

# MOBILE INSTANT MESSAGING: WHATSAPP AND ITS POTENTIAL TO DEVELOP ORAL SKILLS

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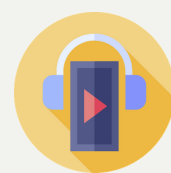
## EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY

Advances in mobile technologies give the chance to owners of mobile devices to access not just educational resources



## WHATSAPP

The possibilities that mobile devices offer, and in particular “Whatsapp”, to improve the vocabulary and writing skills of the learners



## VIRTUAL ENVIRONMENTS

These devices allowed students to record and listen to their own utterances, which helped them to compare and repair mispronunciations and mistakes in their speeches

## METHODOLOGY

### STUDY

80 students at the UAL in the course for a B1, divided in 2 groups of Whatsapp

### INVESTIGATION

To investigate speaking development in ESL learners

### INSTRUMENTS

Speaking test  
Samples in the application

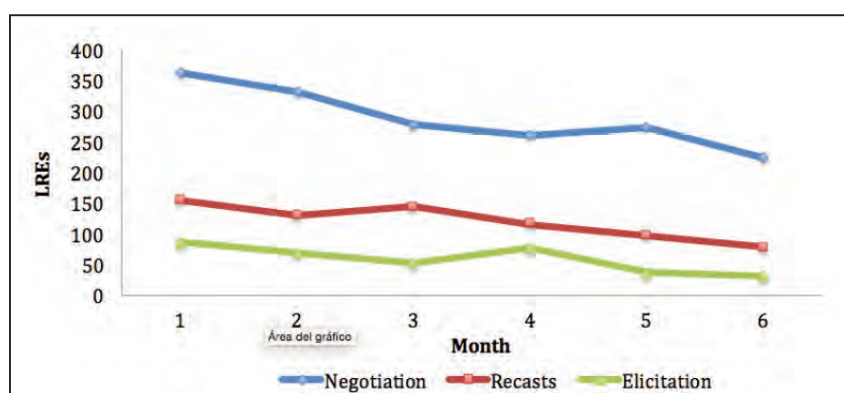
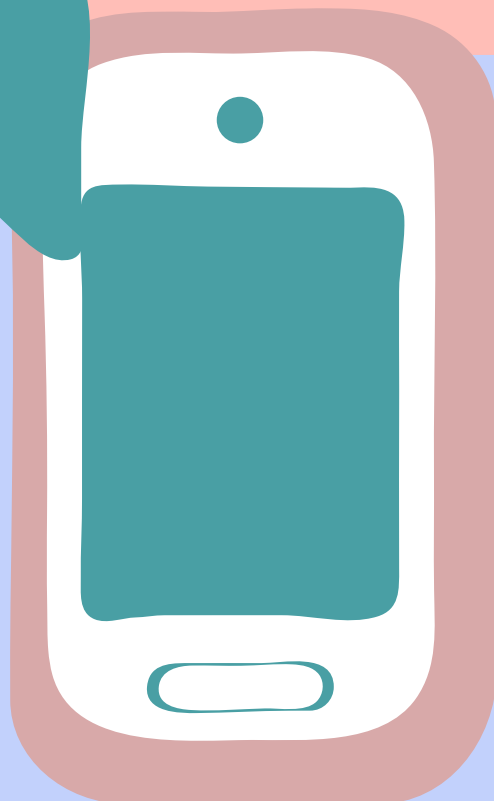


Figure 1. Trend of LREs per month.



## CONCLUSIONS

Voice-based MMC constitutes a powerful tool for developing second language speaking

Thanks to the use of MMC. it is widely agreed that autonomy and authenticity play a relevant role in second language acquisition

MMC becomes an available resource where dynamic interactions between learner, task, and virtual environment constitute a solid framework for second language acquisition.

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