

language schools, remaining at home. Nowadays students can communicate with the teachers and pass tests through the videoconferencing system. This kind of education certainly saves plenty of time and money. In addition, you can learn without interrupting the main activities.

There are many independent systems that allow learning foreign languages distantly. For example, there are training centers that give listeners CDs with individually designed audio programs and plans for the work with them. Such systems involve the study of a foreign language as a native one (natural methods) and allow to accumulate skills in fluent speech. In addition, there are methods of using short films. Regular watching such films gives much easier memorization of the foreign lexis.

Talking about online methodologies it is necessary to mention an integrated approach that provides a parallel study of not only vocabulary and phonetics but also grammar. This program represents an interactive table, which reflects all the lessons, grammar, teaching materials, and tasks. Teacher has a round-clock access to the students' data and based on their progress assign them certain tasks and exercises. To implement this training course, students do not need to install any additional hardware on their PCs, but only few programs that can be downloaded for free: *Flash* (for listening and language games), *RealPlayer* (for lessons on grammar, with an

imitation of real presence of a teacher who explains and writes on a virtual blackboard) and *Macromedia Shockwave Plug-ins* (to download lessons).

Despite the fact that this technique involves viewing video, as well as interaction with teachers by phone (in the future it should be implemented through the Skype software through the Internet), distance training is recommended to combine with live oral communication in the intensive language courses.

Distance education represents a new stage of development of the whole educational system. Modern technologies allow distance education to be in some cases higher in quality than full-time education. For example, while full-time students waste time searching for relevant information in libraries, distance learning students can find the same information in closed electronic databases in no time. Full-time students, trying to combine work and education, truant lectures and seminars, but distance learning students have the opportunity to plan their time and obtain necessary experience along with qualitative education. In addition, distance education is more accessible to many students: it costs several times less than the training at a similar full-time, and there is no competition for admission.

So as you can see, new technologies allow studying English anywhere and anytime. Internet has expanded the narrow limits of education face-to-face and gave