



# Importance of Modern Teaching Methods in English Language Teaching

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## ABSTRACT

This article talks about the importance of modern teaching methods in English language teaching. The modern method of teaching English is built on the basis of the classical method of learning foreign languages. One of the important tasks and goals of modern methods is teaching communication and mastery of speech means. At the same time, each technique has distinctive features, due to a combination of different methods, techniques and means.

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Language has been and will remain the key to the world of knowledge. Proficiency with multiple languages has been valued since ancient times. At each stage of the development of society, a certain language played an important role for all mankind. Knowledge of foreign languages opens new doors for a person to improve himself and expand his worldview. If earlier knowledge of the German language was required, today English plays a prominent role.

The ability to speak English competently is closely related to its teaching. The modern age requires a new approach, new methods of teaching foreign languages. To awaken in the child the desire to learn, to acquire new knowledge and activities, while building the further direction of their own education, is the main goal of the current school. The students are tasked with independently studying, finding, analyzing materials, while the main task of the teacher is the right direction. The teacher needs to logically correctly build a lesson so that students are interested in learning English, since the practice of the traditional method, forcing students to cram

words, grammar in practice did not give the desired result.

The search for new teaching methods is associated with a lack of motivation among students to learn English. Very often, there is no positive motivation, because when learning a foreign language, students encounter some difficulties and do not learn the material due to their psychological characteristics. Work experience shows that the use of various, modern, fresh sources and means provokes students' interest, increases their motivation to study.

Teaching methods – (from other Greek μέθοδος - the path) - the process of interaction between the teacher and students, as a result of which the transfer and assimilation of knowledge, skills and abilities provided for by the content of training occurs [1,p.85]. It should be noted that the teaching method is a complex, systemic formation, which is characterized by all the features that underlie the classification. The methodology of teaching a foreign language, in turn, is a set of methods, methods, teaching techniques aimed at mastering a foreign language [2,p.52]. The combination of

various forms of work and methods helps to creatively organize the lesson, awakening students' interest in this subject. One of the important tasks and goals of modern methods is teaching communication and mastery of speech means. At the same time, each technique has distinctive features, due to a combination of different methods, techniques and means.

The modern method of teaching English is built on the basis of the classical method of learning foreign languages. However, the psychological aspect, foreign cinema, information technology had an impact on her. The methods of teaching English used 20 years ago were more of a reproductive nature. Learn the words, read the text, listen to the audio recording, write a letter - this is how the tasks that the tutor gave looked like. Perhaps for this reason, most adults who have studied the language for many years can read and write in English but have difficulty speaking.

Modern methods of teaching English have changed reproductive methods to interactive ones. Today, obtaining knowledge is an interaction between a student and a teacher. The curriculum is built, first of all, taking into account the age characteristics of students. For preschoolers and younger students, this type of lesson is more suitable, such as a game, a journey, a video, a competition and others. An adult student prefers a classical lesson. For this age, traditional tasks are also suitable: compose a story, do an exercise, read the text, perform listening, and so on. Writing a story allows you to learn how to use active and passive vocabulary, expand vocabulary, and improve conversational speech. Doing exercises helps to learn grammatical material. Reading the text forms not only reading skills, but also immerses in the culture and traditions of the language being studied. Listening - improves understanding of oral speech.

But do not forget that the most effective methods of learning English are interactive. Therefore, the method of immersion in the language environment is now very popular. This technique teaches to "think" in English. The study of a foreign language takes place entirely in English. This is real not only in a

bilingual family, but also in a regular class. It is enough for the teacher to fully conduct the lesson in English, to use visualization. To build a lesson in such a way that, despite the foreign language, students understand the teacher. The high level of training of the teacher will allow such a lesson to be held even for the smallest. If earlier parents of preschoolers and younger schoolchildren were frightened by this method, now, seeing the enthusiastic eyes of children and their progress, they recognized the effectiveness of this technique. After all, the best method of learning English is the one that arouses interest in learning.

Many teachers combine different methods, use both immersion in the language environment and a classical lesson in their work. Knowledge of the methodology of teaching English, psychology and pedagogy allows them to identify the peculiarities of perception and thinking, to select the necessary methods and forms of work. Indeed, along with the English lesson, other forms of organizing classes are also popular: a round table, a concert, a language club, a conference, olympiads and many others. This allows you to include a large number of students in the language environment.

As motivation increases, skills improve. If earlier the question of how to teach spoken English was open, now a person of any age can be taught to speak a foreign language. Of course, the older the person, the more work to be done.

And here a lot depends not even on the age of the student, but on the initial level of knowledge, motivation and diligence. However, the immersion method will allow not only to learn the language, but also to organize leisure activities with benefit.

Its peculiarity is that the teacher not only leads the lesson, but also controls the consolidation of the studied topic. The classic homework has been replaced by recommendations: watch a movie in English, talk to a native speaker, listen to a song and complete tasks. Watching films in English is a task that not only teaches you to understand foreign speech, but can also become interesting entertainment. It improves pronunciation,

helps to better express your thoughts in English. Communication with a native speaker helps to develop the skill of understanding oral speech. After such practice, any foreigner is not afraid! Listening to songs in English is no longer a new, but always an interesting form of listening. Recently, computer games in English have also become popular. They are used not only for teaching children, but also adults. And we are talking not only about educational games, but also story games, arcades, simulators, role-playing and others.

