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USING GOOGLE PLUS IN TEACHING FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Мақолада чет тилларни ўқитишда ахборот технологияларининг энг замонавий воситаси — *GooglePlus*дан фойдаланиш усуллари, маълумотларни жойлаштириш қоидалари, масофавий таълим муҳитини шакллантиришда унинг ўрни ва самарали натижалари таҳлил қилинган.

В статье проанализированы методы использования и правила введения информации *Google Plus*, а также его место в формировании среды дистанционного обучения при изучении иностранных языков.

In this article the ways of using *Google Plus* in teaching foreign languages as one of the most modern means of information technology, principles of filtering information, and its role and effective results in the atmosphere of distance education are analyzed.

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“We have started the deeds, which are totally important, of the developing of the process of teaching foreign languages to our children. Especially, we accepted a special decree about this in 2012. These deeds have been making very effective results in such a short period. If we continue them, we will have “explosive effect” in this field as well”.

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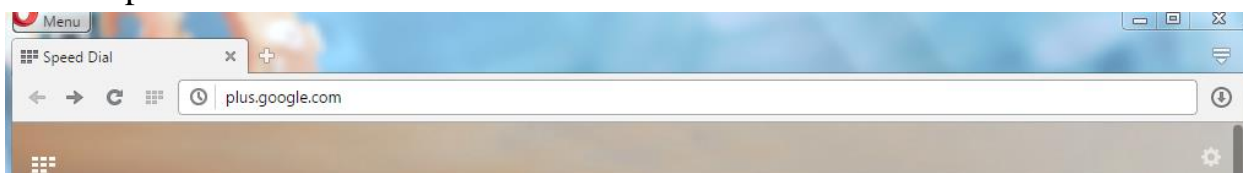
XXI century has brought very many innovations, changes, and news into human's life. As a result, each sphere of society is developing day by day, and the main purpose of all these deeds is to create comfortability for mankind. Besides that, a language has also an important role in this way; for instance, the English language is being used in all spheres of society mostly in order to share knowledge,

news and so on around the world. Because of this reason, the interest in learning foreign languages is increasing nowadays.

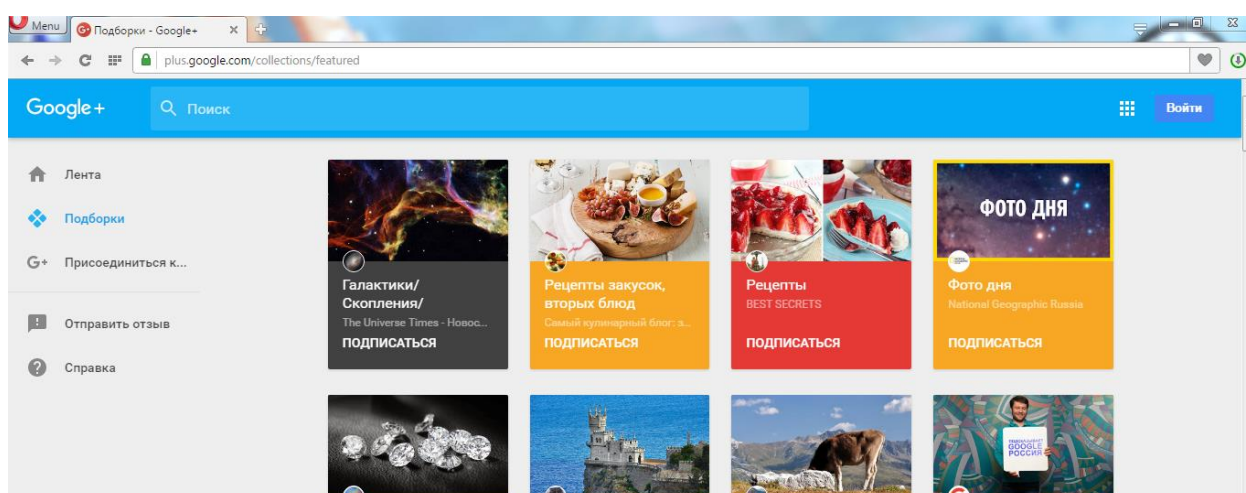
Indeed, there are different ways of learning foreign languages in science; however, any acceptable way or method should be reliable, effective, and available for a learner. By the help of the internet or other online sources a learner will be able to start learning any foreign language that he or she wants. Actually, it is impossible to say that all the internet sources are useful. So, in this article one of the best means of information technology which is known as Google Plus is analyzed step by step in order to use it in distance education of teaching foreign languages.

