

Different Teaching Methods for the English Language

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Abstract- With more than 1.5 billion speakers, English is the most commonly spoken language in the world. Additionally, it is the language of global culture, education, and business. Consequently, the demand for English language instruction is rising globally. The English language can be taught in a variety of ways, each with unique benefits and drawbacks. A learner's age, learning preferences and objectives will determine the most effective approach for them. Grammar and vocabulary are the main emphasis of traditional English language method. These techniques, which are frequently employed in educational institutions, can help students who want to get better grades.

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INTRODUCTION

The grammar-translation method is among the most often used conventional approaches. With this approach, grammar rules are taught first, followed by translations from English to the learner's mother tongue. The grammatical translation approach may work well for students who wish to comprehend English grammar, but it may not work as well for students who wish to converse in English. Gebhard (2013). The audio-lingual approach is another conventional technique. This approach emphasizes speaking and listening abilities. Learners are encouraged to mimic and repeat what they hear, and they are exposed to a lot of English-language input. The audio-lingual approach may work well for students who wish to increase their fluency and pronunciation, but it may not work as well for those who wish to deepen their grasp of grammar. The ability to speak in English is the main goal of communicative English language instruction. Adult education settings and immersion programs frequently employ these techniques.

The communicative language teaching (CLT) approach is among the most widely used communication strategies. CLT emphasizes the use of English for practical communication. Students are

given the chance to develop their English speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills. Learners of all ages can benefit from CLT, but those who wish to be able to utilize English in daily situations will benefit most from it. Brown (2019) Task-based learning is another way to communicate (TBL). TBL entails giving students assignments that call for them to speak in English. Students receive feedback on their performance and are allowed to pick how they wish to finish the assignment. TBL can be effective for learners who want to develop their problem-solving and critical thinking skills. There are many other teaching methods for English language, including:

- **THE NATURAL APPROACH:** This method is based on the idea that children learn their native language naturally, without being explicitly taught grammar rules. The natural approach encourages learners to use English as much as possible, and it minimizes the use of translation.
- **THE TOTAL PHYSICAL RESPONSE (TPR) METHOD:** This method uses physical actions to teach grammar and vocabulary. Learners are given commands in English, and they are expected to follow the commands using physical actions. TPR can be effective for learners who are kinesthetic learners, or learners who learn by doing.
- **SUGGESTOPEDIA:** This method uses relaxation and music to create a positive learning environment. Learners are encouraged to visualize themselves using English in real-world situations. Suggestopedia can be effective for learners who are anxious or stressed about learning English.

There are many factors to consider when choosing a teaching method for the English language. These factors include:

- ❖ The age and learning style of the learners.
- ❖ The goals of the learners
- ❖ The resources available
- ❖ The cultural context

Selecting a method that is suitable for the students and their objectives is crucial. A communicative approach might be better suited for students who wish to be able to use English in their daily life, whilst a traditional approach might be better suited for students who wish to enhance their academic abilities.

The resources that are available must also be taken into account. The best solution can be a traditional method if resources are scarce. On the other hand, a communicative approach might work better if there are more resources available. Larsen (2019) Lastly, the cultural background should be taken into account. In some societies, some approaches might work better than others. The natural approach, for instance, might work better in societies that prioritize experiential learning. There is no one "best" teaching method for English language. The best method for a particular learner will depend on their age, learning style, goals, resources, and cultural context. It is important to choose a method that is appropriate for the learners and their goals, and to be flexible and willing to experiment with different methods.

Traditional Methods of Teaching English Language

The following are some of the most traditional methods of teaching English language:

GRAMMAR-TRANSLATION METHOD: This method focuses on teaching the rules of grammar and vocabulary through translation. Students are typically given a passage in English and a translation in their native language, and they are asked to translate the passage back and forth. This method is effective for teaching the basics of grammar and vocabulary, but it can be slow and tedious, and it does not focus on developing students' communicative skills.

