AI-Enabled Development of English Micro-Lecture Resources in Mobile Learning Contexts

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Abstract. As artificial intelligence (AI) converges with mobile internet technologies, English micro-lecture development is moving from static delivery toward intelligent and adaptive services. Guided by recent national policies, including the Outline of the Plan for Building an Education Powerhouse (2024–2035), this paper identifies three major challenges in mobile English micro-lecture design: repetitive content, weak interactivity, and limited personalization. To address these issues, we examine how AI can add value through resource optimization, improved teaching quality, and higher learning efficiency. We further propose three design principles, namely ease of production and high compatibility, generative integration, and closed-loop iterative improvement, together with specific implementation pathways. Supported by three representative case studies, the proposed framework offers a practical roadmap for developing smarter English learning resources and for making micro-lecture production and learning more intelligent and personalized.

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1 Introduction

Rapid progress in big data, AI, and mobile networks is driving a deep digital transformation in education. Policy documents consistently emphasize that integrating AI into education is necessary for reform, for unlocking new technological capacity, and for building an open, flexible lifelong learning system. In this direction, major initiatives such as China Education Modernization 2035 aim to create a modern and inclusive education framework. Likewise, the Outline of the Plan for Building an Education Powerhouse (2024–2035) calls on educators to use AI to transform teaching and to support large-scale, student-centered learning.

The temporal and spatial boundaries that once defined traditional English instruction are dissolving, largely due to the rise of mobile learning as a platform for self-directed, fragmented study. This trend dovetails with contemporary educational mandates that prioritize core literacy alongside bespoke learning paths. Yet, a persistent challenge remains: many legacy instructional materials are too rigid—structurally and conceptually—to keep pace with these fluctuating student needs. Micro-lectures offer a partial

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solution through their inherent portability; nevertheless, their sheer volume has surfaced deep-seated issues like repetitive content and a general lack of meaningful user engagement. It is here that recent leaps in generative AI and natural language processing prove vital, offering untapped methods to bypass these technical roadblocks. Consequently, the push for AI-driven English micro-lectures tailored for mobile use is less of a luxury and more of a practical necessity to align policy directives with the realities of the modern classroom.

2 Literature Review

2.1 Technological Advances in AI-Empowered Micro-Lecture Production

AI-mediated production has transitioned from isolated functions to a comprehensive, end-to-end workflow. A technical framework involving script generation, speech synthesis, and nonlinear editing was established by Zhang (2025)[8], who documented measurable gains in both speed and quality. This concept was expanded by Zheng et al. (2025)[7] into a "text-to-video" pipeline; in this model, Large Language Models (LLMs) handle prompt engineering while specialized tools synthesize the final visual assets. Empirical results from the “What to Learn Today” platform show that production for a 10-minute micro-lecture can be compressed to under 30 minutes (He, 2025)[3]. Furthermore, the use of a complete AI toolchain—incorporating DeepSeek, ChanJing, MiniMax, and Jianying—has been linked to higher student satisfaction and pedagogical efficiency (Duan & Qiu, 2026)[2]. Technology has also reached the point of high-fidelity acoustic reconstruction, as seen in IFLYTEK’s emulation of the voice of CCTV narrator Li Yi. These advancements indicate that AI can effectively enhance the resonance and immersion of micro-learning content.

2.2 Resource Development in Mobile Learning Environments

Dipping into the mobile learning context, Jia and Li (2025) [4]developed the ML-Micro design model to improve cognitive, behavioral, and emotional engagement. Using TRIZ theory, Shi et al. (2025)[5] addressed a common problem in fragmented learning: abundant information but limited knowledge gain. They argued for a redesign of the learning logic itself. Cao (2025)[1] also proposed a “five-in-one” teaching model that connects classroom teaching, mobile learning, independent study, group work, and assessment feedback.

2.3 Research Gaps

Despite these advances, a clear gap remains: there is still little research on how AI can be used specifically to develop English micro-lectures for mobile platforms. Much of the current work stays at a general technological level and does not fully address the tension between fragmented mobile use and the sustained focus required for language learning. By contrast, studies on mobile micro-lectures often focus on front-end design, while paying less attention to AI scheduling, content matching, and back-end optimization.

