The Three Challenges for Language Teaching:

Language Competence, Assessment Methods and Digital Revolution

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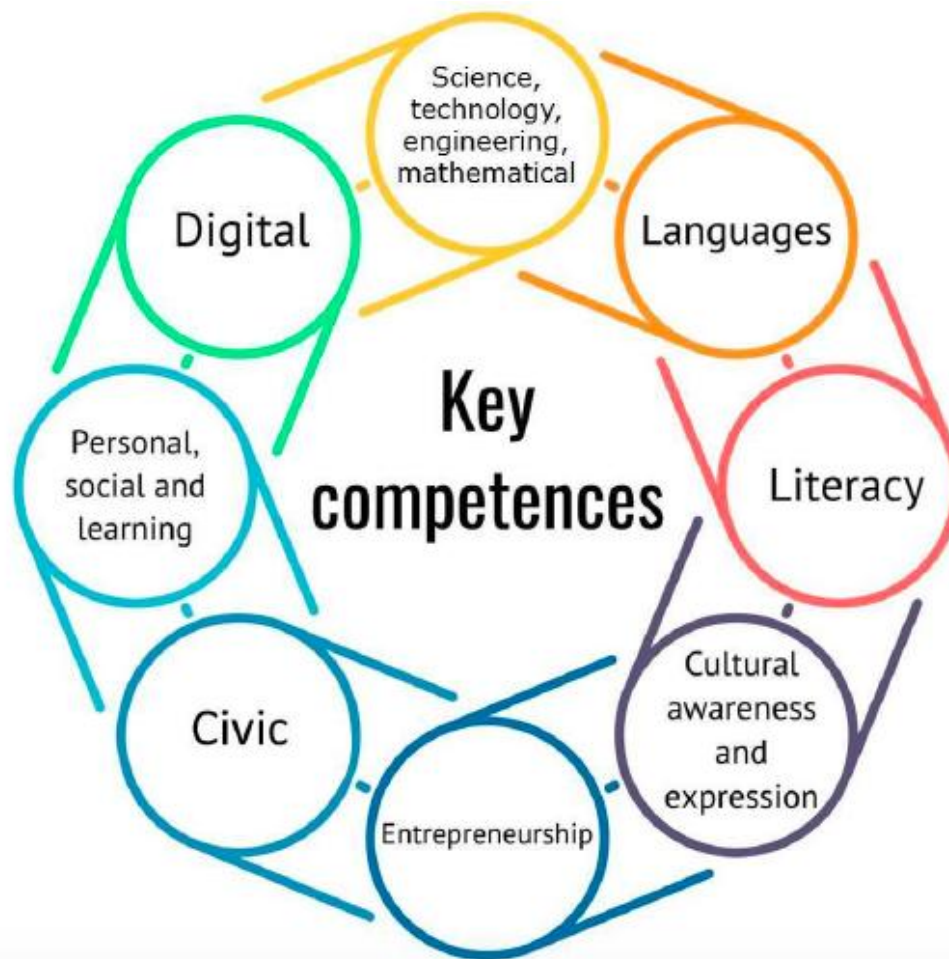
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Challenge #1

The Essence of Language Competence

Language competence is a broad term which includes the following:

❑ linguistic or grammatical competence,

❑ discourse competence,

❑sociolinguistic or socio-cultural competence,

❑strategic // textual competence.

Language Competence (LC)	Communicative Competence (CC)
knowledge of, and proficiency in, the use of a language	a theory of the nature of such knowledge and proficiency
LC is a part of CC It includes grammar and lexical competences	CC includes the competences as follows: • language, • socio-linguistic, • strategic.
inborn	acquired
Verbal communication	Verbal and non-verbal communication

The Essence of Language Competence

"Focus is on helping people to communicate across borders, to make use of mobility within Europe and in a globalized economy."

The Essence of Language Competence

✓ The issue of content of teaching material

✓ The shift of the teacher's role in the process of education from "a teacher" to "an educational manager"

✓ Assessment criteria for Language Competence

Challenge #2

Modern Assessment Methods

- Presentations
- (Discursive) essays
- Projects
- End-of-year assessment worksheets (paper and electronic)

Modern Assessment Methods

✓How to assess ESL students' achievements? (presentations, essays, projects, etc.)

✓ How to measure production exercises in Online Education?

✓How to match traditional assessment criteria with students' creativity, vision, needs and abilities?

Challenge #3

The Impact of Digital Revolution

Students

"should try to be significantly flexible to be relevant in today's society and in the future, recognising the embedding of social media and the emergence of new technologies, such as Artificial intelligence, robots, virtual and augmented reality."

(The Digital Competence Framework (2013)

Digital Competence includes 5 areas:

(1) Information and data literacy, including management of content,

(2) Communication and collaboration and participation in society,

(3) Digital content creation, including ethical principles,

(4) Safety,

(5) Problem solving.

The Impact of Digital Revolution

Pros of Online Education	Cons of Online Education
Accessibility to the leading schools and universities worldwide	Requires self-motivation and good time-management skills
Updated educational content	Assessment of the skills required and acquired
Cheaper than traditional	The issue of content and a student-centered approach
Unlimited opportunity for time and place	The consequences for the economy and employers are under question in the long run
Adds more to your CV	The change in the educational paradigm may result in that what cannot be even imagined

"Smooth seas do not make skillful sailors."

African Proverb

Thank you for your attention!