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## **PROS AND CONS OF WORKING WITH FOREIGN STUDENTS DISTANTLY**

Distance learning has become a kind of life-saving solution during the period of quarantine restrictions. However, the issue of using online technologies in the learning process became acute long before that. Internet technologies make the learning process continuous and accessible. Therefore, the methods and approaches to the learning process are radically changing. In this regard the role of the teacher is radically changing, as well as the role of using of teaching materials in the learning process, which allows us to highlight some of the positive and negative aspects of this process.

First of all, it should be noted that distance learning and online learning are different educational structures. As Valentina Merzhievskaya rightly points out, “online learning is often a forced form, which largely inherits the methods of full-time education,” while “distance learning is a completely different structure of education. The teacher may not meet the students during the online video calls at all, but only write comments in the chat. The main feature of distance learning is careful tracking of student progress” [1].

Among the positive aspects of online learning are the use of video materials, as well as presentation materials and testing. On the other hand, the quality of training largely depends on the quality of the Internet connection. Moreover, online training is more tedious than face-to-face training.

Distance learning is characterized by a certain freedom in choosing the time of study and the amount of material that you can choose by yourself. At the same time, this format minimizes interpersonal communication.

If you choose between online learning and distance learning, then at the initial stage of foreign students language learning preference should be given to online learning, since from the initial stage the foundations for successful learning not only of the language, but also of further education in Ukraine are laid. The use of a large amount of video material will make this process exciting, and constant monitoring by the teacher will improve the quality of the knowledge gained.

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