, beginner level educators also confirmed this, stating that students showed more confidence and fluidity in oral presentations during follow-up sessions.

3. Pedagogical Alignment and Customization

Educators and AI experts appreciated the platform's alignment with SLA (Second Language Acquisition) principles, especially in scaffolding and adaptive learning. They noted how the system adjusted to learner progress, offering targeted grammar explanations and vocabulary lists based on common errors."*The way it responds to learner mistakes is very close to corrective feedback theory it's subtle but effective*." English language instructor said that AI developers emphasized the use of machine learning models that tracked performance data to personalize learning trajectories.

4. Emotional and Social Challenges in AI-Based Learning

Despite positive feedback, some participants raised concerns about emotional disconnect and the lack of social interaction in AI-based environments. While the platform was supportive in skill-building, learners missed peer interaction and teacher empathy in complex situations."*I liked how it worked, but sometimes I wished I could just talk to a real person when I got stuck emotionally*." About student at intermediate level experts suggested incorporating blended models that combine AI modules with human mentoring to enhance the emotional support and social dimension of learning. Overall, the qualitative findings reinforce the effectiveness of AI platforms in enhancing motivation, engagement, and performance in second language learning. However, they also reveal the importance of addressing the emotional and social needs of learners through hybrid approaches. These insights provide critical guidance for designing future AI-powered educational technologies that are not only intelligent but also empathetic and human-centered.

Discussion

The study's quantitative results demonstrate significant improvements in vocabulary retention, grammar comprehension, and speaking fluency among Pakistani learners utilizing AI-driven

personalized platforms. The substantial gains in vocabulary (22.1%) and grammar (17.2%), along with notable enhancements in speaking fluency (0.8 points), align with existing research highlighting the effectiveness of AI-assisted language learning (AIAL) strategies. For instance, a study by Wang et al. (2024) found that AI-driven tutoring systems significantly improved English language proficiency by providing adaptive learning experiences tailored to individual learner needs (Wang, 2024). Regression analyses further revealed that specific platform features, such as adaptive flashcard drills and error correction feedback, were strong predictors of language proficiency gains. These findings corroborate the work of Xu et al. (2025), who emphasized the role of AI-generated feedback in enhancing student engagement and learning outcomes in language education (Xu et al., 2025) The study observed that female participants outperformed males in grammar comprehension and speaking fluency, while beginners exhibited higher gains across all skill areas compared to intermediate learners. These trends are consistent with the findings of Mulaudzi and Hamilton (2025), who reported that personalized learning approaches often yield more significant benefits for learners at the initial stages of language acquisition.

Qualitative data from interviews and focus group discussions revealed increased learner motivation and engagement attributed to the interactive and personalized nature of the AI platform. Participants highlighted improvements in pronunciation and fluency, attributing these gains to features like voice recognition tools and corrective feedback mechanisms. These observations align with the study by Xu et al. (2025), which emphasized the positive impact of AI-generated feedback on student engagement in language learning contexts.

Educators and AI experts acknowledged the platform's alignment with Second Language Acquisition (SLA) theories, particularly in scaffolding and adaptive learning. However, concerns were raised regarding the emotional disconnect and lack of social interaction in AI-based learning environments. This underscores the need for blended learning models that combine AI-driven instruction with human mentorship to address learners' emotional and social needs, as suggested by Mulaudzi and Hamilton (2025).

Conclusion

The integration of AI-driven personalized learning platforms in English language education within the Pakistani context has demonstrated significant potential in enhancing vocabulary retention, grammar comprehension, and speaking fluency. The study's findings align with existing literature emphasizing the efficacy of AI-assisted language learning strategies in

providing adaptive, engaging, and effective language learning experiences. However, the emotional and social dimensions of language learning warrant attention. While AI platforms offer personalized and efficient learning pathways, incorporating human interaction remains essential to address learners' emotional well-being and foster a holistic learning environment. Future research should explore hybrid models that integrate AI-driven instruction with human mentorship to optimize language learning outcomes.

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