

MODERN METHODS AND TEACHING TECHNOLOGIES OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES

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Abstract: *This paper deals with the modern methods and approaches in teaching a foreign language thoroughly. Moreover, this article illustrates how to use new innovative technologies in teaching English. The author's purpose is to show the significant role of some up-to-date methods in teaching English intensively.*

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INTRODUCTION

The needs of our state for highly qualified specialists capable of establishing business contacts and business cooperation with foreign partners, professionals who speak a foreign language at a professional level, are reflected in the working curricula of universities in the country. Today, a foreign language is not just a part of the culture of a certain nation, but it is also the key to success, the future successful career of students. Achieving a high level of proficiency in a foreign language is impossible without fundamental language training in higher education. At most universities in the country, students master at least two foreign languages. Modern ways of educating English have enhanced in the last twenty years. Nowadays everything alters, obviously in teaching the English language. As a matter of fact, there is an enormous variability of strategies of teaching foreign languages to language learners. Today the process of English learning will be more student - centered, but less time consuming. Therefore, we should use the modern methods in teaching a foreign language. The modern teaching methods help to build or develop a productive understanding of basic science and technology.

In our increasingly interconnected world, learning foreign languages has become more important than ever. Here's a brief overview of why:

1. **Global Communication:** Proficiency in multiple languages facilitates better communication and understanding between people from different cultures. This is crucial for international business, diplomacy, and personal connections.

2. **Career Opportunities:** Multilingual individuals are highly valued in the job market. Companies with global operations seek employees who can communicate with clients and partners in various languages, making language skills a competitive edge.

3. **Cultural Appreciation:** Learning a foreign language allows individuals to explore and appreciate other cultures more deeply. It provides insights into different ways of thinking, traditions, and values, fostering greater empathy and global awareness.

4. **Cognitive Benefits:** Studies show that multilingualism enhances cognitive abilities such as problem-solving, multitasking, and memory. It also delays the onset of cognitive decline in older adults.

5. **Travel and Experience:** Speaking multiple languages enriches travel experiences, allowing for more meaningful interactions with locals and a better understanding of the places visited.

6. **Educational and Academic Growth:** Language skills open up access to diverse academic resources and perspectives, contributing to a broader and more inclusive educational experience.

In summary, learning foreign languages not only bridges communication gaps but also enriches personal and professional lives, enhances cognitive function, and deepens cultural understanding in a globalized world.

The evolution of language learning methods reflects broader changes in technology, educational theory, and global communication. Here's a look at how traditional methods have evolved into contemporary approaches:

1. Traditional Methods

- **Grammar-Translation Method:** This classical approach focused heavily on grammar rules and vocabulary memorization, with extensive translation exercises. It was effective for reading and writing but often lacked practical speaking and listening practice.

- **Direct Method:** Emphasized immersion by teaching vocabulary and grammar in the context of everyday conversations. It aimed to teach language the way children learn their mother tongue, focusing on oral skills.

- **Audio-Lingual Method:** Developed during World War II, this method used repetition and drills to instill language patterns. It relied heavily on listening and speaking practices but often neglected reading and writing.

2. Contemporary Approaches

- **Communicative Language Teaching (CLT):** Emphasizes interaction as the primary means of learning. This method focuses on functional language use and real-life communication, aiming to improve fluency and comprehension.

- **Task-Based Learning:** Centers around completing meaningful tasks using the target language, such as planning a trip or solving a problem. This approach helps learners use language in context, promoting practical use over rote learning.

- **Blended Learning:** Combines traditional classroom methods with online resources and tools. It offers flexibility and a variety of learning materials, including multimedia content, to cater to different learning styles.

- **Flipped Classroom:** Inverts traditional teaching by having students engage with new content at home through videos and interactive materials, while classroom time is devoted to practicing and applying the knowledge through activities and discussions.

- **Personalized Learning:** Utilizes data and technology to tailor learning experiences to individual needs and preferences. This approach uses AI-driven tools to adapt lessons, provide customized feedback, and track progress.

- **Immersive Technologies:** Virtual Reality (VR) and Augmented Reality (AR) create interactive environments for learners to practice language skills in simulated real-world scenarios. These technologies enhance engagement and provide context-rich learning experiences.

3. Digital Tools and Resources

- Language Learning Apps and Platforms: Modern apps like Duolingo and Babbel offer interactive lessons and gamified learning experiences. Online platforms also provide access to native speakers and diverse learning materials.

- Online Communities and Language Exchange: Websites and forums facilitate language practice with native speakers and other learners through text, voice, and video exchanges. These platforms offer authentic communication experiences and cultural exchange.

In summary, the shift from traditional to contemporary methods reflects a move towards more interactive, personalized, and technology-enhanced learning experiences. Modern approaches emphasize real-world application, engagement, and flexibility, aligning with the needs of today's diverse and digitally connected learners.

We proceed to the following method of teaching English language. This is an intensive method. - The principle of collective interaction, which is leading in the method of activation, the most famous in the intensive method. This principle relates the objectives of training and education, describes the means, methods and conditions of the educational process. To the educational process, which was based on this principle, characterized by the fact that students interact with others, broadening their knowledge, improve their skills. - The principle of learner-centered communication is no less important. It is based on the impact of communication, his character and style for the implementation of rehabilitation and educational purposes. In conversation, each is both impact and exposed. Especially important place here is the knowledge of other people, which is a prerequisite of human communication.

CONCLUSION

It is important to note that all the above principles are interrelated, interdependent and mutually reinforcing. Therefore, adherence to the attached system requires compliance with all the above principles and how they are combined. The evolution of language learning methods from traditional approaches to contemporary techniques highlights the dynamic nature of education in a globalized world. Traditional methods, with their focus on grammar, repetition, and structured practice, laid the foundation for language acquisition but often lacked practical application and engagement.

Modern methods, driven by advancements in technology and a deeper understanding of effective learning strategies, offer more interactive, personalized, and immersive experiences. Digital tools, immersive technologies, and innovative teaching approaches now make language learning more accessible, engaging, and adaptable to individual needs. These contemporary methods not only enhance communication skills but also foster cultural appreciation and cognitive development.

As the world continues to globalize, the ability to learn and use multiple languages remains a crucial asset. Embracing these modern methods can lead to more effective and enjoyable language learning experiences, equipping individuals with the skills to navigate and thrive in an interconnected world.

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