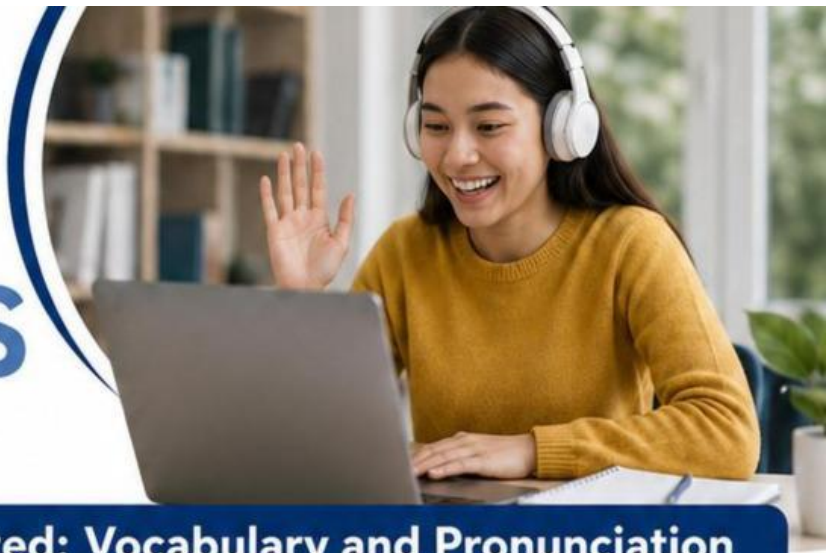


## LESSON 9



# TECH WONDERS



## Section 1. Getting Started: Vocabulary and Pronunciation

### Tools and Platforms in Education:

-  Digital whiteboards
-  Educational apps
-  E-books
-  Interactive learning platforms
-  Online tutorials
-  Collaborative tools
-  Learning management systems
-  Note-taking apps
-  Virtual classrooms
-  Online quizzes

### Verbs and Phrasal Verbs:

-  Access online resources
  -  Collaborate on projects
  -  Engage with multimedia content
  -  Explore interactive lessons
  -  Utilize educational tools
  -  Embrace technology in learning
  -  Facilitate collaborative projects
  -  Navigate e-learning platforms
  -  Optimize study routines
  -  Enhance digital literacy skills
- Idiomatic Expressions:**
-  Dive into digital learning
  -  Hit the books online

### Verbs and Phrasal Verbs:

-  Break new ground in e-learning
-  Connect the dots digitally
-  To be in the driver's seat of one's education
-  Ride the wave of online education
-  To hit the ground running in virtual classrooms
-  Break through the virtual barrier
-  A window to endless possibilities
-  To keep one's finger on the pulse of digital education



### Pronunciation:

Practice the pronunciation of the words in the table below, focusing on the common sounds in each group. Repeat the words multiple times, emphasizing the specific sounds to strengthen your pronunciation skills.



| Sound | Words                                   |
|-------|-----------------------------------------|
| /l/   | "tools," "digital," "whiteboards"       |
| /t/   | "interactive," "tutorial," "management" |
| /k/   | "back," "blackboard," "book," "e-books" |

## LESSON 9

# WARM UP

## Innovative Tools and Platforms in Education



Discuss the questions below with a partner or in small groups.



### THINK, PAIR, SHARE

Read the questions below and think about your own experience. Then, discuss your ideas with a partner or in small groups.



What innovative tools or platforms have you used in your learning?  
How did they help you?

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Which digital tools or platforms do you think have the greatest potential to improve education in the future? Why?

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What are some advantages and possible challenges of using technology in the classroom?

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How do you think teachers can best integrate new tools and platforms into their lessons?

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# LESSON 9

## EDUCATIONAL PLATFORMS

Learn • Grow • Build Your Future

Explore new skills, discover opportunities, create your future.



### LET'S TALK

Look at the 12 educational platforms below and discuss the questions. Which ones do you know? Which ones would you like to try? Why?

#### 1 Coursera

**coursera**



Offers online courses from top universities and companies around the world.

What kind of course would you like to take on Coursera? Why?

#### 2 edX

**edX**



Provides high-quality courses from leading universities and institutions.

Which subject would you like to study on edX? Why?

#### 3 Udemy

**udemy**



Offers a wide variety of courses on practical skills and professional development.

