
the effectiveness of suggested computer-based program for developing some EFL oral communication skills among preparatory school students

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The present study investigated the effectiveness of a suggested computer-based program for developing some EFL oral communication skills appropriate for a group of first year preparatory school students (n = 39). A list of oral communication skills (the listening comprehension skills and the speaking skills) was identified. An oral communication test (the listening comprehension and the speaking) and a suggested computer-based program of eight lessons were designed. The program was applied in the second semester of the academic year (2008/2009) and lasted for sixteen sessions for about one month and a half. The post-test was applied on the study sample and the findings were revealed. The findings indicated that the suggested program is effective in developing these oral communication skills. The study concluded that using computer-based programs is very helpful and effective in learning EFL oral communication skills and that these programs are more effective than the traditional teaching method. Recommendations included that there should be more interest for using computer-based instruction to learn different language skills in the classroom and the use of modern technologies can be helpful in the educational process.- The Keywords:- EFL (English as a foreign language).- CBI (Computer-based Instruction).- CAI (Computer-Aided Instruction).- CALL (Computer-Assisted Language