Conclusion

The last two decades have revealed a growing interest in the integration of AVT with a communicative approach to language learning and teaching. European institutions have acknowledged the benefits of AVT in the foreign language classroom by funding research-led projects like LeViS and ClipFlair, promoting language learning through interactive captioning and revoicing tasks. Captioning – interlingual and intralingual subtitling – provides learners with the opportunity to enhance their listening, reading, writing, and transferable skills. Revoicing – dubbing, audio description, and voice over tasks – can foster learners' speaking, reading, listening, and writing skills.

This work aimed at systematically reviewing studies carried out in the last twenty years on the applications of captioning and revoicing in the foreign language classroom so as to offer a state of the art and promote future research. The literature review has outlined the research carried out on the topic – especially in the teaching of English as a foreign language – focussing on relevant experimental studies that involve data collection and analysis. These empirical studies have been reviewed in terms of research focus, target languages, participants, learning settings, audiovisual materials, captioning/ revoicing software, and type of analysis (i.e. qualitative and/or quantitative).

Scholars have mainly focussed their attention on the benefits of standard and reverse interlingual subtitling with regards to listening comprehension, vocabulary acquisition, integrated language skills, intercultural education, and pragmatic awareness. Investigation on intralingual subtitling in language learning is quite limited, and reports encouraging results in the development of writing skills. More recently, however, research has also shown the potential of dubbing and audio description tasks for improving oral language skills, concentrating on the development of fluency and intonation as well as vocabulary acquisition, Chapter 6

writing and integrated language skills. Furthermore, the application of combined captioning and revoicing tasks has been gaining researchers' attention in the last few years. In particular, research has focussed on the use of combined reverse interlingual subtitling and dubbing, and combined intralingual captioning and revoicing for the development of speaking and writing skills as well as pragmatic awareness.



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