What skill would you like to improve with a Udemy course? Why?

#### 4 LinkedIn Learning

**in** LinkedIn Learning



Provides courses to build professional skills and advance your career.

Which professional skill do you think is most important today?

#### 5 Khan Academy

**Khan Academy**



Offers free lessons and practice in many subjects, from math to computer science.

What subject would you like to improve with Khan Academy?

#### 6 Duolingo

**duolingo**



Helps you learn new languages in a fun and interactive way.

Which language would you like to learn? Why?

#### 7 Google Skillshop

**Google** Skillshop



Offers free training in digital skills, like Google Ads, Analytics and more.

Which digital skill do you think would be most useful for your future?

#### 8 FutureLearn

**Future Learn**



Provides short online courses from top universities and organizations.

What course would you like to take on FutureLearn? Why?

#### 9 Skillshare

**SKILL SHARE.**



Offers creative and practical classes on design, business, technology and more.

What creative skill would you like to learn on Skillshare? Why?

#### 10 Twitch

**twitch**



A platform for live streaming, where you can learn from experts and creators in different fields.

What topic would you like to learn from a live stream? Why?

#### 11 TED-Ed

**TED Ed**



Offers short, inspiring videos on a wide range of topics.

What kind of topic would you like to explore on TED-Ed? Why?

#### 12 Brilliant

**BRILLIANT**



Uses interactive lessons to teach math, science and problem-solving skills.

Which subject would you like to practice on Brilliant? Why?

Small steps. Big goals.



**LIVEWORKSHEETS**

# LESSON 9

## B2 SPEAKING TASK

### EDUCATIONAL TOOLS



Work in pairs and choose **ONE** educational platform from the list below. Then, explain and talk about it in a clear, organized, and engaging way.

## 14 EDUCATIONAL PLATFORMS

|                                            |                                 |                               |                                    |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>1</b> Coursera<br>                      | <b>2</b> edX<br>                | <b>3</b> Udemy<br>            | <b>4</b> LinkedIn Learning<br>     |
| <b>5</b> Khan Academy<br>                  | <b>6</b> Duolingo<br>           | <b>7</b> Google Skillshop<br> | <b>8</b> FutureLearn<br>           |
| <b>9</b> Skillshare<br>                    | <b>10</b> TED-Ed<br>            | <b>11</b> Brilliant<br>       | <b>12</b> BBC Learning English<br> |
| <b>13</b> British Council LearnEnglish<br> | <b>14</b> Cambridge English<br> |                               |                                    |

### GUIDELINES

- Work in pairs.
- Choose **ONE** platform from the list. Do **NOT** change it once you have chosen.
- Explain and talk about your platform using your own ideas and examples.
- Use formal language and accurate grammar.
- Take turns to speak and listen to your partner.
- Be respectful, clear, and confident.

### YOU CAN TALK ABOUT:

- What the platform is used for
- Who can benefit from it
- Why it is useful
- What kinds of skills or subjects it helps develop
- How it can support your goals or future plans
- Any advantages or limitations you think it has



### PRESENT YOUR IDEAS

Take your time, organize your ideas, and present your platform clearly. You will be evaluated on your fluency, accuracy, vocabulary, organization, and interaction.



## LESSON 9

# GRAMMAR FUNDAMENTALS

## Understanding Key Structures

In discussions about innovative tools and platforms in education, we use different grammatical structures to express our ideas clearly and effectively.



### INNOVATIVE TOOLS AND PLATFORMS IN EDUCATION

To communicate about education and technology, we use noun phrases to describe tools and ideas, the present simple to talk about facts and general truths, and the present continuous to talk about actions happening now or changes in progress.

| Structure                                                                                                              | Explanation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Examples                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| <br><b>NOUN PHRASES</b>               | <p>Noun phrases are groups of words centered around a noun. They can include articles, adjectives, and other nouns. Noun phrases can act as subjects, objects, or complements in a sentence.</p> <p><b>Think:</b> Who or what are we talking about?</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Digital whiteboards enhance classroom interaction.</li> <li>Language learning apps help students practice anytime.</li> <li>Virtual reality experiences create immersive lessons.</li> <li>Online study groups promote collaboration.</li> <li>Instant feedback improves learning outcomes.</li> </ul> |
| <br><b>PRESENT SIMPLE TENSE</b>      | <p>We use the present simple tense to talk about habits, general truths, facts, and things that are always true. It is often used to make statements and give information.</p> <p><b>Think:</b> Is it a fact or something that happens regularly?</p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Educational apps improve student engagement.</li> <li>Teachers use technology to create interactive lessons.</li> <li>AI tools support personalized learning.</li> <li>Podcasts improve listening comprehension.</li> <li>Students learn new vocabulary every day.</li> </ul>                          |
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### MORE EXAMPLES IN CONTEXT

