

Intralingual dubbing as a tool for developing speaking skills

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Characteristics		No. Participants
Gender	Male	6
	Female	41
Mother tongue	Only English	36
	Bilingual English + another FL	(11)
	Italian	2
	Urdu	2
	Portuguese	2
	Pashto	1
	Yoruba	1
	Polish	1
	Chinese	1
	Dutch	1
Level	AS students (16–17 years old)	27
	A2 students (17–18 years old)	20
Years of Spanish studies	One year	1
· ·	Three years	26
	Four years	20

Table 1. Participant information.

Table 2. Summary of the project.

	Selection of	Clips: dialogues from different TV shows, short films, interviews.		
Stage 1	material	Subtitling: faithful transcription of the dialogues by the teacher using Subtitle Workshop. This provides extra written input for the students.		
(4 weeks)	Podcasts	Related to general topics using different verb tenses (3 minutes for each topic).		
	Taster sessions	Technical problems are solved and final decisions about lesson planning are taken.		
		Dubbing clips into Spanish.		
Stage 2	Dubbing project	The teacher-researcher takes notes through class observation.		
(12 weeks)		Teachers-observers write comments on a blog.		
	Final podcast	Similar to stage 1; slightly different topics.		
	Questionnaire 1	Students give their opinion about the influence of the dubbing activity in their learning process.		
Stage 3 (10 weeks)	Questionnaire 2	This time teachers-observers have to complete another questionnaire on their own assessment of the intralingual dubbing project.		
	Analysis of the final tests	Qualitative data: NVivo is used for the analysis. The sources are the students, the teacher-researcher, the teachers-observers and four external assessors.		
		Quantitative data: Words per minute (WPM).		
	Comparison of results	Initial and final test results are compared.		

Table 3. Dubbing session, step-by-step.

Step	Activity
1. Before dubbing – Introduction (2 min)	Students watch the video in class.
2. Before dubbing – Contextualisation (10 min)	Students read the dialogue script and vocabulary questions are solved as a group. The context is also discussed.
3. Dubbing – first part (5 min)	There is a warm-up consisting of reading the text aloud in pairs, becoming familiar with the oral speech and synchronisation needed for the video.
4. Dubbing – second part (12 min)	Individually, each student rehearses his/her part of the dialogue with the help of the video, paying attention to the actors' voices they are going to replace.
5. Dubbing – third part (15 min)	Rehearsal in pairs several times. They swap headphones so that one of them has the audio and visual input and the other just the visual input. At the end, they will only have the video with no sound.
6. Dubbing – fourth part (10 min)	Students mute the voice of the original video and record their voice instead. They do several takes until they are satisfied with the results.
7. After dubbing (6 min)	Students listen to their work and exchange opinions in pairs.

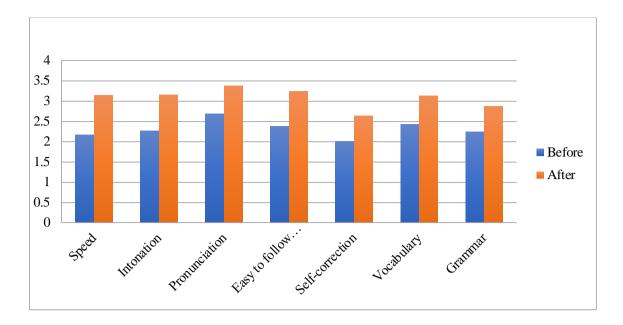


Figure 1. Evaluators' feedback on oral expression part I.

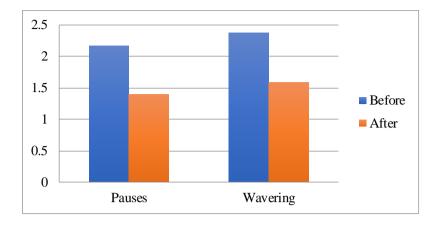


Figure 2. Evaluators' feedback on oral expression part II.

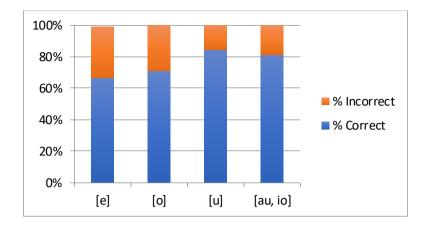


Figure 3. Incorrect vowels pronounced by the students; pre-project I (vowels).

