

THE IMPORTANCE OF INNOVATIVE METHODS IN DEVELOPING SPEAKING SKILLS IN SCHOOL STUDENTS

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ABSTRACT: This article discusses the positive impact of innovative methods on the development of speaking skills in students. By providing examples of innovative methods, such as gamification and the use of modern technologies to engage students in debates and discussions, the article highlights the importance of innovative methods in shaping students' speaking skills.

KEYWORDS

Innovative methods, gamification, virtual reality, speaking skills, critical thinking, multimodal learning.

INTRODUCTION

Speech is the main expression of human communication, thought, and social activity, and its development is one of the most important directions of the educational process. Although there are traditional approaches to developing speaking skills in modern pedagogy, they do not always meet the needs of students. Therefore, the need to introduce innovative methods arises. These methods allow for activating speech activity, deepening thinking, processing information, and forming effective communication.

The impact of innovative methods on the development of speaking skills is multifaceted, relying on modern technologies, interactive approaches, and personalized learning models. Traditional methods focus more on grammar and phonetics, but this is not fully oriented towards effectively using speech in real-life communication. Innovative approaches, on the other hand, involve students in active communication, helping them develop their language skills through speech exercises in an interactive environment. For example, virtual reality and augmented reality technologies can be used to bring students closer to real life, which increases their speaking confidence.

The need to introduce innovative speaking methods in modern education is related to the increasing need to form a successful individual in a society based on rapid information exchange and communication. Today's students should not only be limited to receiving information, but also have the ability to process, analyze, and coherently present it. It is also important to actively participate in the digital environment, be an equal participant in the global communication

process, and be able to manage their speech in various social contexts. This requires the introduction of innovative approaches, not just limiting oneself to traditional teaching methods.

The changing environment in education and the development of new methods are driving the introduction of new forms of speech exercises. Gamification, virtual reality, and mobile platform-based learning processes not only make learning easier but also provide an opportunity to develop speaking skills in real communication situations. Therefore, the use of innovative speaking methods in the educational process is not only a need but also an integral part of development.

In the modern education system, the need to use innovative methods in addition to traditional approaches to improve the effectiveness of speaking skills development is growing day by day. Innovative methods aim to involve students in active communication, deeply form speaking competence, and increase their ability to freely use speech in a social environment. Unlike traditional grammar exercises, these methods provide students with the opportunity to use speech in real-life contexts and serve to develop logical and analytical thinking.

The use of innovative approaches allows for making the learning process interactive, personalized, and technology-based. For example, multimodal learning tools, speech trainers using artificial intelligence, and communication platforms in a virtual environment help organize speech exercises more effectively. In addition, the gamification elements can make the learning process engaging and focused on active participation. In today's environment, where the education process is undergoing rapid changes, innovative methods are the most effective means of stimulating speech development and directing students to active learning.

Gamification methods are innovative approaches aimed at activating students and increasing their motivation by introducing game elements into the learning process. This method is also effective in developing speaking competence because, through game technologies, students perform speech exercises in an interactive environment, experience real-life communication situations, and learn to use speech freely. In native language education, the gamification method helps not only develop speaking skills but also form creative and logical-analytical thinking in students.

Gamification methods allow for conducting the speech development process in a dynamic and interactive way, unlike ordinary grammar exercises. The main emphasis is placed on communication, speech activity, and increasing lexical richness. "Word Chain" Game Method: To develop speech competence and increase vocabulary, the "Word Chain" game is one of the effective methods that requires the active participation of students. Through this game, they have the opportunity to increase their lexical richness, understand the semantic connection between words, and strengthen speech structures. Game Procedure:

1. The teacher divides the students into small groups.
2. Each group is given a word, for example, "enlightenment".

3. The first student must create a new word or phrase using that word, for example, "enlightened person."
4. The next student uses that phrase and adds another new word or phrase, for example, "an enlightened person contributes to the development of society."
5. This process continues as a chain, and each new participant must add a new linguistic unit related to the previous sentence or word.

Through this game, students not only increase their vocabulary but also develop an understanding of the semantic connection between words and concepts. They are forced to continue the thinking process using a word or phrase, which ensures that they consciously choose words and work on speech structures. In addition, this method teaches students to think independently and strengthens their confidence in the communication process. For example, in the above example, starting from the simple word "manners", students managed to form a continuous speech coherence about values, upbringing, and enlightenment in society.

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