#### NOUN PHRASES

- The use of gamification motivates students.
- A variety of digital resources enrich lessons.
- Real-time feedback helps learners improve.
- The integration of technology boosts classroom participation.
- Cloud-based platforms store learning materials securely.

#### PRESENT SIMPLE TENSE

- Blended learning combines online and in-person classes.
- Technology reduces the cost of education.
- Students develop digital literacy skills.
- Mobile apps make learning more accessible.
- Good communication builds strong learning communities.

#### PRESENT CONTINUOUS TENSE

- Schools are shifting toward student-centered learning.
- Educators are finding new ways to engage learners.
- The education world is adapting quickly.
- We are seeing exciting innovations every day.
- Tools for online learning are improving constantly.



### CHECK YOUR UNDERSTANDING

Evaluate your learning. Check (✓) the statements you understand.

- ☐ I can identify and use noun phrases correctly.
- ☐ I can use the present simple tense to talk about facts and habits.
- ☐ I can use the present continuous tense to talk about actions happening now or changes.
- ☐ I can distinguish when to use each structure in context.
- ☐ I can create my own sentences using these structures.



### QUICK TIP

Read the sentence and ask yourself:

- Is it a thing or idea? → Use a noun phrase.
- Is it always true or a habit? → Use present simple.
- Is it happening now or changing? → Use present continuous.

# LESSON 9

## GRAMMAR FUNDAMENTALS

### Understanding Key Structures

Learn and practice key grammar structures for discussing innovative tools and platforms in education.



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#### EXERCISE 1: GAP FILL

Fill in the blanks with the appropriate words or phrases.

- A.**

  - \_\_\_\_\_ are widely used to facilitate online learning.
  - Students \_\_\_\_\_ new languages through language learning apps.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ is transforming traditional teaching methods.
  - Digital \_\_\_\_\_ allow for collaborative learning experiences.
  - Teachers \_\_\_\_\_ interactive lessons using virtual reality technology.
- B.**

  - \_\_\_\_\_ provide access to a wealth of information online.
  - AI \_\_\_\_\_ educators personalize learning experiences.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ makes it easier for students to practice outside the classroom.
  - Online study groups \_\_\_\_\_ students share ideas and solve problems.
  - Interactive tutorials \_\_\_\_\_ difficult concepts more engaging.



#### YOUR TURN: WRITE YOUR OWN SENTENCES

Write your own sentences using the three structures you learned. Use the ideas below or think of your own.

##### IDEAS TO GET YOU STARTED

- A tool or app you use in class
- How technology helps students
- Something true about education today
- A change you see in schools
- An action happening right now in education

##### NOUN PHRASES

(Describe a tool, platform, or idea)

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

##### PRESENT SIMPLE TENSE

(State a fact or habit)

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

##### PRESENT CONTINUOUS TENSE

(Talk about something happening now or changing)

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

## LESSON 9

# SPEAKING

## App-venture: Exploring Learning Apps

Explore various apps used for learning languages and many other interesting subjects. Evaluate their features and effectiveness and present your findings to the class. Research different apps, try them out, and prepare to showcase your favorite one. In pairs or small groups, demonstrate the app's features, explain how it helps with language learning, and share your personal experiences. Be ready to answer questions from your classmates and provide recommendations based on your evaluation. Let's discover the best language learning apps together!



### INSTRUCTIONS

- If you don't use an APP, find out about one.
- Make a list of Apps.
- Choose one learning app (for languages or any subject).
- Research it and try it out.
- In pairs or small groups, present your favorite app to the class.
- Explain its features, how it helps you learn, and why you recommend it.
- Be ready to answer questions from your classmates.



