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INNOVATIVE WAYS OF TEACHING ENGLISH

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ABSTRACT:

English is an international language. It is taught all over the world in different way. Research is going on how to teach English language in an effective and an innovative way. The present paper is an effort to go through some innovative methods of teaching English. Language is the fourth basic need of a person after food, clothing and shelter. One cannot survive without command on English language. There are different methods of teaching English but teaching without tool is difficult. We have to change according to time. An innovative method of teaching English language is the need of time.

KEY WORDS: International Language, Innovative methods, ICT, Teaching Aids.

INTRODUCTION:

English is a global language. If you want to prove yourself in this world, getting well versed in English is mandatory. We use English for different purposes. People who live in rural area lack the skill to do communication in English. The total population of India according to 2011 census is 121 crores. Out of this population only 31.16% population lives in urban area and remaining 68.84% population live in rural area. There are many factors which affect on the teaching and learning process of English in rural area such as Family problems, financial factors, and unawareness towards education as well as fear and ignorance towards the study of English. Education is the most basic necessity in this competitive world to survive. In India English is important subject in the school and college curriculum. To teach English some innovative methods are essential. Let's see the problem of teaching English and how with the help of innovative methods we can overcome these problems.

PROBLEM OF TEACHING ENGLISH:

There are so many problems of teaching English in the class. Firstly there is a fear of English in the minds of students. The influence of mother tongue is effectively observed. The teacher faces problems in teaching English in the class because of bilingual setting and lack of exposure. As well as time available in the class and strength of the class do affect the teaching of English. Considering amount of the text book teaching and other related classroom activities, little time is left for the

teacher to focus on improving language skills. While teaching English use of ICT plays vital role. But due to lack of this facility in schools and college create problem while teaching English. As there is need to apply some strategies to overcome the problems.

METHODS OF TEACHING ENGLISH

There are different methods of teaching English. These are:

1. Grammar Translation – the classical method
2. Direct Method – discovering the importance of speaking
3. Audio-legalism – the first modern methodology
4. Humanistic Approaches – a range of holistic methods applied to language Learning
5. Communicative Language Teaching – the modern standard method

These are some of the traditional methods of teaching. The teacher has to choose the method according to the situation. Applying the most appropriate method is very essential to the teacher as well as learner.

USE OF INNOVATIONS:

Adopting innovative and interesting teaching methods such as ‘non-stop speaking, and ‘simulation practice’ by students can be very much helpful. Confidence boosting can be done by actually making the students do what they are afraid of doing. The teacher should himself/herself use simple language and the students should also be encouraged to follow the footsteps. A lot depends on the teacher’s attitude. A teacher cannot accomplish his/her objective unless he/she is personally, emotionally, attitudinally and professionally tuned up for the job. The exercises like elocution competition, debating competition or essay writing will give learner lot of exposure.

USE OF TEACHING AIDS:

Teaching material plays very important role in the process of teaching and learning to any subject. The following teaching aids help teacher to teach English innovatively.

- Teaching English through Radio: teacher can motivate the students to listen English news daily or give them opportunity to listen at school only.
- Teaching English through Television: There are different programmes on television in English. Teacher can show them those programmes. It will be audio visual aid for effective teaching of English.
- Teaching English through advertisement: Teacher can take the help of advertisement to improve their vocabulary through advertisement.
- Teaching English through mobile and project: teaching through mobile is a very effective tool now days. Mobile has reached everywhere. Through mobile teacher can show the students audio visual clips online. Projector too is very effective tool of teaching. It is audio as well as visual. Teacher can effectively teach to the students. Teacher can edit while teaching, he can draw picture too. Teacher can develop easily and effectively four skills of English language.

USE OF ICT:

With the help of information and communication technology English can be taught comfortably. While teaching English use of ICT plays vital role. But due to lack of this facility in

schools and college create problem while teaching English. The facilities like E- learning must be made available in schools and colleges. The use of ICT will make the process of teaching and learning easy.

RECOMMENDATION:

In spite of the problems in teaching and learning of English language proficiency certain steps can be taken to improve the scenario of English language proficiency. For that there is need of certain things to do by teacher as well as learner. Recommendations are:

- Organize subject related training for the teacher.
- Proper management of classroom from beginning to end.
- Try to focus on the four skills that is reading, writing, listening and speaking.
- Encourage the students to do exercise based on four skills.
- Encourage the students to become active in the classroom.
- Learning objectives should be set before any course is introduced.
- The facilities like E- learning must be made available in schools and colleges.

CONCLUSION:

Considering the socio economic background, bilingual setting, constraints of time, attitude of the students, size of the class etc. teaching English is certainly a challenging task for teachers as well as for students it poses some definite problems. The teacher has to use some specific strategies and innovative methods to overcome this problem.

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