TEACHING USING MODERN TECHNOLOGY

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In the old days, teaching is fully manually done. Technology then was not yet advanced like the technologies and tools that we have today. Back then, digital tools and electronic gadgets were not yet invented. So the practice of teaching in those days was slower compared today. Lesson plans were hand written. Visual aids were presented by means of cut-outs, and illustrations. Test papers were done with type writers. Teachers and students then rely on books for their research and data gathering. Speaking in front of the classroom can be a struggle especially if the classroom is not acoustically treated and students being noisy. These practices were slower, more labor intensive, and time consuming than the practices of today.

Today educators take advantage of the modern technology and new devices in order to make teaching simpler, faster and easier. There are many ways technology can make teaching and learning easier and more effective.

1. **Every paperwork can be done with a computer and printer.** Computers produce neat results and can be printed in many copies that take much lesser time and effort. It is also less energy consuming and easier.

2. **Visual presentations are more “presentable”.** The task of making visual aids now can be done with less effort thanks to programs like MS PowerPoint where images can be shown with the help of projectors and screens. A good presentation of lessons is very helpful in helping students understand it easier. It is easier for both teachers and students.

3. **Information dissemination and data gathering is easier and with wider range.** Teaching sources are available in the internet mostly for free. There are also websites which focuses on helping teachers on their lessons as well as helping students understand lessons being taught to them. More information can be taught to the students.

4. **Microphones can be used to make speaking clearer.** It is important for the lesson that is being discussed by the teacher to be clear and can be heard by the students clearly. In that
way, students can listen more attentively and the lesson would easier to be retained in the student’s minds.

Technology opens up new possibilities and there are more applications of these tools in the field of teaching that still not discovered. It is up to the teachers to use their creativity in thinking for ideas for making teaching easier, more effective and fun.

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