

The Importance of Translation in Language Education: A Pedagogical, Cognitive, and Intercultural Perspective

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Abstract

Translation has long been an aspect of language education that has faced controversy on its importance. Previously regarded predominantly as a grammar-focused teaching approach, it is being increasingly understood as a pedagogical practice that facilitates the second language acquisition, metalinguistic awareness, intercultural competence, and critical thinking. This paper will discuss the significance of translation in language education in historical, theoretical, pedagogical and technological terms. It asserts that translation has no place as a substitute to the teaching of communicative language, but as the multilingual methodology, it supplements the teaching to ensure that the learners relate their mother tongue to the international language, in meaningful ways. One can discuss the role of digital tools and machine translation in contemporary classrooms as well, with the application of focusing more on active involvement, instead of passive engagement. On the whole, the article indicates that translation is still of high relevancy in multilingual education as it enhances language awareness, cultural sensitivity and ability to analyze.

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1. Introduction

Translation has taken a leading role in language education, but its significance has been misinterpreted (Cook, 2010). During certain times it was considered the core of teaching foreign language and particularly where the main objective of learning a language was to read a literary, religious or academic text (Howatt & Widdowson, 2004). During other eras it was binned off as

an out-lived classroom practice that inhibited fluency and promoted the reliance of the learner to their mother tongue (Richards & Rodgers, 2014). The outcome has been a tension between those who view translation as a necessity and those who view translation as a hindrance to communication (Cook, 2010). Over recent years this debate has been made more even-handed, and a degree of educators have come to the realization that translation may be an excellent pedagogic resource when employed in a strategic manner.

The significance of translation in language education is that it is a factor that unites various aspects of learning. It promotes the accuracy of language, as learners are to be attentive to grammar, vocabulary and sentence construction (Cook, 2010). It facilitates cognitive growth, as the process of translation needs to be compared, analyzed and a solution to a problem developed (Pym, 2014). It promotes cultural awareness, as students will need to consider meaning beyond literal translation. It also favors communicative competence, as students get to know how language varies depending on the audience, purpose and social context (Canale & Swain, 1980). It is in this sense that translation is not a mere process of translating one language into another in a technical sense. It is a learning practice which promotes thinking in learners about the way languages perform.

In contemporary language classrooms, multilingualism is becoming a common occurrence and translation becomes even more pertinent (García & Peña, 2011). Not all students arrive at the classroom as clean slates; they carry with them their knowledge of one or more languages, experiences of their cultural life, and modes of perceiving the world (Pavlenko, 2014). Teachers who do not take this background seriously, are may waste a good educational resource. Translation enables a learner to apply his or her knowledge to what he or she is learning. It establishes an interlinkage between the old knowledge and the new knowledge. It also provides students with a means of transitioning between languages in a purposeful and effective manner instead of being compelled to switch to the second language altogether.

This paper argues that translation is an important aspect of language education and should be considered as a legitimate one. One should not conceive of it as an alternative to communicative teaching, but rather as a complementary practice which enhances the awareness of languages and intercultural understanding (Cook, 2010; Canale & Swain, 1980). The next discussion explores how translation has evolved in pedagogy, the rationale behind its application, the linguistic and cultural advantages (or disadvantages), its use in classrooms and the problems that it raises in the era of digital translation media.

2. Historical Background

Translation has an uneasy and volatile history in language education and its fluctuating position is an indication of wider educational philosophy, linguistic theory and classroom practice (Howatt & Widdowson, 2004; Richards & Rodgers, 2014). Translation was not a very minor by-product in

the earliest traditions of teaching language in a formal way. It represented a core approach to teaching, notably in the teaching of traditional languages like Latin and Greek. Translation was used in the study of texts since the primary uses of learning language focused on reading, interpretation, and intellectual discipline as opposed to oral communication (Howatt & Widdowson, 2004). In these environments, translation was a source of literature, philosophy and religious writings. It also taught the learners to be attentive to grammatical patterns and lexical accuracy (Cook, 2010).