DIRECT METHOD: This method focuses on teaching students to communicate in English without using their native language. The teacher speaks only English in the classroom, and students are encouraged to speak English as much as possible. This method is effective for developing students' communicative skills, but it can be difficult for students who are not yet fluent in English.

AUDIO-LINGUAL METHOD: This method uses audio recordings to teach students pronunciation and grammar. Students listen to recordings of native speakers, and they repeat the words and phrases after

the recordings. This method is effective for developing students' pronunciation, but it does not focus on developing their communicative skills.

MODERN METHODS OF TEACHING ENGLISH LANGUAGE

In recent years, there has been a shift away from traditional methods of teaching English language towards more modern, communicative approaches. These methods focus on developing students' ability to use English in realworld situations. (Michael, 2015) Some of the most popular modern methods of teaching English language include:

COMMUNICATIVE LANGUAGE TEACHING (CLT): This method focuses on teaching students to use English for communication. Students are encouraged to participate in activities that require them to use English, such as roleplaying, games, and discussions. CLT is a very effective method for developing students' communicative skills, but it can be challenging for teachers who are not familiar with it.

TASK-BASED LEARNING (TBL): This method focuses on teaching students to complete tasks that require them to use English. Students are given a task, such as writing a letter or giving a presentation, and they are then given the resources they need to complete the task. TBL is a very effective method for developing students' communicative skills and their ability to use English in real-world situations.

CONTENT AND LANGUAGE INTEGRATED LEARNING (CLIL): This method integrates the teaching of content and language. Students learn about a particular topic, such as science or history, while using English as the language of instruction. CLIL is a very effective method for developing students' knowledge of a particular subject and their ability to use English.

Age, skill level, and learning style are some of the variables that will determine the most effective English language teaching strategy for a given student or group of students. Selecting an interesting and enjoyable approach is crucial for young students. Young students can learn English through games, music, and storytelling. A more conventional approach, such the direct method or grammar-

translation, can be more suitable for older students. The proficiency level of the students must also be taken into account. It's crucial to start with the fundamentals of grammar and vocabulary if the students are new. Once students have a basic understanding of the language, they can move on to more advanced methods, such as CLT or TBL. (Zainuddin, 2018) Finally, it is important to consider the students' learning style. Some students learn best by listening, while others learn best by reading or writing. It is important to choose a method that caters to the students' individual learning style.

There is no one "best" method of teaching English language. The best method for a particular student or group of students will depend on a number of factors. However, by choosing the right method and adapting it to the individual learner, teachers can help students to achieve their English language learning goals. In addition to the methods mentioned above, there are many other innovative approaches to teaching English language that are being developed and implemented in classrooms around the world. The history of English language teaching methods is a long and varied one, dating back to the early 16th century. Over the centuries, a number of different methods have been developed, each with its own strengths and weaknesses.

One of the earliest methods of English language teaching was the grammar-translation method. This method focused on teaching the rules of grammar and vocabulary through translation from English to the learner's native language. The grammar-translation method was very popular in the 16th and 17th centuries, but it fell out of favor in the 18th century due to its lack of focus on communication. In the 19th century, the direct method emerged as a new approach to English language teaching. The direct method emphasized the importance of using the target language (English) in the classroom. Students were not allowed to use their native language, and they were taught grammar and vocabulary through inductive learning. The direct method was very successful in helping students develop fluency in English, but it was criticized for its lack of focus on grammar.

In the 20th century, a number of new methods of English language teaching were developed, including the audio-lingual method, the suggestopedia method, and the community language learning method. The audiolingual method focused on teaching grammar

and vocabulary through repetition and drills. The suggestopedia method used relaxation techniques and music to help students learn English. The community language learning method involved students working together to create their own language learning materials. In the late 20th century, the communicative language teaching (CLT) method emerged as the dominant approach to English language teaching. CLT focuses on teaching students how to use English for communication in real-world contexts. Students are encouraged to use English to express themselves, ask questions, and solve problems. CLT has been very successful in helping students develop communicative competence in English.

