Language Learning for the 21st Century

Interpersonal Communication Through Digital Communities

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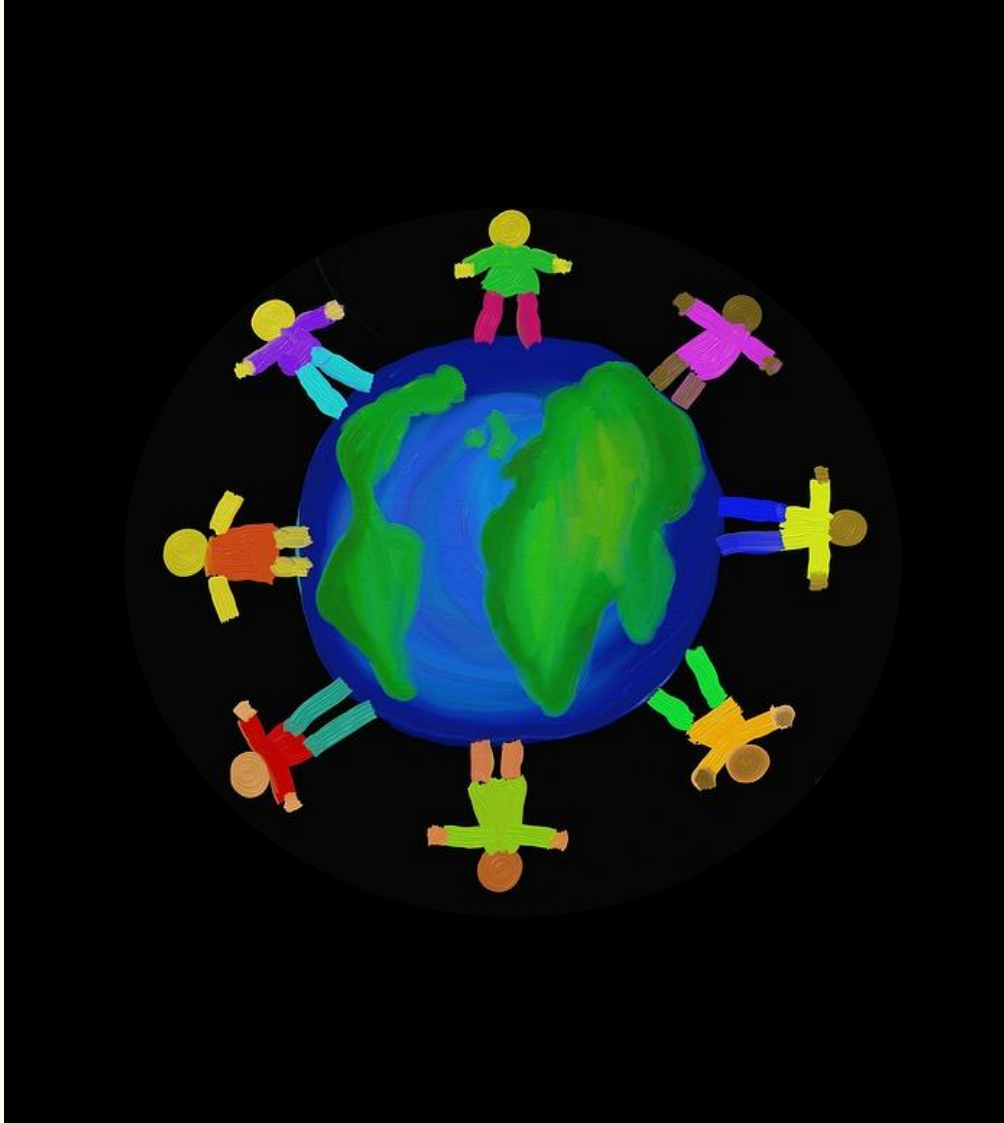
Theoretical background

CALL emphasizes an interactionist framework.

Sociocultural approach

community



How often do language students feel discouraged or alone in their struggles?

Digital communities

Many platforms

communities around

specific tools

communities around

bloggers

reddit

r/languagelearning

- Is Duolingo good?
- Is it really possible to learn 15 languages?
- Can I really become fluent in a language in three months?

