

IMPORTANCE OF COMMUNICATION IN LANGUAGE LEARNING

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ABSTRACT

This paper tries to shed light on speaking skill, one of the language skills. The discussions in this paper will accentuate the English language faculties to teach English effectively and motivate the students to develop speaking skills. It also put path to understand the importance of English language in this present scenario. The aim of this paper is to educate the students to overcome their difficulties in learning English. Speaking skill is one of the language skills which is essential for employability at some level. Communication skill can be increased by conducting language games in the English language class. When the learners play language games in the classroom, they are eagerly asking questions and forget about their phobia in using language. A small attempt is made through this paper to increase the interest in the minds of the learners in learning language.

INTRODUCTION

Learning is one of the important processes in ones' life lasts from cradle to cremation. English, the most popular spoken language should be taught and learnt properly. Communication means

sharing one's thoughts and feelings using sounds, words either in the form of oral or in the form of written and using some gestures or body language. Communication is classified in to two categories verbal and non-verbal communication. It could be achieved by acquiring speaking skill. Language learning is a complex skill. One of the most important foundation skills for anyone in the new world is the ability of communication. Entry into his future career requires excellent communication skills. Experience is the best teacher', says Swami Vivekananda. It means learning from our life itself gives the best experience. If one keeps silent before the learned, his ignorance appears worthy. Here 'Silence is Noteworthy'. But if one keeps silent in the interview, his knowledge appears useless. So communication is important according to the situation. If we have just colleges and universities, it doesn't mean we have education. We should learn something of our own interest. Then only it is worthy having colleges and universities. Teaching means to touch one's life for ever. The proper pronunciation is the most essential one for a good communication. So a good communicator should know the IPA sounds (International Phonetic Alphabet sounds). IPA sounds should be taught properly at school level by a trained teacher. Speaking a foreign language may be a big confront. But it can be achieved by learning the IPA sounds and listening to the words with proper pronunciation.

NEED FOR COMMUNICATION SKILL

English plays an important role in India in all fields and makes us perfect. Communicating in English gives social status. In job market and in IT way it is important to speak in English properly. But in present scenario the education pattern becomes examination oriented and language is taught as a subject only for scoring marks and not as a communicative language for social living. Learning a foreign language is not an easy task. English is not our mother tongue and so speaking in that language makes us feel difficult. There is no one to one correlation between pronunciation and spelling. It is not a phonetic language like other regional languages. So communicating in English is difficult for us. To speak properly using correct pronunciation, learners should be IPA Sounds. As English is not taught by the well trained teachers, students find it difficult to handle it efficiently, effectively and excellently in their communication.

THE WAY TO DEVELOP SPEAKING SKILLS

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Individual attention and motivation should be given to the learners to communicate in English. Teaching English should be made attracting, inspiring and interesting. Teachers' role is an important one in teaching and learning process. Some of the oral activities should be conducted in the class very often such as JAM (Just a Minute), Role Play, Story narrating, Enacting, Sharing the problems, etc. to promote their listening and speaking skills. Individual participation must be provided to remove their phobia.

The reading skill should also be enforced to learn English effectively. Note taking skill should be introduced. When teacher utters the word with proper pronunciation, the students can imitate the teacher aptly. Acquisition of more vocabulary helps good and fluent communication. Teachers help the students to develop vocabulary by introducing different language games such as word antakshari, memory game, classification of objects, asking questions and answering with reason, word building, etc because games create meaningful context for language use. Group activities in the language classroom which help the learners to develop their listening and speaking skills should be conducted very often.

SUGGESTIONS TO IMPROVE COMMUNICATION

- Language should be taught with energetic mood when the learners feel fresh.
- More hours should be allotted for English subject.
- Learners should be given opportunity to develop accuracy and fluency in speaking
- 'Chalk and Talk' methodology should be avoided.
- More exposure should be given to promote language competence.
- Teachers should use only English to communicate with the students.
- Learners should use the language spontaneously and creatively
- Make them to have a hot conversation on a topic that they want to talk about.
- Give them the majority of control to talk either in group or individual.
- Make them to listen to English News and read News paper every day
- Providing them comprehensible input by manipulating their language proficiency
- Organising some of the clubs to improve their communication skill such as
 - Pronunciation clubs

- Reading clubs
- Movie clubs
- Acting Clubs
- Eng-Café activity club, etc.

CONCLUSION

Lack of exposure makes English learning difficult to students especially hailing from rural areas. So the language teachers should play a major role of a creator in multi lingual class. Language teachers should teach English as living language with full energy. Learners must learn themselves like an automatic machine. The jobs of tomorrow will require high level communication skill. Hence the language should be improved to communicate properly. Employability depends not only on technical knowledge of a student but also on his communication skill in the globalised scenario. An infinite learning environment should be given to the learners to develop interactive skills. New technical and technological gadgets should be introduced in the language classroom to promote learners' communication skills. Teachers make the learners to attend and present papers in workshops, seminars, conferences, etc. Teachers should give practice to the learners to coinage new words meaningfully. Word formation helps the learners to develop communication skill.

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