

EFFECTIVE TEACHING METHODS IN ENGLISH TO YOUNG LEARNERS

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Abstract: *This article gives you a brief overview on how to teach English to young learners and how to get them interested in the language. Some effective methods are given in this article*

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Learning language is also related to young ages. According to psychologists, children learn language faster and easier compared to adults. The natural inclination of children to learn language, their strong tendency to imitate, and the abundance of time they have compared to adults are the main reasons for this. It should be noted that children aged 6-7 do not understand the meaning of information, they memorize it mechanically. Additionally, it is necessary not to start teaching English to primary school students from teaching grammar. Otherwise, the initial step of teaching a foreign language may discourage the child and extinguish their interest. Therefore, teaching English language to young people is very difficult and responsible. The following methods can be used to teach children English in a meaningful and interesting way.

Total physical response: it is related to a language learning technique that emphasizes body movement and language acquisition at its heart. In this method, body movement, singing, and dancing all work well, as it helps the learner to establish the action and the meaning of the song in their heads.

Using songs. Songs are friendly and essential for language learning tool that helps create a collaborative environment. Achieving good results in education for teachers, English lessons should not be boring for children and this language they can use songs to increase their love. Fun singing words and sentences for children in language learning helps to learn and remember the structure. The most important reason for this is that songs play a key role in teaching English in primary education. Using children's songs as a classroom activity to enrich students' vocabulary, improve grammar and pronunciation. Singing along helps reinforce language skills and promote fluency. And also by singing songs the repetitive nature of songs facilitates memory retention. Children easily memorize song lyrics, allowing them to internalize vocabulary and language structures effortlessly. The rhythmic patterns and melodies aid in retention and recall of language concepts.

Games. Games are very useful activity for language learning, especially for young learners. Children enjoy games and thus participate without anxiety. Games provide

motivating children and they are activities which are usually familiar to children as regards structures and rules. According to Kim, most of the teachers, trying to complete their ESL lessons often find games as a great solution not only to fill their lesson plan, but also to keep students motivated and awake during the class. The utilization of games is justified with the advantages and benefits it brings to the students. They are a great way to be used in difficult and not pleasant topics so as games can make students more active and willing to learn even the complicated topics. For example, from vocabulary games and communicative activities like role-play and board games, these activities engage children actively in language practice while promoting social interaction and teamwork.

Visual Aids. Visual aids are tools, it helps to make a lesson clearer, easier to understand. There are many visual aids available like pictures, postcards, charts, graphic organizers, maps, videos. According to Levin and Mayer, the beneficial effects of the visual aids and the reasons why pictures facilitate comprehension and learning are. They explained that their words pictures make the text more coherent, concentrated, correspondent and codable.

Technology Integration. To young learners, technology can be an effective tool for several reasons today. Using integration of technology in primary education helps to provide an opportunity for young children to be creative and that type of technologies also develop capability of children. Digital tools can increase language learning experiences for young learners. For example, interactive apps, some educational websites can provide engaging and interactive opportunities for language practice and exploration. In an increasingly digital and familiarity with technology is beneficial for future success.

In conclusion, this article provides insights into teaching English to young learners and fostering their interest in the language. We can see some effective methods such as Total Physical Response, songs, games, visual aids, and technology integration. Children's natural inclination to language learning, their tendency to imitate, and ample time availability contribute to their faster language acquisition. It emphasizes the importance of making English lessons engaging and meaningful, avoiding starting with grammar instruction for primary school students. Utilizing methods like Total Physical Response, songs, games, visual aids, and technology integration can create an enjoyable and effective learning environment for young learners.

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