Google Plus is a social network which is owned and operated by Google. Google Plus was founded in Mountain View, California, United States in 2011. It launched in June 15, 2011 replacing Google Buzz. Because of the features included the ability to post photos and status updates to the stream or interest based communities, group different types of relationships into circles, a multi-person instant messaging, text and video chat called Hangouts, events, location tagging, and the ability to edit and upload photos to private cloud-based albums Google Plus has 111 million active users (2).

Firstly, in order to find Google Plus one should enter plus.google.com in the search space of the browser:

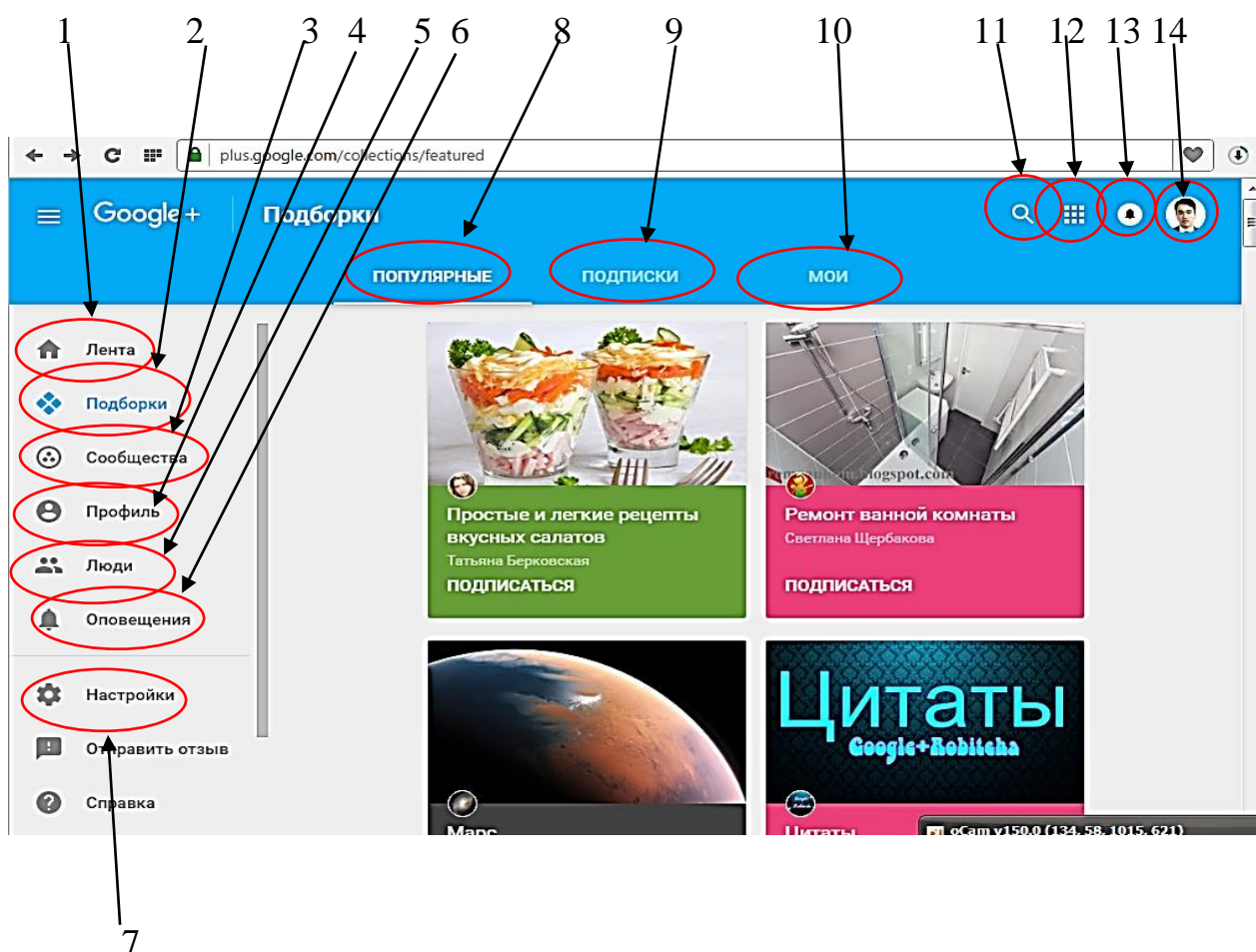


Then the main window of Google Plus appears on the screen:



Before starting to use Google Plus one should create his or her account by clicking '**Log in**' in order to be able to use all the features. If one has an account

already, they click 'Log in', if one does not have any accounts, they click 'Create account'. Then such a window appears:



1. A teacher or user is able to see other followers' materials, news, and a teacher can add news here in order to present materials of themes of learning foreign languages. Besides that a teacher can ask questions which are with variants so as to check learners knowledge about the topics.

