

USING INTERACTIVE METHODS IN TEACHING ENGLISH

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Annotation: This thesis discusses the importance of using interactive methods in teaching English as a foreign language. The study emphasizes that interactive approaches increase students' engagement, motivation, and communication skills by creating a learner-centered environment. It describes several effective interactive techniques such as brainstorming, role play, debates, pair work, group discussion, project work, and interactive games. These methods encourage learners to think critically, cooperate with peers, and use the English language in real-life situations. The author concludes that interactive teaching strategies make English lessons more effective, enjoyable, and practical, preparing students for real communication in the modern world.

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In today's educational system, teaching English requires the use of modern and interactive methods rather than relying solely on traditional approaches. Interactive methods help increase students' motivation, engagement, and participation in the learning process. The term "interactive" means mutual action or communication, which implies active involvement between the teacher and students as well as among students themselves.

One of the most widely used interactive methods in English language teaching is Brainstorming. This technique encourages students to express their thoughts freely and share various ideas related to a topic. It helps to develop critical thinking and expand vocabulary. Another popular approach is Role Play, which allows learners to act out real-life situations such as conversations in shops, airports, or hospitals. Through role play, students practice speaking fluently, improve pronunciation, and gain confidence in communication.

Other effective methods include Debates, Pair Work, and Group Discussions. These activities promote teamwork, logical reasoning, and problem-solving skills. Students learn to defend their opinions, listen to others, and cooperate to achieve common goals. The Project Work method is also very productive, as it develops research skills, creativity, and presentation abilities. By preparing projects, students learn how to find information, organize it, and present it in English.

In addition, Interactive Games make the learning process more enjoyable and dynamic. Games such as word puzzles, quizzes, and vocabulary races create a

competitive atmosphere that motivates learners to use English actively. These activities not only improve linguistic competence but also make lessons memorable and stress-free.

Using interactive methods in English teaching transforms the classroom into a communicative and learner-centered environment. It allows students to practice language in meaningful contexts and develop all four skills — listening, speaking, reading, and writing. For teachers, these methods provide an opportunity to assess learners more effectively and adapt lessons to their individual needs.

In conclusion, interactive methods are essential for modern English language education. They encourage active participation, creativity, and independent thinking. By applying various interactive techniques, teachers can make English lessons more effective, enjoyable, and relevant to real-life communication.

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