This practice in the nineteenth century evolved to the grammar-translation method (Richards & Rodgers, 2014). This approach prevailed in the field of foreign language teaching during many decades and was founded on the belief that language learning was mainly an analytical and comparative activity. Students memorized vocabulary lists, grammar rules, were able to translate isolated sentences or passages in and out of the target language. The approach was very systematic and frequently successful when it comes to reading comprehension and formal accuracy. But it had more failure about the development of the listening and speaking skill, as oral communication was not on their main agenda (Richards & Rodgers, 2014).

Grammar-translation technique later became subject to criticism with the emergence of new philosophies of language-teaching. One approach was the direct method which stated that learning a language should not be done with translation, but with getting exposed to meaningful communication in the target language (Richards & Rodgers, 2014). In the same way, audio-lingual methods are often considered repetition, practicing of patterns and habit formation. Structural linguistics and behaviorist psychology had an impact on these methods and considered language learning to be the acquisition of habit as opposed to the comparison of linguistic structure. Because of this, translation was regarded more and more as a source of interference, which slows down fluency and promotes reliance on the mother tongue (Cook, 2010).

Even in spite of this criticism none of the real classrooms were devoid of translation. It was also still being used by teachers since it was an efficient method to demonstrate meaning, clarify grammar and verify understanding. In most settings, such as where the learners had little exposure to the target language beyond the classroom setting, translation was too good to be discarded. It was also an informal practice among students, which was still prevalent in classrooms despite official teaching practices disapproving it. Such a discrepancy between theory and practice indicates that translation was a practical need that was not completely satisfied by newer methods.

Towards the end of the twentieth century, an increasingly balanced perception of translation started to form. The science of applied linguistics, research on bilingualism and communicative language teaching has paved the path to reconsider the role of the first language in second language learning (Canale & Swain, 1980; Kroll & Tokowicz, 2005). Researchers started appreciating the fact that learners do not learn a second language in isolation. They incorporate the previous

knowledge, culture knowledge and available linguistic sources to analyze new input (Pavlenko, 2014). In this translation came to be seen not as a debilitation but as an interlocution. It may aid learners in the process of comparing languages; observation of structure; and formation of awareness of meaning.

This historical transformation is significant as it contributes to understanding why translation is rethought nowadays. The recent state of language education has placed more emphasis on multilingualism, autonomy of learners, comparison and comparison in cultures and critical thinking. These objectives are not easy to attain when the first language of the learner is not considered a worthwhile one. Translation provides an avenue of bridging languages instead of dividing them. It praises the fact that the majority of learners are already exposed to more than one language system, be it at home or in school, their communities or in the digital world (García & Peña, 2011).

3. Theoretical Foundations

The significance of translation in language teaching can be explained better in various theoretical perspectives. All these views may not be applicable to all issues, but when combined they can include a solid argument as to why translation should be a pedagogical tool (Cook, 2010).

3.1 Cognitive Perspective

Cognitively, translation is an intensive process of the mind which entails understanding, memory, analysis and production (Pym, 2014). An English translator would have to comprehend the original message before translation. Then the learner needs to find out the proper lexical and grammatical materials in the target language. Lastly, the learner should develop a variant that retains meaning as well as that one that is natural to hear. It is a process that must be attended to and consciously make decisions.

Since translation involves juxtaposition and recreation, it may increase metalinguistic awareness. Students are now introduced to language as not only a mechanism of communication but also a systematic structure that can be examined. They observe that tenses, aspect, politeness or accent might be written differently in one language than in another. They also get to know that there can be multiple acceptable ways in which one can use to convey the same meaning based on circumstances (Cook, 2010). This is a good awareness since it will make students more malleable and precise in the use of language.

Translation facilitates memory and retention as well (Pym, 2014). By reading a text attentively, learners will be engaging with both the vocabulary and grammar more deeply than they might in an rushed comprehension task. They need to relate meaning with form, and purpose with context and meaning. This processed memory enhances memorization. This is why the translation can be

particularly useful in terms of the vocabulary review, grammar consolidating, and reading comprehension exercises.