3 Practical Challenges in Developing Mobile English Micro-Lectures

3.1 Content Dimension: Resource Redundancy and Cognitive Overload

Students now usually face a flood of similar, poorly organized English micro-lectures. This creates a problem of choice overload,which renders the learners waist a lot of time to choose which video to learn. Mobile learning is fragmented by nature, and that makes the problem worse. A large volume of repeated information can actually make useful knowledge harder to find.

3.2 Interaction Dimension: Unidirectional Instruction and Feedback Deficits

Most micro-lectures still rely on passive watching and repetitive exercises. They do not provide the real-time communication that language learning requires. AI can support virtual dialogue and instant correction, but these elements are still missing from many current resources.

3.3 Personalization Dimension: Static Standardization vs. Individual Variation

Traditional micro-lectures, once finalized, typically remain in a static state. In this process, developers often have no access to collect key leaning behavioral data, such as viewing time and error patterns, points of interest ,etc. This lack of dynamic responsiveness to individual learning trajectories tends to erode student engagement.When the micro-lectures featuring "one-size-fits-all", fail to respond to the different learning needs, which in turn diminish the instructional effectiveness of the micro-lectures.

4 Core Values of AI-Enabled micro-lecture Development

4.1 Resource Optimization: Maximizing Material Utility and Delivery

Generative AI' s proficiency in rapid synthesis directly alleviates the logistical weight of curating core instructional components, such as contextualized vocabulary and graded reading texts. Shifting these labor-intensive preparatory duties to automated systems enables a more precise calibration of content to student-specific proficiencies, effectively bypassing the limitations of generic models. This move toward an adaptive architecture ensures that while foundational reinforcement remains available for struggling students, more rigorous intellectual challenges are simultaneously presented to advanced learners. These digital assets avoid stagnation through a refinement loop driven by empirical classroom feedback.

4.2 Teaching Quality Enhancement

AI helps connect the three phrases of a class: pre-class period, in-class period , and post-class learning period. Before class, micro-lectures let students preview key concepts. During class, teachers can use real-time data, such as heat-maps of class performance or individual errors, to intervene where needed. After class, the system can assign tailored exercises. This cycle turns static videos into diagnostic tools and supports a more student-centered classroom.

4.3 Learning Efficiency Improvement

On mobile apps, speech recognition can assess pronunciation, while deep learning models can review writing and provide immediate correction. The system can then generate visual progress reports and recommend review videos based on specific errors. This creates a continuous loop of assessment, diagnosis, and recommendation, which strengthens language ability and self-directed learning habits.

5 Principles, Pathways, and Architecture for Resource Development

5.1 Three Innovative Principles

There are many principles suitable to used in making micro-lectures. Here are three more essential ones to be noticed.

Principle 1:Ease of Production and High Compatibility. Ease of production means low production barriers which enable faster posting and iteration.We also focus on high compatibility because mobile screens are small, attention spans are limited, and network conditions vary, micro-lectures should remain short, ideally 5 to 12 minutes, and compact in file size, ideally under 50 MB. They should support offline storage and seamless resume playback. Each lesson should follow a “single learning point + instant quiz” structure to reduce cognitive load. In this way, the vague idea of brevity becomes a set of measurable standards.

Principle 2: Generative Integration. AI serves as the core engine of content creation rather than as a secondary tool. We suggest that AI-generated content (AIGC) produce more than 80% of basic materials, including scripts, images, and voice-overs. AI can also transform the words into sounds and sounds into images, and images into animations. At the same time, human-machine collaboration remains necessary for quality control. AI provides speed and scale, while teachers ensure accuracy, pedagogical value, and creative direction.

Principle 3: Feedback-driven Iteration. The resource system is intended to support continuous data collection, analysis, and self-optimization. Indicators such as completion rates and common error patterns are fed back into the central database automatically, where they drive content revision. If the failure rate on a specific grammar quiz exceeds 30%, the system can generate a focused review video and notify the instructor at once. In this way, the resource repository gradually develops into a dynamic educational environment with ongoing improvement, rather than remaining a static collection of files.

