

Enhancing English Proficiency: Leveraging the Cake Apps to Boost English Skills Abilities

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ABSTRACT

Being a global language, English demands fluency in speaking, listening, reading, and writing. However, a lack of motivation frequently causes students to struggle with particular skills. The use of online platforms by students has had a major effect on education due to technology. With features that are accessible from any location at any time, the Cake Application is a helpful resource for English language learners. The effectiveness of using this application is to increase student learning outcomes while studying English. Students can practice speaking, listening, and vocabulary based on the reduced movie frame they are interested in with the

Cake application. Students can learn anywhere at any time by using Cake Apps since they have unlimited access to the program.

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INTRODUCTION

English is an International language. Students should be proficient in these four skills. They are listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Students occasionally feel that they could be more proficient in particular skills, including speaking. Since the environment does not encourage them, they are often unwilling to improve their skills abilities. There needs to be spoken English in the surroundings and understand for what the speaker says. According to Oliver (2013), since speaking, listening, and the behaviors that go along with it are a part of essentially all that teachers and students do during the school day, teaching students how to be good communicators and listeners cannot be simplified. It is the responsibility of educators to make sure that kids have the confidence needed to communicate and listen well to fulfill their requirements.

Technology has a significant impact on people's lives in nearly every aspect, including education. The field of education has seen significant changes due to the effect of modern technology (Francis, 2017). Students are forced to study online during the COVID-19 pandemic using a variety of apps, including Google Classroom, WhatsApp, Google Meet, Zoom Meeting, and other apps that only allow studying through smartphones (Sari Famularsih, 2020). Technology could improve the quality of learning (Usman & Sopiah, 2015). The technical advancements of today have many applications. These apps provide several benefits that encourage users to utilize them. The Cake Application is one program that has drawn the author's interest in examining its application.

Users of this application can access its many features at any time and from any location. This application is incredibly useful and will be a great resource for anyone wanting to learn English. However, the question remains if all of these benefits will be able to improve student learning outcomes and consider students successful in achieving learning objectives or mastery. It is necessary to help students practice speaking more, listening, improving their vocabulary, and increasing their knowledge while learning English. They can establish and effectively communicate, listen, and share their ideas.

The Cake program is used by the students to practice some skills like speaking, listening, and improving vocabulary based on the topic that they are interested in. The topics come from reducing the movie frame, so they can choose several subjects to discuss. They listen to the conversation first. After that, they replicate the speaker's pronunciation of the English words. Students then record their audio. At last, they hear what the speakers originally said as well as what is recorded. If they are corrected, they might notice the difference. Most of the students believed that using the Cake app may help them become more fluent speakers. They could make the most of the application to improve their speech (Hamdani et al, 2022). Another feature, this application also provides listening sections that help the students pay attention to the movie by answering what they hear and vocabulary gist for increasing the student's vocabulary.

2. Cake Apps



Cake is a free language acquisition program available for mobile devices and the web. This app is a free tool for learning English that works with both iOS and Android devices. The website for the software states that "The Cake application is an app for learning English." Cake

Learn English for Free by Playlist Corporation is an educational program with several practical and engaging aspects, including speaking practice with native speakers and video chats with subtitles. The application provides daily updates to video classes, brief English dialogues, and discussions to help students learn the language quickly and consistently. There is also an option for users to see the movie at a reduced pace.

A Cake application for English language learning may provide several benefits that would make language learning efficient and enjoyable. Here are a few possible benefits:

- **Fun and Engaging Learning Environment:** Using a cake motif makes language learning more enjoyable for users by adding a cheerful and amusing element.

- **Rich in Multimedia:** By accommodating different learning styles, the use of multimedia content—such as audio clips, videos, and images—improves the educational process.

- **Goal-setting and Progress Monitoring:**

With integrated tools for goal-setting and progress tracking, students can keep an eye on their development, which boosts their motivation and gives them a sense of success.