3.2 Sociocultural Perspective

Another useful explanation is the sociocultural theory. To this school of thought, social interaction and cultural tools mediate learning. One of the most crucial of these tools is language itself. The act of translation can be placed in this framework of translation because it can be carried out via discussion, negotiation, and collaboration. Students can collaborate with their peers to uncover differences in interpretations, demystify confusing expressions, or remind them why they had to select a particular phrase. When this happens, translating is a social rather than an individual activity (Vygotsky, 1978).

This is significant as it demonstrates that the first language can act as an intermediary during the learning process. Students are not merely substituting one set of codes with another. They are applying what they know to learn what they do not know. Their first language assists them to mediate meaning, lessen uncertainty, and transition into higher complex forms of expression. This is particularly strong in the multilingual classes where students carry with them linguistic different backgrounds and patterns of interpretation into the classroom. Translating enables the differences to be interpreted as learning resources and not as barriers (García & Peña, 2011).

The sociocultural theory also calls us to the memory of the fact that there can be no language learning without identity and belonging (Vygotsky, 1978). Students are not working with grammar only when they translate. They are also stating how they relate to the language, meaning, and cultural knowledge. This renders translation a highly incorporative exercise since it authenticates the linguistic experience that the learner has. It does not involve the learner deleting the first language to get into the second language (Cook, 2010).

3.3 Communicative Perspective

Communicative language teaching emphasizes the communicative skills as regards to the practical aspects of language usage. Translation aids this objective as it prompts learners to consider seriously the audience, purpose, tone and register. Even a grammatically correct translation might fail to fit the situation. A line that when spoken informally might sound good might sound clumsy or illuminated in a formal piece of writing. These distinctions can be observed in translation tasks.

This is among the greatest educational gains of translation. It helps learners to conceptualize meaning and go beyond the literal sense. They have to choose to either make the wording the same as the original one, modify it or completely formulate a different one. Real communication is founded on such decisions. Indeed, several of the most common communication issues in everyday communication can be seen as a kind of translation, even when there is no directly translating of a

text on the part of the learners. The latter frequently requires them to clarify, describe, paraphrase or distort the meaning across two or more linguistic and social frames ((Canale & Swain, 1980)).

Due to this reason, translation should not be perceived as the opposite of communicative teaching. When properly applied, it enhances communicative competence as it increases the awareness of pragmatic variation, discourse structure and contextual appropriateness in the minds of the learners (Cook, 2010). It can make students realize that correct communication is based not only on grammar, but on social meaning and expectation of the culture, too.

4. Linguistic Importance

The translation plays a robust part in linguistic development due to the fact that it facilitates the vocabulary development, grammatical precision, reading understanding and writing development. These are the main objectives of language instruction, and translation touches upon them simultaneously.

One of the most evident beneficial areas is vocabulary learning. In translating a text, students face contextual words of a text and not isolated words. This aids them to grasp nuance, collocation and semantic range (Cook, 2010). Any word might have general dictionary equivalent, however, meaning might vary depending on the sentence structure, on the tone, or on neighboring words. It is the subtleties that translation displays. Students start to perceive that words are not predetermined labels but dynamic units that change meaning as they are used (Pym, 2014).

Another area where translation has proved to be very effective is grammar. Lots of learners have difficulties in structures that do not correspond to the first language structures. E.g., the article systems, verbs aspects and plural, word brother might vary in functionality across different languages (Richards & Rodgers, 2014). Translation puts the difference head on in the face of students. Rather than learning a rule in the abstract, they have to make their decisions on how to make a specific structure render in a context. Such a process enhances grammatical knowledge.

Translation also enhances understanding of reading. Student is expected to carefully analyze a text, determine important concepts, draw conclusions, and clarify meaning. It is this close reading that can enhance their comprehension of genuine materials. It is normal in most classrooms where learners can read a passage very rapidly and think that they have grasped it due to what is being said is a familiar topic. A translation shows whether or not that comprehension is only accurate. It also reveals the loopholes of meaning and makes one take a closer look.

Development in writing also occurs. The process of translation into the target language demands that the students should be able to give output that is coherent, accurate and contextually apt (Cook, 2010). This creates organization, accuracy and style consciousness. Students have to consider connections between the ideas, sequence of the sentences, and maintenance of the meaning

through the language boundary. In this regard, translation is a mediator between understanding and word creation.

