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The value of Facebook in teaching ESP in higher education

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The article concentrates on the potential of Facebook in teaching ESP in higher education. Facebook, just as any other social networking site, is widely used among people of all age groups. Considering its primary role being to keep in touch with friends and relatives, the educational value should not be neglected. A number of scientific studies have proven, that Facebook is a valuable tool in the educational process when it comes to developing students' communication skills, being members of specific Facebook communities. In this paper, we want to point out how Facebook can be used to improve students' vocabulary in specific fields (in our case business English). The paper indicates certain Facebook profiles that provide authentic materials for university students and the ways these materials can be used to improve specific vocabulary.

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