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**PART 1: Review Comments**

	<b>Reviewer's comment</b>	<b>Author's comment</b> <i>(if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</i>
<b>Compulsory</b> REVISION comments	<p>pg 9. Reference needed for survey instrument. If not, tests of reliability and validity are needed for the survey.</p> <p>pg 9. Full survey should be included in appendix or the body of the paper.</p> <p>pg 13. Sentence beginning with "This means that the advantage of using technology" cannot be concluded based on the survey question that proceeds the statement. The survey question does not address whether technology is advantageous in learning English. The survey question is asking teachers whether they want their students to use technology. These are not the same thing</p> <p>pg 13. I do not get the use of the word "funnier" in question 8 and how this answers/addresses the research questions in the manuscript.</p> <p>pg 15. Sentence "English teachers in Ekiti State prefer to use traditional teaching methods instead of modern technology because of their level of knowledge in term of digital literacy." This statement is related to the question Another question is: Please describe what technology means to you in your teaching and your opinions about the roles technology can play in your lessons. For example, how important do you feel it is to use technology in language teaching and why? Not sure you can draw this conclusion about teacher preferences from this survey question. It was stated earlier in the article that many schools lack electricity and/or technology. It seems like this choice of teaching method is a result of resource scarcity rather than teacher preference.</p> <p>pg 16. reference needed after sentence beginning with "Therefore, utilization of technology devices and access to software technologies will improve teaching and learning in our secondary schools."</p> <p>pg 16. Sentence "However, it is observed that the use of laptop and projector to display photos of several educational activities that might be of interest to the students in order to stimulate discussion were not adapted to their environment." I did not see any reference to a survey question about projectors. If this sentence is based on previous literature, a citation is needed.</p> <p>pg. 17 citation needed for this sentence "It has been argued that there would be a positive impact on students when ICT is used appropriately in school but lack of training of teachers is a serious obstacle to the implementation ICT in the teaching of English language in Ekiti State."</p> <p>pg 18. Reference needed. "There is no doubt about it; the importance of technology in schools cannot be underestimated. To say the truth, with the introduction of technology in the school system, it would be easier for teachers to impart knowledge and for students to acquire new skills remotely without stress."</p> <p>pg 18. "With the introduction of digital literacy in the educational system, the process of teaching and learning will definitely be more pleasant and enjoyable." Was this addressed in the survey??</p>	
<b>Minor</b> REVISION comments	<p>pg 2, first sentence, do not capitalize word literacy.</p> <p>pg 9. table should have proper title to with table number.</p> <p>pg 10. Survey question number 8, I do not see the validity of the question and whether learning is "funnier". I do not see how to answers the manuscripts research questions.</p> <p>pg 11. Sentence beginning with "It has been discovered" and the sentence beginning with "That is why some teachers" needs a citation. These statements do not come from this paper's questionnaire.</p> <p>pg 15. Sentence beginning with "The majority of the respondents do not have digital experience in teaching and learning and this is corroborated by a research." grammar change. I believe the author meant to write "corroborated by research" or "by a researcher".</p> <p>pg 17. "It was observed that many teachers in Ekiti State had no access to personal computer as this is also one of the major</p>	

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	factors affecting digital teaching in Ekiti State." Was this a question in the survey. Readers need to see the actual survey.	
<b>Optional/General</b> comments	Overall, the paper is acceptable. I would highly recommend the authors correct the issues above. Without seeing the actual survey, I am not sure if the conclusion about COVID-19 and technology use can really be stated as it is in the manuscript. It seems as though resource constraints are the biggest obstacle in this region and not teachers' feeling towards technology usage.	

**PART 2:**

	<b>Reviewer's comment</b>	<b>Author's comment</b> (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
<b>Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?</b>	<i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i>	

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