5. Cultural Importance

Translation is not a linguistic task only, it is also a cultural one. The languages come with cultural assumed notions, social norms and past experiences. These underlying levels of meaning are frequently captured in words and expressions. When translating, learners experience this reality first hand. They learn they can translate certain items relatively easily while others need to be interpreted, adapted, or explained.

The case of idioms is evident. A word can sound quite sensible in a given language and give a weird impression in another language. It is common with proverbs, humor, metaphors and polite formulas. Such words have cultural connotation that cannot be decoupled with the language. With the process of translation, learners start to acknowledge that language is mainstream and that sense is being constructed out of collective assumptions.

This renders the aspect of translation to be a powerful instrument of intercultural competence. Students are taught not only to ask: what does this mean, but also: how is this conceptualized in a different and cultural context. Such a change is significant. It acquires trainees to be more adaptable, more inquisitive and appreciative of difference. It also offers them training to deal with other-group people in a more sensitive and efficient manner (Pavlenko, 2014).

Cultural identity can be reinforced by translation. Learners in most educational institutions are either informed or not to leave their first language at the door. Translation issues call that into question. It demonstrates that the first language is not something that has to be eliminated but employed as a resource. Students will be able to take their linguistic and cultural experience into the classroom and utilize it as the starting point of the additional learning. This is particularly crucial in multilingual communities, in which students might be required to switch languages in school, employment and in real life (García & Peña, 2011).

6. Translation and Intercultural Competence

One of the best possible methods to establish intercultural competence is translation since translation presupposes learners to address the dialog between language and culture. A translated text can never be a mere machine translation of words; it is a deliberated description of the one cultural system by the other. This is particularly crucial in classroom programs of foreign languages where learners mostly experience values, assumptions and communicative standards that are dissimilar to their own (Pavlenko, 2014). Translation is thus a pedagogical, where Saudi students are enabled to compare culture and not merely languages.

Intercultural competence is the skill to make sense of overseas meanings, tolerate indefiniteness, and convey messages in an accurate manner beyond the cultural barriers. Translation is related to this competence in that it teaches learners, to enquire why a phrase becomes effective in one language and not effective in another. To illustrate, literal translation can be not very effective in case of idioms, humors, politeness, or references that are culturally embedded. In this scenario learners should make a decision as to whether to retain meaning, modify style, clarify context or simply change the phrase altogether (Pym, 2014). Such judgment renders translation an arduous exercise and been considered an intercultural mediation practice.

Another way that translation facilitates a more respectful perception of multilingualism is through translation. The first language of the learner has been regarded as a limitation in most classrooms. Nevertheless, the recent studies mention that home languages and previous experience in linguistic dedication can enhance the language learning on the condition of their constructive use (Kroll & Tokowicz, 2005; Pavlenko, 2014). Translation enables learners to carry with them their linguistic identities in the classroom and not to put them out of the classroom. This method can be particularly useful with culturally diverse classes, as a student can find it beneficial to have their languages be viewed as a form of learning and comparison.

As a teacher, one can utilize translation to the advantage of enhancing cultural awareness by using thoughtfully chosen texts. The social expression of a culture through the expression of social relationships, emotion, identity and value may be shown by short stories, media snippets, advertisements and literary passages. Students translating such texts often find out that it is not always possible to find direct equivalents. This brings in the topic of audience, purpose and interpretive choice that are the hallmark of intercultural learning. By doing so, translation, in addition to enhancing language skills, assists learners to become better thinkers about Communication, in a culturally multifaceted environment.

7. Translation in Classroom Practice

The process of translation can be applied to the classroom to a large pool of verses and this aspect depends on the level of the learners, curriculum objectives and context of teaching (Cook, 2010). Flexibility is its key advantage: it may be chosen to work with the beginner, intermediate, and advanced learners, but the tasks need to be modified. At the lower levels, vocabulary recognition, understanding of a sentence and explaining grammar can be supported by translation. On higher levels, it may be applied to discourse analysis, stylistic comparison, as well as adapting the text. This renders translation helpful both in general language teaching and in instruction of specific languages.

