

HOW CAN TECHNOLOGY BE A USEFUL TOOL IN THE ACTIVE LEARNING PROCESS ?

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ABSTRACT

Active learning is generally defined as any instructional method that engages students during the learning process. It requires that learners take increasing responsibility for their learning, and that teachers are facilitators and activators of learning, rather than lecturers or deliverers of ideas. As it is well-known, technologies are part of each of us and, in teaching, it turns out that technological tools are used to promote learning or at least, that learning is more active. As I believe that the way learning resources are delivered may be crucial in achieving better learning outcome, in this paper the first part will be dedicated to describe, through examples, some of my experience using different technologies. In the second part, I will show some of the effects on the students (e.g., more engaged in the classroom) and finally, in the last part, few conclusions how, in different situations, technology can help the students and also to give a different perspective to the teacher, are shown.