MODERN METHODS OF TEACHING ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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Abstract. *In the context of globalization and the development of information technologies, English language teaching is reaching a new level. Traditional methods are giving way to innovative approaches focused on communicative competence, critical thinking, and active learner engagement in the educational process. This article examines modern methods of teaching English, including the communicative approach, CLIL, Task-Based Learning, the use of digital technologies, and gamification.*

Keywords: English language, communicative approach, CLIL, TBLT, digital technologies, gamification, modern teaching methods.

СОВРЕМЕННЫЕ МЕТОДЫ ОБУЧЕНИЯ АНГЛИЙСКОМУ ЯЗЫКУ

Аннотация. *В условиях глобализации и развития информационных технологий преподавание английского языка выходит на новый уровень. Традиционные методы уступают место инновационным подходам, ориентированным на коммуникативную компетентность, критическое мышление и активное вовлечение обучающихся в образовательный процесс. В данной статье рассматриваются современные методы обучения английскому языку, в том числе коммуникативный подход, CLIL, Task-Based Learning, использование цифровых технологий и геймификация.*

Ключевые слова: английский язык, коммуникативный подход, CLIL, TBLT, цифровые технологии, геймификация, современные методы обучения.

Introduction. There are various methods of teaching the English language. When teaching a foreign language, it is important to pay attention to new ways of encouraging students to speak.

However, many still try to learn using outdated methods. As a result, problems will inevitably arise, and you will never be able to speak English well. By using modern methods, it is possible to easily learn to speak English and continue improving. You will be able to speak like a native speaker.

In the 21st century, English has become not just a foreign language, but a global language of communication, business, science, and culture. Therefore, there is a growing need for effective teaching methods that not only help develop language skills, but also promote intercultural competence, critical thinking, and digital literacy. Modern teaching approaches focus on engaging students, personalizing learning, and integrating technology.

In today's world, where the English language plays a key role in international communication, business, science, and culture, it is especially important to use effective methods for teaching it.

Traditional approaches, which primarily focus on grammar and translation, no longer meet the demands of the times and fail to provide an adequate level of language proficiency in real-life situations. These methods are now being replaced by modern techniques that emphasize the development of communicative competence, learner engagement, critical thinking, and adaptation to the digital environment. This article explores the most relevant and effective methods for teaching English, such as the communicative approach, Content and Language Integrated Learning (CLIL), Task-Based Language Teaching (TBLT), the use of digital technologies, and elements of gamification.

Purpose of the Article:

The purpose of this article is to examine modern methods of teaching English, highlight their advantages over traditional approaches, and demonstrate how the use of innovative strategies—such as the communicative approach, CLIL, Task-Based Learning, digital technologies, and gamification—contributes to the development of language competence, critical thinking, motivation, and active student engagement in the educational process.

1.Communicative Approach (Communicative Language Teaching, CLT)

The communicative approach focuses on the learner's ability to use the language in real-life situations. Key characteristics of the method include:

-Emphasis on speaking and listening comprehension.

- Use of authentic materials.

- Minimization of translation and grammatical explanations.

- Simulation of real-life situations (dialogues, role plays).

CLT helps develop spontaneous speech, confidence in communication, and adaptability to various communicative contexts.

2. Content and Language Integrated Learning (CLIL)

CLIL is a method in which English is used as a medium for learning other subjects (such as geography, biology, history, etc.).

Advantages:

-Simultaneous development of subject knowledge and language competence.

- Expansion of vocabulary in specialized areas.

 -Increased student motivation through an interdisciplinary approach.

3.Task-Based Language Teaching (TBLT)

TBLT focuses on completing real-life tasks such as planning a trip, writing a letter, or preparing a presentation. The stages of the method include:

-Task (independent work)

-Post-task (discussion and analysis)

This approach fosters learner autonomy and enhances problem-solving skills in a foreign language.

4.Use of Digital Technologies

The digital transformation of education opens new horizons in English language teaching. In practice, the following are used:

-Educational platforms (Duolingo, Quizlet, BBC Learning English)

-Online communication tools (Zoom, Google Meet)

-Video lessons, podcasts, and interactive exercises

-Artificial intelligence (chatbots, adaptive learning)

Technologies make it possible to adapt learning to individual needs and expand language practice beyond the classroom.

5.Gamification

Gamification makes learning more engaging and motivating by incorporating game elements:

- Points, levels, rewards

- Team competitions

- Quests and interactive stories

Game-based methods help reduce anxiety, increase engagement, and improve material retention.

How to Improve Your English Pronunciation?

1.**Choose quality pronunciation resources.**

Start with well-structured textbooks or apps that focus on English sounds and intonation.

2.**Train your ear.**

Listening is key! Regularly expose yourself to English through podcasts, movies, and conversations.

3.**Learn phonetic transcription.**

Understanding IPA (International Phonetic Alphabet) helps you pronounce new words correctly from the start.

4.**Master word pronunciation from the beginning.**

Don't just memorize words—learn how they sound and practice them aloud.

5.**Read aloud daily.**

Reading out loud helps build fluency and reinforces correct pronunciation patterns.

6.**Practice with tongue twisters.**

They're fun and super effective for improving clarity and speech speed.

7.**Watch pronunciation-focused videos.**

Use YouTube or learning platforms with videos by native speakers and pronunciation coaches.

8.**Mimic native speakers.**

Choose short clips, repeat after them, and try to match their rhythm, tone, and pronunciation.

Conclusion:

Modern methods of teaching English open up new horizons in education, making the learning process more effective, engaging, and adapted to the demands of the 21st century. The use of the communicative approach, CLIL, project-based learning, digital technologies, and gamification not only helps to develop language skills but also fosters critical thinking, creativity, and intercultural competence. Moreover, special attention to correct pronunciation enables learners to feel more confident in real-life communication situations. The combination of traditional foundations with innovative practices makes learning English more accessible and effective for various categories of learners.

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