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During the past 10 years, computer-using teachers have applied ingenuity and creativity in using devices and software made for nonpedagogical applications, often by nonteachers. During this compressed time period, the history of CALL pedagogy has replicated the 50-year history of development in TESOL theory and practice. Technology-using teachers today are leading the way in innovative teaching ideas, the exploration of culture and language, the inclusion of special needs learners, the promotion of student autonomy, and anywhere-anytime learning. This brief history of CALL theory also includes an indication of possible future trends and issues.

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A generational difference between instructors and students exists with respect to technology. While instructors focus on curricular and learning issues, the current generation of students, in general, has never known a world in which the Internet and computer technology do not dominate information gathering and understanding. Students have grown to expect that computer technology will be part of a system of learning. This paper presents the results of a questionnaire in which 11 students in a university writing class were asked about their perceptions of technology use, the difficulties and benefits, and the ways in which their learning might be enhanced by better uses of technology.

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