2. A teacher or user can follow others in order to be able to see their materials sharing with others.

3. A teacher has the chance to be in contact with the most popular materials of education communities to be aware of the news in education field.

4. A teacher's personal profile is available for other followers, such as learners making the learning foreign languages atmosphere active and available to use all the materials.

5. A teacher (a user) can see his followers and followings in order to create circles of learners dividing them according to their levels and abilities. This helps a teacher to share materials clearly.

6. A teacher receives notifications in order to create live atmosphere in distance education of teaching foreign languages.



7. A teacher (a user) fixes all the settings so as to make the atmosphere of distance education comfortable for learners.

8. A user is suggested most popular collections of materials in order to follow.

9. A user's following's materials are shown.

10. A teacher's (or a user's) own materials are shown.

11. A search space helps a teacher (a user) to find important people or materials.

12. All the most important and popular services of Google are shown in order to make distance education more convenient for learners and users.

13. An easy way to receive notifications for a teacher (a user).

14. A one click way to see personal account and its settings so as to figure out some problems.

What is more, there are other special features of Google and Google + with the purpose of developing the process of distance education of teaching foreign languages:

My account – a teacher (a user) can fix his own privacy.

Search – a teacher uses this with the intention of searching the internet for sources or information for themes of lessons of teaching foreign languages.

Play – it is the set of applications of android system for mobile devices. By this feature a teacher advises learners best applications of learning foreign languages.

Gmail – it is the e-mail system of Google. A teacher can send results of tests and exercises, or some extra tasks to learners. In addition to these, a teacher has the opportunity to receive or send messages to/from learners.

Drive – it is the center of all the information and materials which are created by a teacher. It is essential in distance education because it can be used as an archive. A teacher uploads all the necessary files into this disc and opens connections to learners for whom are available.

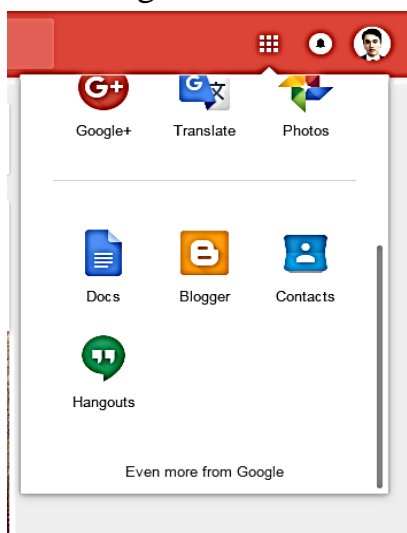
Calendar – a diary or list of plans and lessons which are kept by a teacher. It is not just a simple calendar, it shows the time which are already appointed by a teacher when it is time.

Google + – it is a one click way of returning to Google Plus while working with other services of Google.

Translate – it is totally important for learners because when they come across new words in contexts or tasks, they are able to find all the necessary translations of words immediately in almost all languages.

Photos – it is a collection of all graphic, namely photo materials which are uploaded by a teacher. This feature helps a teacher to show materials in separate albums with different animations.

Moreover, Google has special features to work with materials in the latest technologies and visions:



Docs – it is an archive of all types of documents which helps a teacher to create materials in the latest versions of information technology. This also increases the quality of lessons of teaching foreign languages.

Blogger – one of the most powerful means of Google. It helps a teacher to create a blog, e.g. solijonazizov.blogspot.com. This makes the atmosphere of teaching/learning foreign languages easier and more convenient for learners by collecting all the materials in one place.

Contacts – all learners' information is saved in this service. They can be divided into circles how a teacher calls or wants.

Hangouts – as the latest service of Google it creates the live atmosphere of teaching foreign languages by video calling, phone calling and sending messages. It also creates group conversations which enables a teacher to discuss new themes or tasks with learners actively.

The services and features which are mentioned above are the most important means of Google and Google Plus. All the services are essential in distance education of teaching and learning foreign languages. Owing to the usage of the latest designs of information technology Google Plus helps not only teachers but also learners to be active in a foreign language atmosphere providing them with reliable and high quality materials.

Taking everything into consideration, Google Plus is totally effective in distance education. Nowadays mankind needs modern and reliable information because almost everyone is using the internet so as to provide their needs. So, Google Plus can be essential in this way enabling everyone to be professional of their professions.

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