DISCUSSION

The best teaching style for a particular student will depend on their individual learning style and needs. Some students may prefer a more structured approach, while others may prefer a more communicative approach. It is important for teachers to be flexible and adaptable in their teaching style in order to meet the needs of all their students. In addition to choosing the right teaching style, there are a number of other factors that can contribute to effective English language learning. These include:

- Creating a positive learning environment: Students are more likely to be motivated to learn if they feel comfortable and supported in their learning environment.
- Using a variety of teaching methods: This will help to keep students engaged and interested in the material.
- Providing opportunities for practice: Students need to have opportunities to practice their English skills in order to improve. This can be done through activities such as role-playing, group work, and pair work.
- Giving feedback: Feedback is essential for helping students to improve their English skills. Teachers should provide feedback that is specific, constructive, and timely.
- Motivating students: Teachers need to find ways to motivate students to learn English. This can be done by setting achievable goals, providing rewards, and creating a sense of urgency.

Each of these teaching styles has its own advantages and disadvantages. The grammar-translation method is

a good way to learn the rules of grammar, but it can be difficult to use for real-world communication. The direct method is a good way to learn to communicate in English, but it can be difficult for students who are not familiar with the language. The audio-lingual method is a good way to learn the sounds and patterns of English, but it can be boring for some students. CLT is a good way to help students communicate in English in real-world situations, but it can be difficult to implement in a traditional classroom setting. Task-based learning is a good way to help students complete tasks using English, but it can be difficult to find engaging tasks that are appropriate for the students' level of proficiency. Project-based learning is a good way to help students learn English by completing projects, but it can be time-consuming and difficult to manage.

The best teaching style for a particular teacher and class will depend on a variety of factors, such as the students' age, level of proficiency, and learning style. For example, a grammar-translation method might be a good choice for a class of high school students who are learning English as a second language, while a CLT method might be a better choice for a class of adult learners who want to learn English for business purposes. When choosing a teaching style for English language, it is important to consider the following factors:

- The students' age: Younger students may be more receptive to a communicative language teaching (CLT) method, while older students may be more comfortable with a grammar-translation method.
- The students' level of proficiency: Students with a low level of proficiency may need a more structured approach, such as the direct method, while students with a higher level of proficiency may be able to benefit from a more communicative approach, such as CLT.
- The students' learning style: Some students learn best by listening, while others learn best by doing. It is important to choose a teaching style that will appeal to the students' learning style.
- The teacher's own preferences: The teacher should choose a teaching style that they are comfortable with and that they believe will be effective for their students.

It is also important to remember that no single teaching style is perfect for every situation. The best approach is to be flexible and to use a variety of teaching styles

in order to meet the needs of the students. There are many different teaching styles that can be used to teach English language. The best style for a particular teacher and class will depend on a variety of factors, such as the students' age, level of proficiency, and learning style. It is important to choose a teaching style that is appropriate for the students and that the teacher is comfortable with. It is also important to be flexible and to use a variety of teaching styles in order to meet the needs of the students. Each of the teaching styles listed above has its own benefits and drawbacks. The grammar-translation method is a good choice for students who want to learn the rules of grammar and vocabulary in the target language. However, it can be a slow and tedious process, and it may not be as effective for students who want to be able to communicate in the target language.

CONCLUSION

Students who are eager to learn the language and don't mind making errors might benefit greatly from the Direct Method. Students who are not accustomed to communicating in a foreign language, however, may find it challenging. Students who learn best by hearing can benefit greatly from the audio-lingual approach. For kids that learn better by visual or tactile means, it can be dull. A highly successful method for students who wish to be able to utilize the target language in real-world contexts is communicative language instruction, or CLT. However, it can be challenging for students who are not yet fluent in the target language. Task-based learning is a very motivating approach for students, and it can help them develop their problem-solving skills. However, it can be difficult to find tasks that are appropriate for the students' level of proficiency.

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