

USING MODERN INTERACTIVE METHODS IN FOREIGN LANGUAGE TEACHING

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Abstract

This article highlights the importance, advantages, and effectiveness of using modern interactive methods in foreign language teaching. The study analyzes how interactive methods increase students' interest in lessons, develop their independent thinking skills, and enhance their communicative competence. Furthermore, the role of such methods as Brainstorming, Clustering, Role Play, and Debate in foreign language teaching is discussed. The article concludes that lessons organized on the basis of modern pedagogical technologies contribute significantly to the effective development of students' language skills.

Keywords: foreign language, interactive methods, modern pedagogical technologies, communicative competence, educational effectiveness, innovative approach, role play, brainstorming, clustering method, educational process.

Introduction

In today's era of globalization, learning and teaching foreign languages have become one of the most important areas of the educational system. In particular, young people's mastery of foreign languages expands their opportunities for future professional activities, international communication, and access to modern information resources. Therefore, the use of effective, innovative, and student-centered teaching methods in the process of foreign language instruction has become an urgent issue. Nowadays, alongside traditional teaching methods, modern interactive methods are becoming increasingly popular. Interactive methods help students develop independent thinking, increase their participation in classroom activities, and improve their language skills through practical application. In particular, methods such as Brainstorming, Clustering, Debate, and Role Play play an important role in developing students' communicative competence. This article discusses the significance of using modern interactive methods in foreign language teaching, their advantages, and their impact on the effectiveness of the educational process.

Methodology

This study employed both theoretical and practical research methods to investigate the effectiveness of using modern interactive methods in foreign language teaching. During the research process, pedagogical literature, scientific articles, and international experiences were analyzed. In addition, the significance of interactive methods in developing students' language skills was examined.

The practical part of the study focused on the implementation of interactive methods such as Brainstorming, Clustering, Role Play, Pair Work, and Group Work in the classroom. These methods were found to contribute to the development of students' communicative competence, independent thinking, collaborative skills, and the ability to communicate fluently in a foreign language.

Throughout the research, observation, comparison, analysis, and generalization methods were used. Based on the findings, it was concluded that the use of modern interactive methods increases the effectiveness of foreign language teaching and enhances students' interest in learning.

The Importance of Modern Methods in Foreign Language Teaching

The importance of modern methods in foreign language teaching is invaluable. Nowadays, several interactive methods are widely used in the educational process. Some of them are as follows:

1. K-W-L Method (Know – Want to Know – Learned). This method helps students improve their reading comprehension and analytical thinking skills.

2. Brainstorming. This method is used for generating ideas. Its main purpose is to encourage students to solve problems collaboratively through idea generation, discussion, and constructive evaluation.

3. Creative Problem Solving. In this method, students are given the beginning of a story and asked to create an appropriate ending. It helps develop their critical and creative thinking abilities.

4. Quick Answers. Students are asked questions related to the previously studied topic. This method helps reinforce knowledge and improve response speed.

5. Pantomime. Different words or concepts are explained through gestures and body language. This method is especially useful when teaching difficult topics or when students become tired after completing written exercises.

6. A Chain Story. Students collectively create or continue a story. This activity helps improve their speaking skills and creativity.

7. When Pictures Speak. This method uses topic-related pictures to encourage students to speak and express their ideas, thereby improving oral communication skills.

8. Quiz Cards. Cards containing questions or tasks are distributed among students. This ensures active participation from all learners and saves classroom time.

9. Clustering Method. Clustering is a pedagogical strategy that allows students to think freely and openly about a topic. It is effective for generating new ideas and connecting them with existing knowledge.

10. INSERT Method. Students read a text or story and then retell it in their own words. This method promotes active reading, observation, comprehension, and critical thinking.

Results

The findings of the study revealed that the use of modern interactive methods significantly improves the effectiveness of foreign language teaching. In particular, group work, pair work, and role-play activities increased students' classroom participation and positively influenced the development of their communication skills. It was observed that students in classes where interactive methods were applied were able to learn new topics more quickly, express their opinions independently, and communicate more confidently in a foreign language. Moreover, these methods increased students' interest in lessons and transformed them into active participants in the learning process. The analysis also showed that the regular use of interactive methods contributes to the development of listening, reading, writing, and speaking skills. Furthermore, these methods play a crucial role in fostering twenty-first-century skills such as teamwork, problem-solving, and critical thinking.

Conclusion

In conclusion, the use of modern interactive methods in foreign language teaching plays a significant role in improving the effectiveness of the educational process. These methods increase students' classroom engagement, develop their independent and critical thinking skills, and expand their opportunities for effective communication in a foreign language. The findings of the study confirm that interactive methods have a positive impact on the development of students' listening, speaking, reading, and writing competencies. In addition, activities based on pair work and group work help students develop collaboration, problem-solving, and creative thinking skills. Therefore, the regular and purposeful application of modern interactive methods in foreign language classes is one of the key factors in improving the quality of education and preparing competitive individuals with strong communicative competence.

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