



The Role of English in India and different Methods of teaching

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Abstract:

In our country English is important for a number of reasons. India is a land of diversity. Different people speak different languages. A person of Tamilnadu does not speak English. So, he can't understand English of a person from North India. However, he can understand in English.

So, English is a link language. Different people can communicate with one another with the help of English. Secondly, all advanced knowledge in science, technology and medicine is available in English. The results of the latest researches come to India through the medium of English. If we give up English, we will lag behind in the higher fields of study. Today the world has become one family.

It is all due to English. English is an international language. It is the language of constitution, the Supreme Court, the high court's and official departments. English is now firmly rooted in the soil of India. Thus, English has great importance for the integrity of India.

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1. Introduction

In this present age of communication, Language becomes a vital and an important means, on which human beings are by and large relying upon. It is the language not only of England but of the extensive domains and colonies associated with the British Empire, and it is the language of British Empire. So, it is spoken or read in almost all parts of the world for historical, political and economic reasons.

Sarasvati's gift to India". As a blessing which Indians were somehow privileged to receive.

2. Necessity of English Language

Learners of English in India have realized that English is not necessary for shaping of character, or for getting civilized but is needed for mobility and social and economic success. It is the language of opportunities which takes one outside one's own community, to places where more opportunities are available.

English has just about everything the human race does and all modern information in any branch of knowledge- agriculture, economics, political science, computer technology etc. It is an 'expanding language' in a world of 'exploding information'.

3. Various methods of teaching English

1. Discussion cum Narration Method
2. Question Answer Method
3. Supervised Method
4. Assignment Method
5. Group Discussion- Pair work
6. Self –learning

1. Discussion cum Narration

This method is based on the functions of language. People interact and use the spoken language the learners should be assigned the tasks in which they themselves have to discuss or narrate. Communication is a bipolar activity in which one is sender and another is receiver. This method is learner centered. They play active role in learning language. Now let us see how a teacher can make it useful and productive. It may be group or pair activity. Learners are given topic of their own choice to be discussed. In this method Learners learn how to participate in communicative acts.

2. Question-Answer Method

It is popular among learners because teacher is used to ask questions and learners are expected to answer them. In the classroom environment the teacher can motivate learners to perform their task. The teacher should make it a natural activity by taking the task from the real-life situations. It is highly learner centered activity because here the teacher is the facilitator while this activity is going on. And learners should be given liberty to form their groups in order to make it healthy and interesting activity.

3. Supervised Study

Learning language is more or less task based and learners have to do some task in order to acquire skill. During this kind of study, the teacher is helping hand and learners are led to the task assigned what the teacher can do to make this method effective in the classroom.

The task assigned to them should be attainable. The learners are motivated to study on their own. The teacher is supervising it means the guidance is offered friendly.

4. Assignment Method

It is also one more approach to teach language. The teacher has limited time to teach and learner have to learn more so it is obligatory on the part of the teacher to assign some task to be performed at the pace of the learners. The efforts of learners in absence of teacher can be called assignment. The participatory activities like conference, seminars are also part of this method. In short in this method learners are assigned any kind of task to be performed by active participation and that enables them to develop required skills.

5. Group- Discussion- Pair work

In modern methods of teaching English, the group discussion has its own significance. It is an ideal activity with a view to developing interactive skills. In this method the teacher shares a common platform where the learner plays a major role and teacher elicits responses so that they communicate with each other.

6. Self- Learning

The learning is a lifelong process. In this method the learners employ their own efforts in learning are known as self-learning. Sometimes learners are found visiting libraries or reading extra materials. It is a self-paced individualistic learning. There is no doubt in saying that acquiring skills is always self-learning.

4. Conclusion

In a nutshell we can say that English is the only language which connects us with the world. And the responsibility lies with the teacher who can enliven the subject in the classroom by introducing innovative techniques so that the learner is drawn to the subject. Previously, it was the time when teacher used to speak and deliver lectures while the students were only the passive listeners, but in the present scenario students are given chance to express their ideas and thoughts. They are no more passive listeners. So now communicative approach is used so that students are given chance to speak. They play a prime role in this approach. And to enliven this approach various activities like role playing, interviewing, quiz, Dialogues are arranged so that they are given chance to work on their own and teacher's role is only to guide them.

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