### MY LIST OF APPS

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_
9. \_\_\_\_\_
10. \_\_\_\_\_



### THE APP I CHOSE

Name of the App: \_\_\_\_\_

What is the app about? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Main features: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

How does it help you learn? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Why do you recommend it? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



### NOTES FOR MY PRESENTATION

Introduction (what is the app?) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Features (what can it do?) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Benefits (how does it help learners?) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

My recommendation (why is it a great app?) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Possible questions from classmates \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



### TIPS FOR A GREAT PRESENTATION



Be clear  
and confident.



Use examples  
from the app.



Share your  
personal experience.



Listen to  
others.



Ask and answer  
questions.

# LESSON 9

## SPEAKING ACTIVITY

# INNOVATIVE TOOLS AND PLATFORMS IN EDUCATION

Discuss the following questions with your partner or in small groups.



### CONVERSATION QUESTIONS

- 1 What innovative tools or platforms do you use in your learning or teaching? How do they help you?
- 2 How has technology changed the way you learn compared to a few years ago?
- 3 Which educational platform or app do you think has the greatest impact on students' learning? Why?
- 4 What are the advantages of using AI tools in education?
- 5 Do you think digital tools can replace teachers in the future? Why or why not?
- 6 How do online collaborative tools improve group work and communication?
- 7 What challenges do teachers face when integrating new technologies into the classroom?
- 8 How can schools ensure that all students have equal access to digital tools and platforms?
- 9 Which future technologies are you most excited about for education? Why?
- 10 How can students develop digital literacy to make the most of educational technologies?
- 11 What role do parents play in supporting the use of technology for learning?
- 12 If you could design an ideal learning platform, what features would it include?

## LESSON 9

# READING

## Empowering Education through Technology



Read the following article and write down **2 reasons** each why you would or wouldn't use any of the 6 tech wonders given.



### EMPOWERING EDUCATION THROUGH TECHNOLOGY

*Riding the Wave of Online Learning*

By Benjamin Shah  
Photographs by Reese Miller

Have you ever stopped to ponder the transformative impact of technology on our educational landscape? Let's delve into the captivating world of digital education and witness firsthand how it's revolutionizing the way we learn!

Imagine stepping into a classroom where traditional chalkboards have been replaced by cutting-edge digital whiteboards. These innovative tools breathe life into our lessons with vibrant colors and interactive features, turning learning into an immersive and dynamic experience. Picture yourself collaborating with peers to solve math problems or engaging in interactive quizzes, all at the touch of a digital pen!

But the wonders of technology extend far beyond the confines of our classrooms. It grants us access to an expansive universe of knowledge, right at our fingertips.



**E-books:** Immerse yourself in the enchanting world of literature through e-books, spanning genres from timeless classics to contemporary bestsellers.



**Interactive tutorials:** Elevate your learning journey with interactive tutorials covering grammar, vocabulary, and pronunciation.



**Online language courses:** Embark on a language-learning adventure with online courses tailored for English learners.



**Educational apps:** Transform your smartphone or tablet into a potent learning tool with educational apps spanning diverse subjects.



**Virtual libraries:** Journey through virtual libraries brimming with digital resources, including articles, research papers, and multimedia content.



**Online study groups:** Connect with peers from across Costa Rica through online study groups, where you can collaborate on projects and share study tips.

### WRITE 2 REASONS FOR EACH OPTION



#### 1. E-BOOKS

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_



#### 2. INTERACTIVE TUTORIALS

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_



#### 3. ONLINE LANGUAGE COURSES

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_



#### 4. EDUCATIONAL APPS

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_



#### 5. VIRTUAL LIBRARIES

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_



#### 6. ONLINE STUDY GROUPS

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

## LESSON 9

# WRITING

## Share Your Ideas

Take your pen or pencil and share your ideas about any tech wonder you use to improve your English.



### INSTRUCTIONS

- If you don't use an APP, find out about one.
- Choose one tech wonder (app, website, tool, or platform).
- Write about how it helps you improve your English.
- Explain its benefits and why you recommend it.



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### SUGGESTED TECH WONDERS

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| • Duolingo             | • Kahoot!                     | • Padlet                            |
| • Grammarly            | • Memrise                     | • Voice of America Learning English |
| • Quizlet              | • YouTube (learning channels) |                                     |
| • BBC Learning English | • Google Translate            |                                     |