Of course, some students are more suited to the traditional way of learning. Its basis is the study of lexical and grammatical material with the subsequent completion of tasks. Knowledge of psychology will help the teacher improve the foreign language skills of any student using any method.

Sometimes it is difficult to choose between the immersion method and the traditional method. To choose which method is best to learn English, it is best to try learning the language in different ways. But there is not always time to attend many different courses and choose the best one. In this case, you should rely on the goal of learning a foreign language. For those who want to learn how to speak English, the communicative method is more suitable. It improves speech, thinking, creativity. It goes well with various forms of organizing classes. This technique is based on the principle of group interaction. The main forms of work: business games, project activities, group work, conferences. Thanks to communication with students with different levels of language proficiency, conversational speech improves, the so-called "language barrier" disappears.

The need to learn English leaves no chance for anyone. Some do not want to learn a language with a teacher and choose the self-learning method. This method has been around for a long time. When self-instruction books and phrasebooks appeared on sale. People began to make attempts to learn languages themselves. But independent work is not just reading a textbook or listening to a CD. If a computer program can still correct mistakes, develop skills, then direct, pick up tasks for

consolidation, support - this is only possible for a person. Therefore, those who try to learn the language on their own do not often succeed. This method is best used only at the initial stage, to obtain a base. Or to supplement classes with a teacher.

In addition to teaching methods, there are many disputes among teachers regarding the selection of particular methods. For example, learning to read may begin with the study of letters and sounds, which then make up words. Or maybe the method of the whole word. The latter is especially well applicable for creating a language environment. It helps to better memorize words, sentences, improves conversational speech. The choice of teaching aid also depends on the teaching methodology. In the modern world, this is not only a textbook, but also a workbook, CDs and DVDs, and training programs. A well-chosen learning tool is a help not only to the student, but also to the teacher. Ideally, the curriculum, textbook, teaching methods are selected individually for each student.

Also, many are concerned about another question: "What is the best way to learn a foreign language: in a pair, in a group or individually?". Here, too, much depends on the individual characteristics, goals and objectives of the student. To improve your speaking skills, it is better to select group classes. They can be organized using the communicative method or immersion. To prepare for the exam, individual work with a teacher is well suited. It is usually built using the traditional technique or in combination with the immersion method.

Choosing a methodology for learning English can seem difficult, but for the right choice, you just need to rely on the criteria outlined above:

- The purpose of the lessons.
- Level of preparation.
- Psychological comfort.
- Motivation.

Many parents become interested in learning a language from a very young age. However, a child under the age of 5 learns words automatically and does not yet understand the rules. Therefore, it is recommended that kids get acquainted with the alphabet, colors, names

of toys, fruits, etc. in a playful way. It is better to leave more thorough training until school age.

**Bilingual method.** The peculiarity is in the parallel translation of everything that the teacher says. The method involves watching videos with subtitles, reading bilingual books, simultaneous translation of direct speech. Efficiency is enhanced if a teenager has the opportunity to speak English with his relatives at home. As a rule, it focuses on sociocultural materials so that a person understands the difference in the use of words and at the same time gets acquainted with the culture of the country. This method is especially useful for those teenagers who plan to study abroad.

**Targeted learning.** A popular approach used in courses or in the classroom. The teacher gives a topic that the students must independently work out and present - after the speech, the teacher gives recommendations that need to be implemented to improve the assimilation of the topic.

#### Language Teaching Methods:

- bilingual and multilingual method;
- through translations;
- direct conversational method;
- "speaking class";
- emotional-semantic approach;
- training and retraining courses;
- online teaching;

#### Application of adult learning methods.

On the one hand, it is easier to teach adults, because an adult consciously begins to study the language, therefore he is diligent, attentive and disciplined. But, on the other hand, the older a person is, the more difficult it is for him to do some things, for example, memorizing a list of irregular verbs or listening to fluent spoken speech. Here are some tips to help you teach quality adult learners:

Be interested in purpose. If it is important for a person to be able to communicate, then you should not load him with grammar. It is better to teach them how to conduct a dialogue beautifully and correctly, defend their point of view and joke in English.

Ask about the student's profession. He may need to be able to talk about her in English, or he may be able to improve his skills

with the help of your lessons. And you can also select materials based on what the student understands. Another important plus can be adding another type of English to your resume, for example, for IT, business or law.

Don't be afraid to use techniques for children. Adults also love cartoons and comics, so feel free to offer a wide variety of types and materials.

- Always start with a goal that will be different for each student.
- Describe in as much detail as possible what tasks you need to achieve the goal.
- Talk to your student about your plans for learning.
- Form a personal methodological base: principles, techniques, rules.
- Alternate between independent and collaborative work.
- Think about what resources you will use during class, discuss them.
- Maintain a constant dialogue, be ready to adjust your plans.
- Consider ways to diagnose and monitor student progress.

To learn to speak English, you need a certain system or as it is more commonly called, a methodology for teaching English, which would allow you to solve the tasks as fully as possible, namely: to acquire the skills of reading, understanding speech by ear, speaking and writing in the target language.

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