



THE ROLE OF THE CHOICE OF METHODOLOGY IN LANGUAGE LEARNING

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ABSTRACT

As the world becomes ever more connected, the appeal of learning a new language is clear. Whether for business or pleasure, being able to communicate on an international level can bring many benefits. Nowadays most students of higher education want to use effective study methods so they can learn a language fast and speak it. So today English teachers of higher educations should be creative, searchable and find the best suitable method for each group or even for each student. In this article there are given some modern methods of teaching English.

Throughout the history of teaching languages a number of different teaching approaches and methodologies have been tried and tested with some being more popular and effective than others teaching English as a foreign language at universities and institutes is an interesting and hard task for teachers. However, nowadays there are a lot of methods, programmes of teaching foreign languages.

As a language learners students also get a huge benefit from learning process. Learning a new language can be rewarding on many levels, both personally and professionally. Although it can sometimes seem like a daunting undertaking, there are plenty of reasons to do so. What's more, it's never been easier to find the right resources and connect with native speakers and other learners. There have been many studies that examine how we process language learning in our brains. It's a fascinating subject area, with some surprising findings. For example, the complex process by which we learn a language can increase white and grey matter volume in the brain. Another area that has been studied in detail is how being multilingual can impact a person's career prospects. Several surveys have shown that those who can speak more than one language have the potential to earn more money. As you work on your language skills, you'll also learn and be able to demonstrate a variety of other competencies. Learning a foreign language helps with things like creativity, multitasking, and problem-solving skills. Whichever language(s) you choose to learn, you're giving yourself the opportunity to meet and interact with new people. As we'll see, one of the essential elements of learning a language is understanding the different cultures that speak it.

So, now that I mentioned about the benefits that come from studying another language, it's time to get into some of top tips teaching a language. When it comes to deciding how to teach

English, there are several points to consider. There are some tried and tested methods that many language tutors find useful. I've highlighted some of these methods below:

The Direct Method

The direct method of teaching English is also known as the Natural Method. It's used to teach a number of different languages not just English, and the main idea of the Direct Method is that it only uses the target language that the students are trying to learn. Its main focus is oral skill and it is taught via repetitive drilling. Grammar is taught using an inductive way and students need to try and guess the rules through the teacher's oral presentation. At Uzbekistan's most universities this method is used effectively.

The Grammar Translation Method

Just like its name suggests, this method of teaching English is grammar heavy and relies a lot on translation. This is the traditional or 'classical' way of learning a language and it's still commonly used when learning some languages. Some countries prefer this style of teaching and the main idea behind this method is that the students learn all grammar rules, so they're able to translate a number of sentences. This is particularly common for those students who wish to study literature at a deeper level. So, this method is more efficient at language and literature higher schools' students.

The Audio Lingual Method

This is related to the Direct Method and just like its predecessor it only uses the target language. The biggest difference between the Audio Lingual Method and the Direct Method is its focus of teaching. The Direct Methods focuses on the teaching of vocabulary whereas the Audio Lingual Method focuses on specific grammar teachings.

The Structural Approach

As the name suggests, the method is all about structure. The idea is that any language is made up of complex grammar rules. These rules, according to this approach need to be learnt in a specific order, for example the logical thing would be to teach the verb "to be" prior to teaching the present continuous which requires using the auxiliary form of the verb "to be."

Suggestopedia

This is a behaviourist theory and related to pseudoscience. This method relies heavily on students' belief about the method's effectiveness. This theory is intended to offer learners various choices, which in turn helps them become more responsible for their learning. It relies a lot on the atmosphere and the physical surroundings of the group. It's essential that all learners feel equally comfortable and confident. When teachers are training to use the Suggestopedia method, there's a lot of art and music involved.

Total Physical Response

Beginner students or freshmen will learn English through a series of repetitive actions such as "Stand up", "Open your book", "Close the door", and "Walk to the window and open it." With TPR, the most important skill is aural comprehension and everything else will follow naturally later.

Communicative Language Teaching (CLT)

The idea behind this approach is to help students communicate more effectively and correctly in realistic situations that they may find themselves in. This type of teaching involves focusing on important functions like suggesting, thanking, inviting, complaining, and asking for directions to name but a few.

The Silent Way

The Silent Way emphasises learner autonomy. The teacher acts merely as a facilitator trying to encourage students to be more active in their learning. The main of this way of teaching is for the teacher to say very little, so students can take control of their learning. There's a big emphasis on pronunciation and a large chunk of the lesson focuses on it. This method of learning English follows a structural syllabus and grammar, vocabulary and pronunciation are constantly drilled and recycled for reinforcement. The teacher evaluates their students through careful observation, and it's even possible that they may never set a formal test as learners are encouraged to correct their own language errors.

Community Language Learning

This is probably one of the English teaching methods where the student feels the safest as there's a great emphasis on the relationship and bond between the student and teacher.

Task Based Language Learning

The main aim of this approach to learning is task completion. Usually, relevant and interesting tasks are set by the teacher and students are expected to draw on their pre-existing knowledge of English to complete the task with as few errors as possible.

The Lexical Approach

The Lexical syllabus or approach is based on computer studies that have previously identified the most commonly used words. This approach in teaching focuses on vocabulary acquisition and teaching lexical chunks in order of their frequency and use. Teachers of the Lexical Approach place a great emphasis on authentic materials and realistic scenarios for more valuable learning.

To conclude teaching a language can help in both your personal and professional life. It can boost other skills and improve your cultural understanding. Each student has unique talent, interest in learning a new language. So, a professional teacher should find the most suitable effective methods of teaching a foreign language according to student's own desire, capability and time.

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