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CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS IN INTENSIVE LANGUAGE TEACHING

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Annotation

Intensive language teaching programs aim to accelerate language acquisition in a condensed timeframe, often requiring high learner motivation, consistent practice, and effective teaching strategies. However, these programs come with unique challenges such as learner fatigue, curriculum overload, and limited individual attention. This article explores common problems faced in intensive language environments and proposes practical solutions, such as differentiated instruction, integration of technology, and psychological support. Understanding these challenges is essential for improving learning outcomes and ensuring student well-being in intensive settings.

Key Words: intensive learning, language teaching, student motivation, curriculum design, learner fatigue, teacher strategies, psychological support, time management, technology use, assessment methods

Annotatsiva

Intensiv til oʻqitish dasturlari qisqa vaqt ichida til oʻrganishni tezlashtirishga qaratilgan bo'lib, bunda o'quvchilarning yuqori motivatsiyasi, muntazam mashq qilishi va samarali oʻqitish strategiyalari talab etiladi. Biroq, bu dasturlar oʻziga xos ega: charchoq, ortiqcha yuklama va qiyinchiliklarga individual e'tibor yetishmovchiligi. Ushbu maqolada intensiv oʻqitishdagi muammolar va ularning amaliy yechimlari, jumladan differensial yondashuv, texnologiyalardan foydalanish va psixologik qoʻllab-quvvatlash muhokama qilinadi.

Kalit so'zlar: intensiv o'rganish, til o'qitish, motivatsiya, o'quv dasturi, charchoq, oʻqituvchi strategiyasi, psixologik yordam, vaqtni boshqarish, texnologiya, baholash

Аннотация

Интенсивные языковые курсы направлены на ускоренное овладение языком в короткие сроки, что требует высокой мотивации учащихся, постоянной практики и эффективных методов преподавания. Однако они сопряжены с определёнными трудностями, такими как утомляемость, перегрузка программы и нехватка индивидуального подхода. В статье рассматриваются основные проблемы практические И предлагаются решения, включая



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дифференцированный подход, использование технологий и психологическую поддержку.

Ключевые слова: интенсивное обучение, преподавание языка, мотивация студентов, учебная программа, усталость, стратегии преподавания, психологическая поддержка, управление временем, технологии, оценивание

Intensive language teaching is a methodology that compresses language learning into a shorter duration compared to traditional courses. Its primary goal is to achieve faster language proficiency, especially for academic, professional, or immigration purposes. While this approach can be highly effective for motivated learners, it presents a distinct set of challenges for both educators and students.

One of the most significant issues is **learner fatigue**. Due to the intensity and frequency of lessons, students may experience cognitive overload and physical exhaustion. Unlike standard language courses where learning is spaced over time, intensive programs require students to process large amounts of information in a short period. As a result, learners may struggle to retain information or lose interest due to burnout.

Closely linked to this is the **challenge of motivation**. At the outset, students may be highly enthusiastic, but sustaining that motivation over time is difficult, especially if progress appears slow or they face repeated failures. Teachers in intensive settings must find ways to maintain motivation through engaging materials, real-life applications, and visible short-term goals that keep students inspired.

Another problem is **curriculum overload**. Educators often try to cover too much material within a limited timeframe. This can lead to superficial learning where students memorize grammar rules or vocabulary lists without fully understanding how to apply them in real contexts. To address this, it is crucial to focus on **curriculum prioritization**, selecting core competencies and gradually building on them through spiral learning techniques.

Assessment is another issue. Traditional testing methods may not accurately reflect the progress of students in intensive courses. Therefore, using formative assessments like ongoing observation, portfolio tasks, and self-assessment tools can provide a more holistic view of learner development.

Teachers also face stress in intensive environments. Preparing daily lesson plans, evaluating student progress, and managing classroom dynamics within such tight schedules can be overwhelming. **Professional support systems**, team teaching, and access to teaching resources are essential for reducing teacher burnout.

Individual differences in learning styles, pace, and language background pose another challenge. Not all students progress at the same speed. Implementing

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differentiated instruction helps address this by providing various learning pathways, materials, and support according to each student's needs.

Technology can be a powerful ally in this context. Language labs, digital flashcards, speech recognition tools, and online platforms allow learners to practice beyond the classroom and receive instant feedback. These tools also enable personalized learning, which is crucial in intensive programs.

Furthermore, **psychological support** should not be overlooked. Students in intensive programs may face anxiety and stress, especially if they are learning a language for migration or employment. Integrating well-being practices such as mindfulness, peer support groups, and open communication with instructors can create a more supportive learning environment.

Time management is essential for both students and teachers. Learners must be guided in how to structure their study time, prioritize tasks, and balance language learning with other responsibilities. Teachers can assist by setting realistic learning goals, providing study schedules, and offering tips on independent learning strategies.

Ultimately, the **success of intensive language teaching** depends on a combination of pedagogical strategies, learner-centered practices, and institutional support. Tailoring instruction, using technology wisely, and paying attention to learner well-being can significantly improve outcomes in intensive programs.

Conclusion

Intensive language teaching can yield remarkable results when implemented effectively, but it is not without its challenges. Educators and institutions must be proactive in identifying and addressing learner fatigue, curriculum design, and individual needs. The integration of technology, differentiated instruction, and psychological support can transform these challenges into opportunities. By adopting a holistic and flexible approach, language teachers can maximize the benefits of intensive instruction while ensuring a sustainable and engaging learning experience for all students.

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