5.2 Four-Step Implementation Pathway

We want to use the AIGC to help us make micro-lecture easier,faster and better.

Step 1: Rapid Production via the Text-to-Image-to-Video Chain. Following the approach by Zheng et al. (2025)[7], LLMs write the scripts and prompts. These feed into image and video generators, capped off by AI voiceovers and a final check by the teacher. This method cuts the time needed to make a 5-minute video from 8 hours down to less than an hour.

Step 2: Interaction Enhancement for Mobile Scenarios. To keep learners engaged without lengthening the video, developers should add three functions: read-aloud assessment, real-time AI conversation tutors, and quick touch-based quizzes, such as drag-and-drop tasks,filling the blanks,every two to three minutes.

Step 3: Data-Driven Personalized Scheduling. By building detailed learner profiles, a hybrid algorithm that combines collaborative filtering with knowledge graphs can match students with appropriate materials. The longer the learners spend on the micro-lecture learning, the more detailed their profiles data become. The system monitors real-time performance and adjusts the learning path automatically and efficiently, sending struggling learners back to foundational content when needed.

Step 4: Dynamic Maintenance via a Unified Platform. An efficient app environment, such as a WeChat Mini Program,bilibili, Tik Tok, rednote ect. can integrate video playback, data tracking, and student feedback by using danmaku comments and bullet comments. AI-generated monthly reports can show which videos are underperforming, helping teachers decide what should be revised or removed so that the content library stays effective.

5.3 Evidence from Innovative Practices

Case Study 1: Southwest Petroleum University (Tang ,Li & Wang, 2023)[6]. After introducing AI tutors and an updated knowledge graph, the average daily time students spent on micro-lectures increased by 230%. Personalized recommendations also raised the overall cohort pass rate by 18 percentage points. This supports the value of data-driven scheduling and Feedback-driven Iteration.

Case Study 2: AI-Powered Creation of Practice Exercise Micro-Lessons (Duan & Qiu, 2026)[2]. When Junyao Duan ‘s team try to create physics micro-lectures, they use an integrated AI suite, like Deepseek. The attempt is quite worthwhile. It reduced production time from one week to two days while keeping student satisfaction at around 92%.This demonstrates that AIGC is entirely viable as the primary force in micro-course production. It also illustrates that, provided there is strict human oversight during the scripting phase to ensure content accuracy, routine development can be entrusted to AI.

Case Study 3: Mitta’s “What to Learn Today” (He, 2025)[3]. In He Yin’s case, they utilized Mitta to produce video courseware. The platform can generate 10-minute video lessons in a very short time, with its underlying design perfectly embodying the principle of “ease of production and high compatibility.” It demonstrates that for standard English grammar and vocabulary lessons, It is realistic to realize large-scale video creation with the aid of AI.

Taken together, these cases show that the framework works both at the level of individual principles and as a complete system. Ease of production and high compatibility keeps resources mobile-friendly, generative integration enables scale, and Feedback-driven Iteration keeps the content improving.

6 Conclusions and Outlook

This paper proposes a practical “Three Principles + Four-Step Pathway” model for developing AI-enabled English micro-lecture resources in mobile learning contexts. By showing the value of resource optimization, improved teaching quality, and stronger learning efficiency, and by grounding the argument in representative case studies, the paper fills a gap in rapid end-to-end development strategies. It also offers a realistic guide for supporting national goals for AI-driven educational reform.

The main contribution lies in the three core principles: ease of production and high compatibility, generative integration, and Feedback-driven Iteration. These principles move AI from a simple add-on to a foundational method. Combined with chained generation and adaptive scheduling, they provide a clear and repeatable process for educators.

The study still has limits. It relies mainly on localized case studies rather than large-scale empirical data, and it does not examine the cost or ethics of AI deployment in depth. Future research should use quasi-experimental designs to measure learning outcomes more accurately, explore edge-computing AI solutions, and examine data privacy and algorithmic fairness more closely.

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