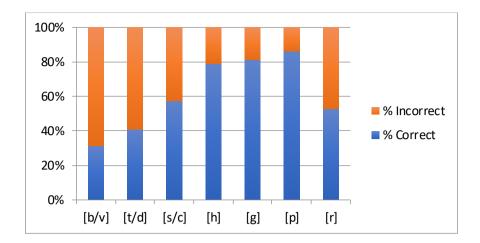


Figure 4. Incorrect consonants pronounced by the students; pre-project II (consonants).

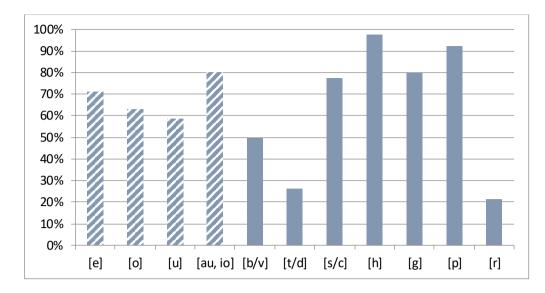


Figure 5. Sounds improved post-project from mistakes made in Figures 3 and 4.

Table 4. Students' opinions for each of the skills.

Values (1 strongly agree;								
	1	2	3	4				
4 strongly disagree)								
Listening comprehension	17% (8)	55.3% (26)	25.5% (12)	2.1% (1)				
Reading comprehension	29.8% (14)	42.6% (20)	23.4% (11)	4.3% (2)				
Oral production	38.3% (18)	34% (16)	23.4% (11)	4.3% (2)				
Written production	25.5% (12)	34% (16)	29.8% (14)	10.6% (5)				

Values (1 strongly agree; 4 strongly disagree)	1	2	3	4
My ability to speak in Spanish has	31.9%	48.9%	14.9%	4.3 %
improved	(15)	(23)	(7)	(2)
My speed has improved	55.3%	19.1%	21.3%	4.3%
	(26)	(9)	(10)	(2)
My intonation has improved	27.7%	46.8%	19.1%	6.4%
	(13)	(22)	(9)	(3)
My pronunciation has improved	46.8%	36.2%	10.6%	6.4%
	(22)	(17)	(5)	(3)
Aside my improvement, I am more aware of the natural speed, intonation and pronunciation in Spanish	44.7% (21)	40.4% (19)	14.9% (7)	
My vocabulary has increased	38.3%	44.7%	6.4%	10.6%
	(18)	(21)	(3)	(5)
My grammar has improved	17% (8)	40.4% (19)	14.9% (7)	
Dubbing has been motivating and interesting for me	40.4%	31.9%	17%	10.6%
	(19)	(15)	(8)	(5)
I am interested in dubbing in the future to improve my Spanish	21.3%	25.5%	38.3%	14.9%
	(10)	(12)	(18)	(7)

Table 5. Students' opinions for each of the learning areas.

Table 6. Students' opinions on the project.

Positive aspects	Negative aspects
I improved oral expression: speed, intonation and pronunciation.	I think it should not be done at lunchtime.
I learned new vocabulary expressions, particularly useful for the exam.	I believe the speed of the videos was a bit too fast at times.
I increased my confidence.	I did not have enough time to listen to what others have produced in class.
I enjoyed paired-work and class project.	I would have liked to have more time for each session, since it was a bit rushed at times.
I was able to be more aware of how native speakers sound in Spanish as well as some of their cultural aspects.	I enjoyed speaking in Spanish something that I can read from but not the part where I had to be assessed spontaneously.
I was more aware of my own learning process.	
I enjoyed listening to videos and watching them at home.	
I liked the variety of contexts and clips.	

Table 7. Teachers'-observers' opinions per skill.

Values (1 strongly agree; 4 strongly disagree)	1	2	3	4
Listening comprehension	60% (3)	20% (1)	20% (1)	
Reading comprehension	40% (2)	60% (3)		
Oral production	80% (4)	20% (1)		
Written production		80% (4)	20% (1)	

Values (1 strongly agree; 4 strongly disagree)	1	2	3	4
Speed	60% (3)	20% (1)	20% (1)	
Intonation	80% (4)	20% (1)		
Pronunciation	80% (4)	20% (1)		
Vocabulary	20% (1)	80% (4)		
Grammar revision		80% (4)	20% (1)	
Motivation	60% (3)	40% (2)		
Self-confidence	60% (3)	40% (2)		
Consider to dub again	100% (5)			

Table 8. Teachers'-observers' opinions for each of the learning areas.

Table 9. Teachers'-observers' opinions on the project.

