



E-LEARNING INNOVATION COMPETITION

e-learning using Moodle: developing a “Beginners in Italian” course: Worcester College of Technology

Big changes took place in the use of IT in language learning at WCT following a decision in 2006 to dispense with our analogue language laboratories.

At the same time we also decided to change to using “Moodle” as our standard VLE.

Over the next few months, it became apparent that using Moodle could not only be a replacement for the language laboratories but that it actually had significant advantages.

From the perspective of 2008, we feel that the changes and the developments made in the use of IT in language learning have had a very positive impact.

This project illustrates the advantages of using Moodle for language learning through the development of a site for beginners in Italian.

The site includes:

- custom-made sound recordings
- text to support the sound files: students can either see or not see this text, depending on choices I and they make
- flexible assessment activities: these can be used for assessment purposes or they can be part of the language learning process.
- images to make the appearance more attractive.
- materials accessed from any computer in the college or at home

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