

DIRECT METHOD IN TEACHING ENGLISH

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Abstract: The Direct Method is an approach to teaching English that emphasizes the direct use of the target language in the classroom. It focuses on developing oral communication skills and aims to immerse students in an English-speaking environment. In this article, we will explore the principles and benefits of the Direct Method in teaching English. Verbal speech is always important in foreign languages learning process. Direct method helps to the development of students' oral speech. Its main goal is to learn a foreign language perfectly. This method is also called "Natural language" because of its learners do not use native language. Language of oral is always important role in the politics and journalism foreign is used to describe people, jobs and activities to countries that are not the country of the person or government concerned process of learning. Oral proficiency in something that you show ability or skill at it are also a basic role in the language of foreign. The strategy of communication is important to oral ability. This research focus the advantage of Direct Method to give instruction how to communicate in the language of target.

Key words: Direct Method , Speech, Target Language, Communication. Principles of the Direct Method

Oral Communication: The Direct Method prioritizes spoken language over written language. It encourages students to learn English through conversation, role-plays, and real-life situations, enabling them to communicate effectively in everyday situations.

Native-Like Pronunciation: The Direct Method places a strong emphasis on correct pronunciation from the very beginning. Students are encouraged to imitate the teacher's pronunciation and engage in oral drills to improve their spoken English and sound natural.

No Translation: In the Direct Method, translation is avoided as much as possible. Instead, teachers use visual aids, gestures, and real-life objects to convey meaning directly, allowing students to associate words with their corresponding objects or actions.

Contextualization: Language is presented in meaningful and contextualized situations to make the learning process more engaging and relevant. Vocabulary and grammar

are taught within real-life, situational contexts, which helps students understand and remember language structures more effectively.

Benefits of the Direct Method

Active Language Use: The Direct Method encourages students to actively use English right from the start. By engaging in conversations, discussions, and various interactive activities, students gain confidence in expressing themselves in the target language and develop their fluency.

Natural Language Acquisition: By immersing students in an English-speaking environment, the Direct Method closely replicates the way people acquire their first language. This approach enables students to develop a natural and intuitive understanding of the language, making it easier for them to express their ideas and thoughts.

Focus on Listening Skills: Listening is a vital component of language learning, and the Direct Method places a great deal of emphasis on developing students' listening skills. Through exposure to authentic and meaningful language input, students learn to understand spoken English more accurately and improve their comprehension abilities.

Cultural Understanding: The Direct Method provides opportunities for students to be exposed to the cultural aspects of the English language. By using authentic materials such as songs, videos, and texts, students gain insights into the culture and customs of English-speaking countries, enhancing their understanding and appreciation of the language. The Direct Method, which is also known as natural method or conversational method, has been popular since it enables students to communicate in the foreign language. The Direct Method through focusing on everyday language, and using questions and answers lays an emphasis on teaching oral language. (Larsen-Freeman, 1986, p.29).¹ More oral question and answer exercises in the passages, more use of exercises such as correct pronunciation of words will make the lesson more interesting and develop students' speaking skills. Direct Method should be connected directly with target language without translation into native language. The aim is to provide language learners with a practically useful to know the communication. To understand the communication is good mention something. Rather than translating the teaching material the teacher is expected to directly use the target language in class because a language can best be taught by it actively in the classroom. The teacher should not explain but associate the meaning through action and demonstration. This time learners who is learning about the particular subject are induce grammar rules through illustration and demonstration. This method act the teacher-student and student-student activities. Correct pronunciation is given careful attention in this method new vocabulary is taught by using known words. English is one

Larsen-Freeman "Techniques and principles in language" , 1986, p.29.¹

of the languages in the world that is used by many people in many countries. This is a major factor why English is one of the languages that must be learned in schools or institutions. It also makes English eligible as the main requirement for communicating in global communication. This answers the question why English is an international language that needs to be learned. It has been taught at Elementary School, Junior High School, Senior High School, and university level. Now, English is not only necessary to be learnt but it is as a tool of self development for everyone especially for English Department students. English Department students should have the skills, there are four skills, namely listening, speaking, reading, and writing. One thing that is in the spotlight is speaking which is generally an important aspect of communication. Speaking is also a process of delivering information or messages. Through this speaking activity the process of communication and the process of information being conveyed.

The Direct Method is a student-centered approach that prioritizes oral communication and immerses students in an English-speaking environment. By focusing on spoken language, correct pronunciation, and contextualized learning, this method enables students to develop their English language skills naturally and effectively. The emphasis on active language use, listening skills, and cultural understanding contributes to a well-rounded language learning experience. If you are an English teacher or learner, consider incorporating elements of the Direct Method into your lessons or studies to enhance your language proficiency. Acquisition of a good oral proficiency is of paramount importance in foreign language learning process. Creating a communicative environment encourages students to get engaged in the target language, and enhances their oral language development. The teacher should be aware of his/her potential in the Direct Method as it will positively influence language development of students. The application of direct method in speaking skills that is applied by teachers in schools is one way to answer the challenges of students problems in communicating in English. This method also improves their speaking skills because students do not need to be afraid to speak in public in a foreign language for fear of making mistakes. Because what is focused in this method is that students are able and understand the material obtained.

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