Positive aspects	Suggestions to improve
Students enhanced their speed, intonation and pronunciation.	Students could find the vocabulary by themselves using a dictionary.
Students remained very focused during the activities, especially when recording and listening to their voices.	The videos could be more closely related to the exam topics.
Students were engaged, interested and recognised the valued of the project.	Choose slower videos in the future.
Students increased their confidence when speaking in SFL.	It would have been nice to have more time per session to stretch pupils further by making them speaking spontaneously on the topic of each video.

-	Class dynamics	Clips	
-	In general, the students were not as	I just felt a bit frustrated on	Equipment The equipment
e	engaged. Their level was the lowest in	many occasions because the	was absolutely
	comparison to the other participants	level of the videos seemed	fine. New
	involved. I observed them a couple of	too much for some of them.	computers, new
	times in their normal Spanish classes	However, there were some	headphones. Very
8	and they also lacked enthusiasm there.	good moments. Some	lucky in that
	The fact that they were the first group	videos worked really well	respect.
	I tried the session with (Mondays) did	for them.	
	not help either.		
	In general, this group was fantastic.	The clips were fine for most	The computer was
	They were really engaged during all	of them. Quite challenging	not working so
	the sessions. Some of them spoke	at times, but doable. If there	well in the first
	other languages at home and maybe this helped them to find the project	were more difficult parts for a couple of the students,	couple of sessions, but we changed
	more accessible. A couple of students	they were helped with	rooms and
	had a lower level but the atmosphere	different tips and finally	everything worked
	in the classroom helped them not to be	performed them. The	smoothly since
	discouraged.	hardest video was 8.	then.
Group 3	This group worked well since the	Some of the clips were quite	The equipment in
	beginning. Their level was not	challenging, since they were	this school was
	particularly high but they were very	an AS group. However, they	really good. Only a
	keen and were willing to ask for help	did not complain and	couple of
	whenever they needed to work on	worked hard on them. They	microphones did
	specific sentences or paragraphs. They also worked quite independently from	kept asking if they could watch the whole video at	not work at times but these were
	the beginning and they always	home.	minor issues.
	submitted work on time.	nome.	minor issues.
	This group worked really well	In general, the clips worked	They did not have
	throughout the project. In general, the	fine. Some students whose	a language lab, but
£	girls were very busy with other	level was a bit lower	old laptops. The
	activities at school but if they missed a	struggled at times but once	first clip froze
	session they caught up quickly. It was	again the group atmosphere	(because of the
	challenging to manage such a big	helped them to overcome	size). Something
	group in such a limited time; however,	obstacles and improve week	important to note!
	the students worked very	by week. Definitely, video 8 was too difficult.	
	independently and the help of their teacher was also essential.		
	This is the only school where I was	Some of the clips were	Equipment had ups
	able to do the activity during lesson	challenging but they	and downs in the
	time. This put me under more pressure	managed all in all. The fact	early sessions. It
	because the teacher really wanted each	that I was swapping pairs on	was not always
	video to be related to their topics in	a regular basis in the final	reliable and we
	class. Students were not so keen at the	sessions really helped them	needed an IT
	beginning but really got into the	be more engaged and	technician to sort
	project after a few sessions and I think	dynamic. I think we were all	out sound
	we allenjoyed it.	plea sed with that. A2 students were fine with	problems. I am very pleased
	This group was very disorganised at the beginning because not all students	the clips but AS students	with this
	attended regularly. It was a mixed	struggled at times. The help	equipment. Top
	AS/A2 group but they all seem to	of the other students, and	quality!
	have learned important aspects to	the support from their	1
	apply in their oral exam from the	teacher and myself was	
	project.	essential.	

