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*Abstract :*

Stand-alone or blended? What use are computer mediated language programs? The EFL world is awash with "e-tivities" nowadays and we may feel overwhelmed by all the possibilities. But perhaps it is time to stand back and take stock. In this presentation I will focus on computer mediated language learning programs and attempt to assess their potential and particular value both from the point of view of the learner and the course provider. What should we look for in a good language learning program? In this presentation I will propose a set of criteria which are straightforward, but at times paradoxical.