Translation in a traditional classroom is used in the analysis of short authentic texts. The teachers can request the students to translate signs, news headlines, emails or conversations and discuss

their decisions. This enables students to do more than just getting it right but looks at tone, register and meaning intended. Back-translation is also another activity that is effective because the students translate a text into the target language and compare the output with the original text or a model one. That is why this motivates learners to become aware of mistakes, possibilities, and unnoticed meaning suppositions.

Translation can also be a good collaborative learning activity. During pair or group work, learners will be able to talk about how to render challenging words, phrases, or structures. These meetings can bring areas of ignorance that would be concealed in a one-on-one work. They also promote meaning negotiation which is a significant aspect of language development (Vygotsky, 1978). Students are not only practicing language awareness but also academic reasoning when they explain the reasons behind the translation they find more acceptable than the alternative.

Translating is also part of assessment by which teachers can take advantage. Educators can have students justify their decisions when translating a text as opposed to ask only for memorized answers. This is to enable instructors to evaluate understanding, vocabulary, grammatical awareness and intercultural judgment simultaneously (Cook, 2010). Nevertheless, assessment should be crafted in such a way that students may be assessed according to the desired outcomes of learning and not accuracy of words to the letter. An effective translation exercise, then, should not be rewarding only formal, but interpretation, clarity and appropriateness as well.

Project-based learning can also be used to include translation activities. To illustrate, students can translate a brochure about visitors or make a short story accessible to younger readers, or to compare news coverage in two languages. These activities render translation quite meaningful and purposeful as they bridge classroom instruction with real-life communication. Students will also be encouraged to view translation as not a one-dimensional academic practice, but as a practical literacy practice. Such change of perception matters since in such a way learners become aware of the applicability of translation not only in the classroom.

The other benefit of classroom translation is that it provides a room to receive instant feedback. Students may be asked by the teachers about the reasons why they decided to use this or that expression and led to a more appropriate solution, when they are working on a translation issue. This immediate feedback assists the learners in observing minute issues such as accuracy, style or tone. It also enables the teacher to focus on the common grammatical patterns that would otherwise not be noticed. By doing so translation is made an effective diagnostic and teaching instrument (Richards & Rodgers, 2014).

Adaptation to various classroom philosophies is also possible in translation. Within a more traditional context, it can be used to aid explicit grammar teaching and reading comprehension. It can be applied in a communicative classroom as an additional activity to develop the contextual

and meaning comprehension. In task-based classroom it can manifest itself in project which demands the students to resolve language issues to a given audience. This flexibility is among the reasons why translation has endured so long despite the numerous transformations in the theory of language teaching (Cook, 2010; Richards & Rodgers, 2014). It can be incorporated into various teaching structures without undermining its learning worth.

Classroom translation plays out only to the extent it is guided. Unless teachers put them in the proper context, the instructions which require the students to translate without any background might take on a mechanical and uninspiring quality. However, when the activity is connected with the evident learning objectives, the students may gain confidence and competence. On that note, it is advisable that teachers show the rationale behind the use of translation, and the type of thought process it demands as well as how it relates to the larger objectives of language learning. This will help the learners appreciate that there is no quick way to translation, but it is a discipline of getting into work with language.

8. Translation, Technology, and AI

The increasing use of machine translation and artificial intelligence has changed the teaching discourse of translation. Google Translate, DeepL or AI writing assistants are already found in schools, universities and in the process of self-study. The tools provide fast access to translation solutions and may assist the learners in breaking the obstacles in immediate understanding. They are also useful in the critical use of comparing, revising, and analysing errors (Ducar & Schocket, 2018; García & Peña, 2011).

Recent research in machine translations in language teaching indicates that machine translation can be used to make the classroom more inclusive so as to accommodate the needs of learners with momentary linguistic support. It may be a way to make the students access the texts in their native languages and affect their presence in the classroom in multilingual settings more effectively. It can be used also as initial point to post-editing activity where students rewriting machine-generated output and explain their corrections. These activities also allow learners to realize that machine translations are not no longer some form of human translation and that choice of language still needs evaluation, context, and cultural and sensitivity (Ducar & Schocket, 2018).

