

**INNOVATIVE METHODS OF TEACHING ENGLISH TO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**

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**Annotation:** *there is always a need for people to use the language effectively. In order to acquire proficiency in English language one must take efforts to learn the four major skills in the same Language learning should be more fun and enjoyable for the students especially when it is not their mother tongue. For the high school students to get involved in learning the language better, the teachers should come out with some effective teaching strategies. Usually students become more enthusiastic when it appears to learning the language through some class room activities such as music, computer, audio-video tapes and games. This paper defines that about the role of the English language in today's world, its future benefits for school students and teaching with different methods.*

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Language is the source of communication. It's the way through which we share our ideas and thoughts with others. There are uncountable languages in this world. Because every country has their own national language, then they have different local languages spoken and understood by their people in different regions. In the last few decades, English has developed as the primary language for international communication. It is spoken by more people around the world

than any other language, and is regularly described as a 'global' language. "Today there are about 6,000 languages in the world, and half of the world's population speaks only 10 of them. English is spoken as a native language by around 375 million and as a second language by around 375 million speakers in the world. Speakers of English as a second language will soon outnumber those who speak it as a first language. Around 750 million people are believed to speak English as a foreign language and demand of this language is increasing every day. It is estimated that over two-thirds of the world's scientists read in English, three quarters of the world's mail is written in English, eighty per cent of the world's electronically stored information is in English and forty million users use it on the Internet.

Teaching a foreign language to school students can occur in 4 main stages.

1. Interest in education
2. independent planning of the future
3. studying intercultural communication
4. ability to work on oneself

When teaching English, its result depends on the teacher first of all. The teacher's level of knowledge, character, attitude towards students, behavior in class play a very important role. So, at the same time, it is very important what methods he or she uses.

In English language teaching and learning, innovation can be seen as a new teaching methodology, pedagogical theory, methodological approach, teaching or assessment technique, learning or instructional tool.

### ***1. The Gamification method.***

Gamification incorporates gaming elements such as points, badges awarded for specific achievements, challenges that motivate the user to learn or search for the answer, leaderboards that show the progress of the members of the group and enhance competition, and various incentives to engage the user in the process. A comprehensive review of the theory, the game mechanics used in various applications, and the objectives was given by Gupta and Gomathi. One of the

main advantages of such methods is providing students the ability to interact with the educational material, thus making the process more interesting and entertaining. Furthermore, gamification helps students in improving their thinking and allows for dynamic learning. Several studies have focused on the use of gamification in the learning process; however, very few studies focus on the use of gamification in the assessment process. The assessment process is important since it is the main tool for evaluating student performance. The nature of the assessment process may be a huge burden for students (see, for example, as they tend to feel that they have to memorize things and produce adequate answers within a limited amount of time, writing on paper in a way that is not required of them in their everyday activities. One important aspect of disengagement is the rigorous format of the examination process: students increasingly tend to think of it as a cause of their failure.

### **2. *Teaching through conversations***

Conversations are by far the most useful ways of teaching the language. When a child learns his or her mother tongue it is by the conversations that takes place between them and others or by listening to the conversations made by the others. The child is never taught the language but is still able to percept the meaning and learns it automatically to use it in day to day life. No one ever teaches the kid the characters of the language or how to make sentences or the grammar of that language. The conversations alone teach the children. Hence conversations form a very important part of the teaching process. The sentence construction and the grammar is not something that can be entirely taught by rules. They have to be taught intuitively. That can only happen through a lot of reading and a lot of listening. This can be taken care of easily as every conversation needs a topic. The topic can be given to the students in form of written documents which they have to first read then form an opinion and then have a conversation about it or it can be spoken out and then they can listen, understand and also take part in the conversation.

### **3. *Help from the multimedia***

Multimedia sources like songs, movies, TV series, magazines, newspapers play a very vital role in improving our language. We don't even realize that they have helped us. We just wake up one fine day and realize that we are better than it than we were yesterday. Such sources can be used to help the students improve their language. But great precautions must be taken. This method should be used in the final stages of learning as that is the only place where there is no scope of damage as most of the movies and songs etc. use colloquial English most of the times which is grammatically wrong and it is very important that the students understand that fact so that they do not use that form of the language in their everyday usage. Apart from that this source is very helpful as it does not feel like education. This is something that the students will do in their spare time. The songs are the best way to communicate how to use a language to express our feelings. Movies are a very common past time but apart from that most of the times they are also very instructional and educational.

#### **4. *Spaced repetition***

In language learning, the process of spaced repetition has been proven to be highly effective. Rather than repeatedly saying / studying a word 100 times in the same day, spacing repetition advocates argue that students learn more effectively if they repeat it 10 times a day for 10 days. Building on the best practice outlined above, some general hints and tips for using repetitive spacing follow below. As always, it's important to test and trial any new pedagogical approach and to incorporate learnings and improvements over time. It's self-evident to say but it's vital to ensure that students have set opportunities to benefit from this approach. If the time for sessions isn't scheduled in the timetable, then lessons will just blur into each other and the specific benefit will be lost. This is also important when encouraging students to reinforce learning in their own time. Encourage them to schedule specific slots or specific amounts of time for their language learning. Linked to the above, educators and students do need to be well organised. Take the time to note in planners, online calendars etc, what needs to be reviewed and relearned when. If you haven't made a note to revise weather vocabulary on dates

X, Y and Z then it won't happen. For the process to work most effectively, it's important for teachers and students to keep a track of what has been learned over time. This can be noted on paper, on a spreadsheet or in a learning management system.

To consequently, since English is the official language of this world it is of utmost importance that this language has to be taught in such a way that it will help us not just to speak and write and listen but to communicate. Hence innovative methods help in bringing a change and most of the times for the better. It helps the students learn faster and in an efficient, interesting and an interactive manner and it is the teacher's responsibility to leave the traditional methods and make way for new and better methods for the students benefit. English language has been the medium in the scientific world because most of the influencing scientists are from the English speaking countries. English is considered as a quite simple language.

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