

## **Innovative Methods of Teaching English Language**

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### **Abstract**

Teaching and learning are the two sides of a coin. Learning is a continuous process from the womb to the tomb. A method of teaching plays an important role in the learning process. The process will not be fulfilled until the learner gains knowledge from the subject. Because the purpose of teaching is not only to make the students to get marks, but also to enhance the skills and practical knowledge of the students. English is the second and official language in our country. It is the one and only language which rules the world. The so called global language doesn't give knowledge alone, but also name and fame in the society. Teaching the second language is a difficult task for the teachers. This paper deals with the various innovative methods of teaching English language.

**Keywords:** Teaching English, Innovative methods, Language skills, Language Learning process

### **Introduction**

The function of teachers is to help the students to learn by imparting knowledge. It is the role of the teacher to remove the ignorance. No teacher should fall into a monotonous pattern of presenting the same kind of lesson. This is a very competitive world. As per Shiev Khera's words "winners don't do different things. They do the things differently". Blindly following the traditional methods would not give better results in education.

"Tell me, I forget

Teach me, I remember

Involve me, I learn"

Involvement of the students makes the teaching effective. In traditional methods, students are only the passive listeners. Creativity only shows the individuality of everyone. Implementing innovative methods in Teaching-learning process would make the students more active in the class room.

### **Multi-media**

Nowadays everything is computerized. People search the Internet to clarify the doubts in all the areas. Using multi-media in the teaching field will make the learners update their knowledge in the relevant subject. It is the combination of various digital media types such as text, images, audio and video into an integrated multi-sensory interactive application or presentation to convey information to an audience. The teacher uses multimedia to modify the contents of the material. It will help the teacher to present things in a more meaningful way. Visualizing takes the uppermost place in this method. They believe what they see visually. Instead of explaining, the teachers can use this method to make the learners to understand by visualizing.

### **Teaching Through Games and Humour**

Games which are task based and have a purpose beyond the production of speech serve as excellent communicative activities. The aim of all language games is for students to use the language. However, during game play, be clear to use the target language to play, persuade and negotiate their way to decide results. This process involves productive and receptive skills. After learning and practicing new vocabulary, students have the opportunity to use language in a non-stressful way.

Being humorous is a challenge. Humour in teaching is an effective tool for teachers. Humour has the ability to relax people, reduce tension and thereby create an atmosphere conducive for teaching and learning. Numerous studies in the field of advertising have noted that humour is the most effective tool for enhancing recall of advertisement. It is also important to have humour to teach effectively.

## **ICT in Teaching**

ICT stands for Information and Communication Technologies. It is defined as a “diverse set of technological tools and resources used to communicate, and to create, disseminate, store and manage information”. These technologies include computers, the Internet, broadcasting technologies and Telephony. It pushes the learners to participate enthusiastically, helps to improve their knowledge, leads to socio-economic development of the nation and global competitiveness. It is a very powerful tool for extending educational opportunities. ICT has access to remote learning resources. Teachers need not carry the printed books or other materials for their educational needs in the modern world. With the Internet and the World Wide Web, a wealth of learning materials can be accessed from anywhere at any time of the day. ICT’s can enhance the quality of Education in several ways.

## **Computer and Internet in Learning**

The Internet plays a significant role in the lives of everyone. Learning Computer and Internet combines learning about them with them. Technology based learning helps the students to learn across the curriculum. Learning with the help of the Internet offers a wide range of benefits. Internet Education offers a world of information in one place and allows people to carry research on any topic without spending too much time on various books and course materials. It allows people with limited financial resources and the constraints to pursue higher studies without investing too much time, money and energy. It helps individuals in acquiring skills in handling technological communication and undertaking effective research in different types of subjects. This mode of learning eliminates all barriers and helps students to get access in education.

## **E-Learning**

E-learning is defined as an interactive learning in which the learning content is available online and provides automatic feedback to the students’ learning activities. Online communication with real people may or may not be included, but the focus of e-learning is usually more on the learning content than on communication between learners and tutors. E-learning could be viewed as an online descendent of computer based training (CBT) and computer aided instruction (CAI). It incorporates innovative and creative approaches to

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instruction and provides unprecedented access to resources and information. In this learning student can assume control of their learning experience and use it to suit their own specific needs. The use of a variety of multimedia in e- learning increases student involvement and reinforces the learning experience. It is a convenient way to receive education and training.

### **ICT in Language Teaching**

English is the Universal and global language. It is also the dominant language of the Internet. Maximum percentage of online content is in English. The latest Technology available to the language teacher is the computer.

### **Word Processing**

There are so many advantages in using a word processor. Teachers can create many innovative thoughts to improve the language skills of the students through word processing. Students can be taught to make presentations with the help of computers. They can use texts and graphics in their presentations. Students should be given the right software, so that they can compare their own pronunciations to that of native speakers of English. Language laboratories are very essential for the learning of a foreign language.

### **Conclusion**

Innovative ideas in teaching and learning process can make wonders in the Education field rather than following the traditional methods. The quality of Education must be improved to enhance the skills and practical knowledge of the students. Creativity of the teachers only helps the students to be active in the class room to make the teaching-learning process more effective.

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