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Abstract

Modern independent learning centres count a lot on multi-media learning resources. Yet, as in classroom teaching, the use of multi-media learning resources in independent learning centres also triggers controversial arguments.

Offering convenient access for independent learners despite time and location limitation, multi-media learning resources bear the criticism of being too flaring in forms of presenting, too mechanical in manual operation, very much restrained in providing satisfying evaluation, and lacking in personalized reaction or reflection.

How can independent learning centre managers make the most of multi-media learning resources while avoiding, effectively, the deficiencies of them? What directions or guidance will the independent learners need before, during and after they set out to use multi-media learning resources? What can we do to make up for the deficiencies of the multi-media learning resources?

The paper will make an attempt to analyze and discuss the above-mentioned issues and will try to figure out constructive proposals for the reference of independent learning centre managers and users.

Biodata

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