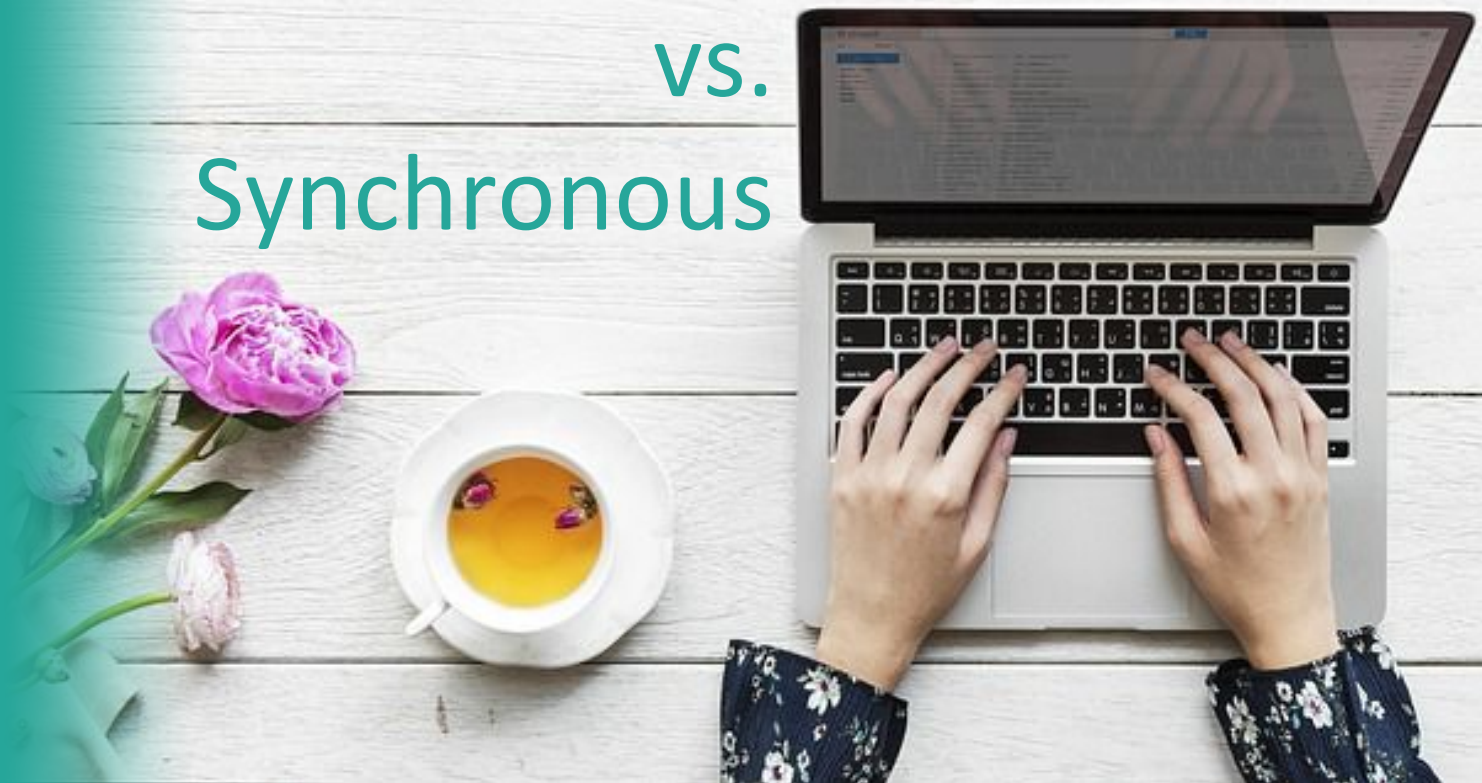
I feel stuck at my level.

> “Unfortunately, there is no magic formula for you to follow to go from the long intermediate plateau to an advanced speaker.”

Sharing of resources

Interpersonal communication

Asynchronous vs. Synchronous



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In the classroom

Two approaches

As class supplements

-or-

as course basis

Hebrew for Interpersonal Communication

Conversation hours:

- Partner
- Group
- Class
- Other

What is the teacher's role in all of this?

Embrace the inevitable

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