CURRENT METHODS USED IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION

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Abstract. In today's globalized world and with the rapid growth of information technologies, the process of teaching English is undergoing significant changes. Traditional teaching methods are gradually being replaced by more innovative approaches that emphasize communicative competence, the development of critical thinking, and active student participation in the learning process. This article explores contemporary methods of English language teaching, such as the communicative approach, Content and Language Integrated Learning, Task-Based Learning, the integration of digital technologies, and gamification.
Keywords: English language, communicative approach, Content and Language Integrated Learning, Task-Based Learning, digital technologies, gamification, modern teaching methods.

Аннотация: В условиях глобализации и стремительного развития информационных технологий процесс преподавания английского языка претерпевает существенные изменения. Традиционные методы обучения постепенно уступают место инновационным подходам, ориентированным на формирование коммуникативной компетенции, развитие критического мышления и активное вовлечение обучающихся в образовательный процесс. В данной статье рассматриваются современные методы преподавания английского языка, такие как коммуникативный подход, интегрированное обучение предмету и языку, обучение на основе выполнения задач, использование цифровых технологий, а также геймификация.
Ключевые слова: английский язык, коммуникативный подход, цифровые технологии, геймификация, современные методы обучения.

Introduction: There are various approaches to teaching the English language, and each of them has its own advantages. When learning a foreign language, it is essential to use methods that encourage students to speak and use English in real communication.

However, many learners still rely on traditional techniques, such as memorizing grammar rules and translating text, which often limits their speaking ability and confidence.

In the 21st century, English has become a global language used in many areas of life, including education, business, science, and culture. For this reason, effective teaching methods are needed more than ever. Modern approaches focus not only on language knowledge, but also on communication skills, critical thinking, and student engagement. They also make use of technology to support the learning process.

As a result, traditional methods are gradually being replaced by more interactive and student-centered approaches. This article discusses some of the most effective modern methods of teaching English, including the communicative approach, Content and Language Integrated Learning, Task-Based Learning, digital technologies, and gamification.

Purpose of the Article:

The aim of this article is to explore modern methods of teaching English language, show their advantages compared to traditional approaches,

and explain how innovative strategies--such as the communicative approach, Content and Language Integrated Learning, Task-Based Learning, digital tools, and gamification–help develop language skills, critical thinking, motivation, and active participation in the learning process.

1. Communicative Approach

The communicative approach focuses on using language in real-life situations. It aims to help students speak confidently and understand others in everyday interactions.

Main features include:
- focus on speaking and listening
- use of real-life materials
- less attention to translation and grammar rules
- activities like dialogues and role plays

This method helps students speak more naturally, feel more confident, and adapt to different communication situations.

2. Content and Language Integrated Learning

Content and Learning Integrated Language is an approach where students learn subjects like history or biology in English.

Advantages:
- students improve both subject knowledge and English skills
- they learn more vocabulary related to specific topics
- lessons become more interesting and motivating

3. Task-Based Language Teaching

This approach is based on completing practical tasks, such as planning a trip or preparing a presentation.

Main stages:
- doing the task
- discussing and analyzing the results

This method helps students become more independent and improves their problem-solving skills in English.

4. Use of Digital Technologies

Modern technology plays a crucial role in language learning. Teachers and students use:

- learning platforms like Duolingo, Quizlet, and BBC Learning English
- online tools such as Zoom and Google Meet
- videos, podcasts, and interactive exercises
- AI tools like chatbots

These technologies make learning more flexible, personalized, and accessible outside the classroom.

5. Gamification

Gamification means using game elements in learning to make lessons more interesting.

Example include:
- points and rewards
- competitions
- interactive tasks and stories

This approach increases motivation, reduces stress, and helps students remember information better.

How to Improve English Pronunciation

1. Use good learning materials focused on pronunciation.
2. Listen to English regularly (podcasts, films, conversations).
3. Learn phonic symbols to understand pronunciation.
4. Practice words with correct pronunciation from the beginning.
5. Read aloud every day.
6. Use tongue twisters to enhance clarity.
7. Watch videos about pronunciation.
8. Repeat after native speakers and copy their speaking style.

Conclusion:

Modern methods of teaching English make learning more effective and engaging. Approaches such as CLT, CLIL, TBLT, digital technologies, and gamification help not only develop language skills but also improve critical thinking, creativity, and intercultural understanding. In addition, working on pronunciation helps students feel more confident when speaking. Combining traditional methods with modern approaches makes English learning more accessible and useful for different learners.

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