### MALL LANGUAGE LEARNING OUTCOMES: A COMPREHENSIVE META-

ANALYSIS 1994-2019



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## WHAT CAN I LEARN FROM THIS SECONDARY RESEARCH?

- What sort of studies are being conducted in MALL.
- What are the learning outcomes of these studies

#### **KEY TERMS**

Mobile-assisted language learning (MALL)

The use of mobile technologies in language learning in and beyond the classroom

# WHAT EVIDENCE IS SUMMARISED?

84 studies

### HOW CAN I USE THE FINDINGS IN MY TEACHING?

- As with many TESOL issues, this is highly dependent on your context.
- What do your students need to focus on?
   What needs do your students have? What
   MALL resources might best help them in
   particular? Feel free to try out new
   technologies and tweak your approaches as
   you go.
- Want to conduct MALL studies in your classroom? Now is a great time to be doing research in this field.

#### WHAT DOES IT FIND?

- As to be expected, the number of published experimental MALL studies is increasing.
- Asian (35%) and Gulf state countries (31%) account for around 66% of included studies; Iran (24%) and the US (20%) contribute the most per single country.
- Most studies took place at the tertiary level (47%). Preschool and primary school totaled 25% while studies done at secondary school accounted for 17%.
- The vast majority of studies had English as the target language (95%) and vocabulary (34%) as the learning focus.
- While the results were quite positive, they are tempered by several facts, including publication bias and the difficulty of combining diverse studies for analysis.