		Average WPM	Difference in WPM		Average WPM without SC	Difference in WPM without SC
Participant 1	PRE	44	0	PRE	43	0.5
	POST	53	- 9	POST	43.5	0.5
Participant 2	PRE	39.7	21	PRE	37.7	21
	POST	60.7	21	POST	58.7	21
Participant 3	PRE	36.3	17.4	PRE	35.7	10
	POST	53.7	17.4	POST	53.7	18
Participant 4	PRE	35	7	PRE	34	_
	POST	42	- 7	POST	39	5
Participant 5	PRE	26.3	11.2	PRE	24.6	0
	POST	37.6	11.3	POST	33.6	9
Participant 6	PRE	69.3	4	PRE	63	17
	POST	73.3	- 4	POST	64.7	1.7
Participant 7	PRE	38	14.7	PRE	35	15.2
	POST	52.7	14.7	POST	50.3	15.3
Participant 8	PRE	53.3	10	PRE	50.3	20
	POST	95.3	42	POST	88.3	38
Participant 9	PRE	59.3	_	PRE	58	
	POST	66.3	- 7	POST	65.3	7.3
Participant 10	PRE	46		PRE	45	
	POST	81.7	35.7	POST	80.3	35.3
Participant 11	PRE	42.7		PRE	37.3	
	POST	55.3	12.6	POST	50.7	13.4
Participant 12	PRE	54.7		PRE	50.7	
-	POST	105.3	50.6	POST	102.7	52
Participant 13	PRE	35		PRE	34.3	
	POST	61.7	26.7	POST	59.7	25.4
Participant 14	PRE	37		PRE	29.3	
	POST	66	- 29	POST	63.3	34
Participant 15	PRE	83.7		PRE	76	
	POST	85.3	1.6	POST	82.3	6.3
Participant 16	PRE	58.3	25	PRE	49.7	21.6
	POST	85.3	27	POST	81.3	31.6
Participant 17	PRE	19.3	20	PRE	17	22
	POST	39.3	20	POST	39	22
Participant 18	PRE	25.3		PRE	24.7	
	POST	40.7	15.4	POST	40	15.3
Participant 19	PRE	35.7		PRE	35	
	POST	48.7	13	POST	44.3	9.3
Participant 20	PRE	32.7		PRE	25.3	10
-	POST	39.3	6.6	POST	35.3	10
Participant 21	PRE	50.7		PRE	47.7	
	POST	79.7	- 29	POST	76.3	28.6
Participant 22	PRE	36	13	PRE	32	16

Table 11. WPM produced by participant.

	POST 4	.9		POST	48	
Participant 23		4	9	PRE	44	
	POST 5	5		POST	43	-1
Participant 24	PRE 32	2.6	- 15	PRE	29	
	POST 47	7.6		POST	49.6	20.6
Participant 25	PRE 3	0	25.7	PRE	27.7	
	POST 55	5.7		POST	54.3	26.6
Participant 26	PRE 28	3.7	4.6	PRE	27.7	
	POST 33	3.3		POST	32.3	4.6
Participant 27	PRE 6	1		PRE	58	
	POST 82	2.3	21.3	POST	78.6	20.6
Participant 28	PRE 4	2	11	PRE	45	
	POST 5	3		POST	52	7
Participant 29	PRE 3	2	24.6	PRE	27.3	
	POST 56	5.6		POST	55	27.7
Participant 30	PRE 30).3	8.7	PRE	29.6	
	POST 3	9		POST	35.7	6.1
Participant 31	PRE 57	7.7	11.4	PRE	54.7	11.6
	POST 69	9.3	11.6	POST	66.3	11.6
Participant 32	PRE 4	0	160	PRE	39	14.2
	POST 56	5.3	16.3	POST	53.3	14.3
Participant 33	PRE 4	0	12	PRE	39.3	10.7
	POST 5	2		POST	50	10.7
Participant 34	PRE 52	2.7	5.6	PRE	49.3	6.4
	POST 58	3.3		POST	55.7	6.4
Participant 35	PRE 40).7	21	PRE	33.7	26.2
	POST 61	1.7		POST	60	26.3
Participant 36	PRE 6	7	14.7	PRE	60.7	17
	POST 81	1.7		POST	77.7	17
Participant 37	PRE 68	3.3	13.7	PRE	65.7	14.6
	POST 8	2		POST	80.3	14.6
Participant 38	PRE 62	2.7	7	PRE	55.7	- 11
	POST 69	9.7		POST	66.7	11
Participant 39	PRE 4	3	21.3	PRE	37.7	24.6
	POST 64	4.3		POST	62.3	24.0
Participant 40	PRE 43	3.3	17	PRE	39.7	15.6
	POST 60).3		POST	55.3	15.0
Participant 41	PRE 3	2	11.6	PRE	27.3	16
	POST 43	3.6		POST	43.3	10
Participant 42	PRE 50).6	10	PRE	42	13.6
	POST 60).6		POST	55.6	15.0
Participant 43	PRE 2	8	12.7	PRE	25.7	13
	POST 40).7		POST	38.7	15
Participant 44	PRE 51	1.3	19.7	PRE	50	20.7
	POST 7	1		POST	70.7	20.7
Participant 45	PRE 38	3.6	32.7	PRE	36	- 31.3
	POST 71	1.3		POST	67.3	51.5

Participant 46	PRE	31.3	20	PRE	26	28
	POST	61.3	30	POST	54	28
Participant 47	PRE	46.3	~	PRE	46	4.0
	POST	51.3	5	POST	50.3	4.3
AVERAGE			16.54			17.15