Meanwhile, technology utilization is also an aspect of concern. In case students use machine translation excessively, they might not engage their brain in developing languages. Grammatical or pragmatic issues may be concealed in a machine-generated version provided that the learners receive it without examining it. Teachers should thus instruct students how to be responsible in using these tools. Instead of prohibiting the use of MT, a great number of scholars suggest students to learn how to analyze the machine output, recognize the flaws and enhance it with the help of the human thought.

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The nature of translation tasks is changing with AI as well. Now teachers are able to create tasks where learners will compare several different systems of MT, contrast them, and argue why one output better sounds natural than the other one. This generates an unprecedented language awareness practice that is an amalgamation of translation, digital literacy, and critical thinking. In that regard, it is not necessary that technology negates the sin of translation in education; but it just reaffirms the value of translation by demonstrating to learners the means of creating, revising and challenging meaning in the digital world (Ducar & Schocket, 2018).

Technology works best in the role of an aid instead of substituting in education. Machine output should not be accepted by the students as is. Instead, they ought to know how to enquire whether the translation is correct, whether it has maintained tone, whether it suits the target audience, and whether it matches the cultural standards. Such questions are necessary since machine translations continue to have difficulties with irony, ambiguity, idiomatic expressions, and context. There is still a need to use human judgment in all these areas.

The learners are also transformed by technology. Most students have a new assumption that translation is swift and painless since information technology offers fast solutions. This may give an illusion that translation involves the use of words in the place of others. Teachers must question such an assumption. They need to demonstrate that good translation is about interpretation, editing and judgment. To juxtapose machine with human translations allows learners to be able to pinpoint what is automatic and what may be considered as a language work (Cook, 2010; Ducar & Schocket, 2018).

Technology, when used thoughtfully, can help to empower translation pedagogy as opposed to undermining it. It can make the students able to identify patterns, to test a hypothesis, and to be more conscious about the functioning of languages in different situations. It may also facilitate the process of autonomous learning since the learner may look up ideas out of the classroom and come back with questions. By so doing, technology is integrated in a larger language-learning ecology where translation is central.

9. Challenges and Criticisms

Irrespective of its numerous advantages, translation in language learning is still controversial in certain situations. A criticism that is commonly made is that translation can eradicate exposure to a language of entry in the event that it is overused. Other educators are concerned that students will rely excessively on their native language at the expense of being able to think directly in the target language (Cook, 2010; Richards & Rodgers, 2014). This is a legitimate concern in the context of the translation being adopted as a shortcut and not as a form of structured. The other criticism is that the act of translation can promote literalism. Novices can attempt to find a word in the target language that corresponds to every word in the source language thus resulting in

clumsy or erroneous outputs. This issue is particularly prevalent in two situations: firstly, when the learners lack proficiency or when tasks are challenging to do at their level. As teachers, however, need to choose the text and activities that suit their language ability and educational objectives of the learner (Richards & Rodgers, 2014).

Another obstacle is the teacher preparedness. Not every language teacher is trained in translation pedagogy and some teachers might be unprepared about how to create efficient translation exercises. Translation, without mentorship, might either get either too mechanical or too vague. The use of translation in language classrooms is therefore to be considered highly important-professional development is the way to go. Educators require the techniques of text selection, expectation and assisting students to reflect on translation decisions (Cook, 2010).

A more comprehensive ideological criticism exists, as well. Translation has also been rejected as obsolete in some traditions of education since it has been linked to old forms of grammar teaching. This perception ignores the fact that translation may be re-designing in communicative, task and culturally sustaining pedagogy. It is not whether or not translation belongs in the curriculum, but how it is to be employed (Cook, 2010). When woven appropriately, translation can reinforce and not cripple contemporary language teaching.

