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METHOD OF SPEAKING SKILL'S IMPROVEMENT AMONG SCHOOL CHILDREN

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Abstract. This article examines various methods to develop speaking skills in schoolchildren, focusing on effective strategies and interventions to improve communication abilities. It highlights techniques such as interactive activities, storytelling, role-playing and debate to help students increase their speaking skills. The study also review the impact of technology integration and peer collaboration on the development of speaking skills in school-aged children.

Key words: speaking skills, interactive storytelling, role-playing, group discussions, public speaking workshops, language games and activities, communication skills, self-confidence, methods, abilities, fluency, discussions.

INTRODUCTION

Developing strong speaking skills is essential for school children as it not only enhances their confidence and self-expression but also plays a fundamental role in their academic and personal development. Implementing effective and engaging methods can significantly contribute to a child's ability to express themselves fluently and articulately. Let's explore several impactful ways to foster the improvement of speaking skills among young learners.

1. Interactive Storytelling

Interactive storytelling is important for schoolchildren as it develops their critical thinking, imagination, empathy and language skills. This promotes engagement, making learning more enjoyable and memorable. This approach

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encourages active participation, emotional connection and a deeper understanding of narrative structures, promoting children's holistic development [3; 302]. Encouraging children to engage in interactive storytelling sessions provides an excellent platform for honing their verbal communication skills. By integrating elements of creativity, imagination, and expression, storytelling sessions allow children to practice articulating thoughts, emotions, and narratives in a structured and engaging manner. Furthermore, it promotes active listening and fosters the development of a rich vocabulary as children immerse themselves in the captivating world of stories [2; 66].

2. Role-Playing and Dramatics

Incorporating role-playing and dramatics into the curriculum stimulates children's verbal communication and expressive capabilities. By assuming various roles and enacting scenarios, children learn to convey emotions, articulate dialogues, and develop an understanding of different perspectives. This approach not only enriches their speaking skills but also nurtures empathy, creativity, and the ability to adapt to diverse social situations [4; 20-24]. Acting out different characters and performing in front of others helps teenagers build confidence in their speaking abilities. They learn to overcome stage fright, develop a strong presence, and project their voice, which translates into improved confidence in everyday speaking situations. In addition to verbal communication, role-playing and dramatics also focus on non-verbal communication cues such as body language, facial expressions, and gestures. Teenagers learn to use these elements effectively to convey meaning and enhance their overall communication skills.

3. Debates and Group Discussions

Organizing debates and group discussions within the classroom environment provides children with a platform to express and defend their viewpoints coherently. Engaging in structured discussions not only enhances children's speaking abilities but also cultivates critical thinking, logical reasoning, and the skill of presenting a clear and compelling argument, thus fostering a sense of confidence in expressing their ideas. By incorporating debates and group discussions into educational

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settings, teenagers can develop essential speaking and communication skills. These activities promote critical thinking, active listening, collaboration, and respectful dialogue, preparing teenagers to become effective communicators in academic, personal, and professional settings.

4. Show and Tell Sessions

Show and tell sessions are important because they help people develop communication skills, increase confidence and encourage creativity. They also promote knowledge sharing and strengthen a sense of community and understanding among participants [5; 30-33]. Encouraging children to participate in "show and tell" sessions empowers them to share their experiences, interests, and hobbies with their peers. This activity promotes speaking fluency, as children describe their chosen items or experiences to an audience, thereby enhancing their verbal communication in a casual and supportive setting. Show and tell activities also foster an environment of appreciation and respect for each other's unique experiences and interests.

5. Language Games and Activities

Integrating language-centered games and activities into the learning process can make improving speaking skills an enjoyable and immersive experience for children. Word games, pronunciation exercises, and language-based puzzles not only bolster vocabulary acquisition but also foster verbal dexterity and fluency. By participating in these activities, teenagers can expand their vocabulary, learn new phrases, idioms, and expressions, and improve their overall language proficiency. Additionally, activities such as tongue twisters and storytelling prompts provide lighthearted yet effective methods for enhancing children's speaking abilities. These activities help teenagers develop clearer and more accurate speech patterns, improving their overall speaking skills.

6. Public Speaking Workshops

Conducting public speaking workshops specifically tailored for school children allows them to refine their speaking skills in a structured and supportive environment. These workshops provide opportunities for children to practice public speaking, receive constructive feedback, build confidence, and overcome stage fright. In addition, they provide practical techniques for organizing and delivering effective presentations that can be useful in a variety of personal and professional situations [1; 69].

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, incorporating these methods into the educational framework empowers school children to enhance their speaking skills, fostering confidence, eloquence, and effective communication abilities that are pivotal for their academic success and personal growth. By utilizing effective methods and strategies, educators and parents can empower children to become confident and articulate communicators. Encouraging public speaking opportunities, engaging in group discussions, utilizing technology, incorporating role-playing and dramatics, and incorporating language games and activities can significantly enhance children's speaking skills.

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