- **Adaptability and Availability:**

The ease with which courses and activities may be accessed at any time and from any location while studying English via a mobile application promotes an adaptable and easily accessible learning environment.

- **Consistent Updates and New Content:**

Users are encouraged to continue their language learning journey with new and intriguing materials because the program is updated frequently, keeping the content relevant and fresh

3. Implementing Cake Apps

a. Install and download the Cake app

Here is the first step to get cake apps. The students must open the mobile device's app store then search up the "Cake" language learning application. Install the application after downloading it.

b. Register an Account

Start the Cake application by creating a new account with your email address or another method of choice.

c. Determine Your Language Objectives

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The image shows a mobile application interface for language learning. It is divided into two main sections: 'Learn' and 'From'. In the 'Learn' section, 'English' is selected, indicated by a blue checkmark. Below it, 'Korean' is listed. In the 'From' section, 'Bahasa Indonesia' is selected, also indicated by a blue checkmark. Other options listed include 'English', 'Tiếng Việt', 'Türkçe', 'Español (España)', 'Español (LATAM)', and 'Português (BR)'. At the bottom of the interface is a prominent purple button with the text 'Learn English!'.

Specify the goals for learning the language. Indicate that the students wish to focus on improving your English speaking abilities. In this step, the students must choose what language they want to learn and what language is being the first language

d. Examine Your Learning Routes

Typically, Cake App offers a variety of courses or learning pathways. Examine the options and choose a course that will help the students achieve the objectives.

e. Engage in Interactive Lessons

<p>Jam buka</p>  <p>5 video ungkapan</p> <p>"Apakah kalian buka?" Are you guys ___?</p> <p>Play ♥ 1 Quiz</p>	<p><15 detik> Pesan makan</p>  <p>4 video ungkapan</p> <p>"Apa yang enak di sini?" What's ___ here?</p> <p>Play ♥ 1 Quiz</p>	<p>Aku terlalu sibuk</p>  <p>5 video ungkapan</p> <p>"Aku sibuk sekarang." I'm s _____ right now.</p> <p>Play ♥ 1 Quiz</p>
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The students may choose several topics that are provided in this Application. Choose a good topic based on their interest. The stock of the topic is always updated, so the students may get the newest reducing movie frame. Here are the examples of the topics.

- **Activity 1- Speaking Lesson**

Tantang speaking level A!

Sisa latihan : 3

Pardon? 

Maaf?

Level C 

 Ikuti

After the students choose the topic that they are interested based on reducing movie frame. The students must play how to pronounce the sentences on an arrow. Then they imitate how to pronounce it. In this section, The Cake apps provide interactive pronunciation drills to the students. Students can imitate words, phrases, or entire sentences with a baking theme and get immediate feedback on how they pronounce them.

The following picture is the student result after imitating the pronunciation:

Tantang speaking level A!

Sisa latihan : 3

Pardon? 

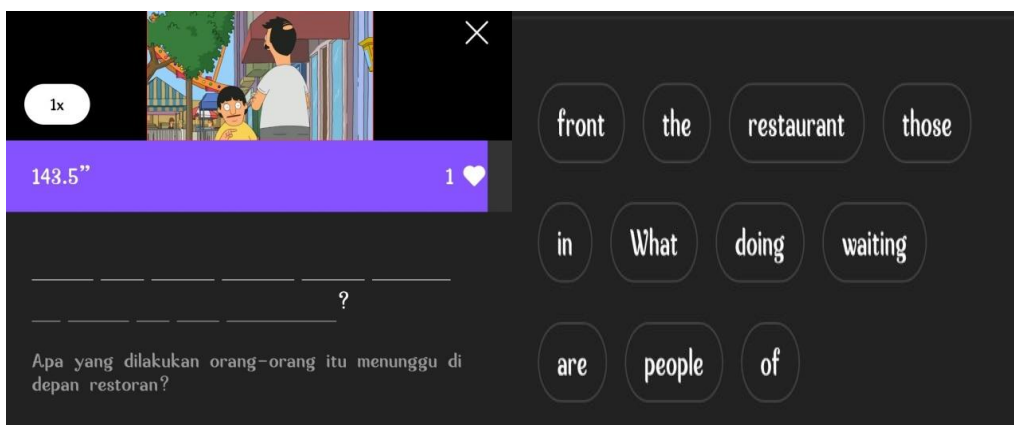
Maaf?