The other problem is that there is a danger of focusing on the accuracy at the cost of communicative development. When translation exercises are too marked on points of plain translation accuracy, they can be stressing and students might be so concentrated on getting the correct answer. This may minimise the creativity and demoralise experimentation. The task teachers should thus make must offer more than one good answer and should focus on the justification of the language choices. That practice is the reality of translation, in which the meaning can be negotiated, not mechanical transfer.

Another critique is that translation may give more weight to the interpretation of the teacher/institution on what constitutes equivalence rather than to the interpretation of the learner. Interpretation is however important in language learning. The same learning material can yield a variety of renderings and these renderings can be valid depending on context (Pym, 2014). Effective pedagogy must take into account the fact that translation is on most occasions more of a judgment than a predetermined rule. Those who do not pay attention to this complexity can reduce translation to a shallow learning experience rather than a fertile one by teachers.

10. Pedagogical Implications

Translating holds important pedagogical ramifications. To begin with, translation must be seen as a viable classroom practice but not a backup mechanism when there is a breakdown in communication. It can be used by teachers to promote learning vocabulary, teaching grammar,

interpreting texts, and intercultural conversation (Cook, 2010). It will need a change in the attitude of teachers, and where there has been negligence or discouragement of translation.

Second, translation must be presented in a gradual, intentional way. Short and purposeful texts with clear goals should be the starting point of teachers. Tasks may get more difficult as the learners increase their proficiency and also have stylistic and cultural facets to them. This is a stage method of avoiding frustration and making students realize that translation is a skill that can be better with practice (Cook,2010).

Third, translation is compatible with culturally sustaining pedagogy. With opportunities to use their native languages in systematic forms, the students will feel respected and involved. This would be facilitated by translation so that multilingual identity is visible and academic. This becomes of particular importance in classrooms where one of the key issues is the educational equity and inclusion (García & Peña, 2011; Pavlenko, 2014).

Fourth, translation pedagogy should become a part of teacher education. Educators should have practical skills about the use of translation as a learning tool and how to prevent most mistakes in using it. Both human and machine translation should be evaluated in the training process as now digital tools are being integrated into the language-learning environment. Such a preparation of teachers will assist them to practice translation in a responsible and confident manner (Ducar & Schocket, 2018).

Fifth, translation activities ought to have clear goals. The purpose may be either vocabulary development, grammar practice, intercultural analysis, writing support or critical comparison as decided by a teacher. In the absence of an objective, translation can turn into an amorphous classroom routine. It can assist a very specific type of learning with a clear goal in mind. Such accuracy is crucial in professional teaching.

Sixth, translation must be moderate and well-balanced. It is not intended to take target-language interaction or communicative practice. Instead, it must supplement them. Without the constant mediation, students still require a possibility to listen and speak, read and write in the target language. Translation must exist as one component of a language curriculum, and not as curriculum as a whole (Canale & Swain, 1980).

Seventh, the teachers are to promote reflection following translation activities. Students may talk about the reasons why they have selected a specific structure, issues they faced, and how they addressed them. This consideration transforms translation into a metacognitive experience. Learners not only generate language they deconstruct their thought. Such self-awareness would prove beneficial in the development of the language in the long-term.

11.Conclusion

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Translation has been and will continue to hold immense significance in language education since it interconnects linguistic knowledge and cultural knowledge, cognitive growth and communicative competence. It has long ago stopped being identified with its more conservative approach to grammar teaching and has become a more flexible pedagogical practice that can help facilitate multilingual learning in various conditions. Utilized wisely, translation can provide learners with increased accuracy, introspection, and cultural sensitivity.

This is not subject to the emergence of machine translation and AI. Instead, it causes the necessity to comprehend translation (more) critically by learners, as now digital tools influence the way language is read, written or traded. Translation should thus be a skill in language, and a mode of intellectual enquiry. Through this, translation still remains to be a pathway between languages, cultures and even how of thinking.

There should be no alternative call of translation and communication with the strong language program. Rather, it must acknowledge the fact that they need each other. Translation assists students to learn about language; communication assists students to use language. The combination brings about a more complete and well-rounded learning experience. This is why translation must not be lost out of the scope of language education, of course, in multilingual and globally interrelated situations.

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