Level C 

 Ikuti

The students are allowed to imitate how the pronunciation of these sentences. There is real-time feedback that can help the students to improve their speaking skills. The students may try again until reaching pronunciation well or getting an A level. In this section, The Cake Apps provide suggestions on how to get better, emphasizing areas where they might concentrate on improving their language abilities.

- **Activity 2 - Listening Lesson**



In this Application, students may also learn listening by watching the video first. There are some subtitles provided, the students are allowed to pay attention and then practice it. Here is an example of the features. The students must re-arrange the words based on what they hear.



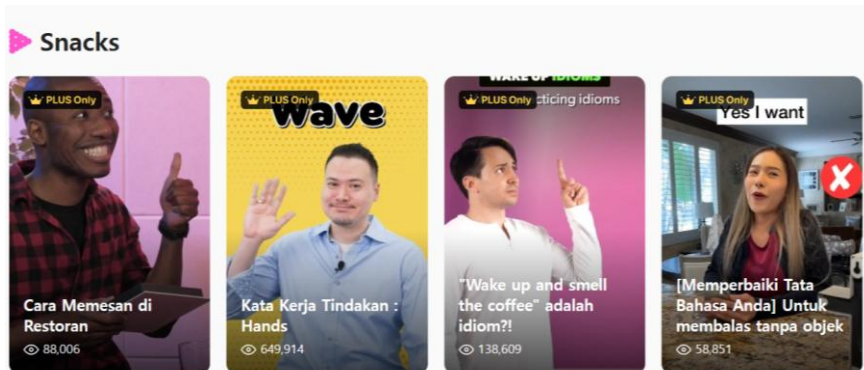
- **Activity 3 – Vocabulary**

This application also facilitates the students to improve their vocabularies by using features “Chat with Jake”. Here the students may ask whatever to Jake about some vocabularies that they want to know the meaning.



After the students ask about difficult words that they don't know, Jake will help to explain largely about it. For example, if the students ask about the word “Go” then Jake will describe the meaning and also give an example of the use of that word include the translation.

- **Activity 4 – General Knowledge**



The students may open these features to increase their knowledge while learning English. These features integrate with the “Snack video” which consists of general knowledge related to tricks and tips learning grammar, learning pronunciation, learning phonetics, learning phrases, etc.

- **Activity 5 - Evaluation**

At the end of the lesson, the students may evaluate what they have already learned. In this section, the features provide some



vocabulary that the students must guess the correct answer and try to speak about those words well. Here is an example of the evaluation features:

After the students answer the vocabularies bank questions, the apps will display the students' scores in real-time by providing feedback to the users. It will motivate the students to engage in more effort in their studies and improve their vocabulary growth.

CONCLUSION

To sum up, the Cake app is a unique and entertaining resource for language learners, providing a wide range of opportunities to improve all aspects of language learning. With its interactive lessons, easy user interface, and innovative speech recognition technology, Cake offers users an engaging setting to enhance their English and other language speaking abilities. Individual goals are attended to by the variety of learning paths, and social aspects promote group learning and practical language use. Through engaging in interactive lessons, participating in discussion groups, and receiving speech-based feedback, the Cake application transforms from an insignificant language learning assist into a trusted partner on the path to fluency. When used consistently, Cake's adaptability makes it a valuable resource for anyone looking for a fun and efficient way to become master in English skills.

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