

**ADVANCING LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY THROUGH COMMUNICATIVE
LANGUAGE TEACHING IN ENGLISH EDUCATION**

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Anotatsiya: *Bu bizga ingliz tilini (CLT) o'qitishda kommunikativ tilni o'qitishdan qanday foydalanishni o'rgatadi. CLT ingliz tilini ikkinchi yoki chet tili sifatida o'rgatishda muhim ko'rsatkich bo'lib xizmat qiladi. U til o'rganishda muloqot va o'zaro ta'sirning muhimligini ta'kidlab o'tadi, va bu metod o'quvchilarning kommunikativ malakasini rivojlantirishga qaratilgan hisoblanadi. Ushbu maqolada o'zbek, rus va ingliz tillarida ingliz tilini o'qitishda kommunikativ tilni o'rganish tamoyillari, usullari va ahamiyati ko'rib chiqiladi.*

Анотация: *Коммуникативное преподавание языка в обучении английскому языку. Как использовать коммуникативное преподавание в обучении английскому языку (CLT) имеет значение. CLT выступает как важный показатель в обучении английскому языку как второму или иностранному языку. Он подчеркивает важность общения и взаимодействия в обучении языку, направлен на развитие коммуникативной компетентности учащихся. В данной статье будут рассмотрены принципы, методики и важность применения коммуникативного метода обучения английскому языку на узбекском, русском и английском языках.*

Annotation: *It teaches us how to utilize communicative language teaching in teaching English (CLT) holds significance. CLT serves as an important indicator in teaching English as a second or foreign language. It underscores the importance of communication and interaction in language learning, aiming to develop learners' communicative competence. This article examines the principles, techniques, and importance of learning communicative language teaching in English instruction in Uzbek, Russian, and English languages.*

Kalit so'zlar: *Kommunikativ til o'qitish, ingliz tili, talabalar, interaksiya, texnikalar, klasik adabiyotlar, muhimlik.*

Ключевые слова: *Коммуникативное преподавание, английский язык, учащиеся, взаимодействие, методики, классическая литература, значимость.*

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In the field of English language education, Communicative Language Teaching (CLT) has gained significant role for its effectiveness in contributing to language acquisition and proficiency. CLT organizes communication and interaction, aiming to develop learners' ability to use English in authentic contexts. In the past several decades, Communicative Language Teaching (CLT) has spread around the world, being used with students of various ages and skill levels in schools. The CLT method begins by taking into account how language is really used outside of the classroom. People utilize language on a daily basis for a wide range of purposes, including making requests, giving and receiving permission, and requesting and providing data. In other words, they communicate through language. Giving pupils the tools they need to speak successfully in English is the aim of communicative language teaching. When compared to other conventional approaches, CLT indicates a variety of benefits, including an influence on students' motivation and performance. In addition, a study is carried out to see how this strategy is used in our schools by looking at a few urban and rural schools. Additionally, an observational study of students' performance in the four language skills—reading, writing, speaking, and listening—is carried out.

Principles of Communicative Language Teaching:

CLT is based in several key principles that guide language instruction. *As Larsen-Freeman and Anderson (2011) emphasize, "The central principle of CLT is that language is a tool for communication."*¹ This principle shows the importance of focusing on meaningful communication rather than rote memorization of grammar rules. Additionally, CLT emphasizes learner-centered instruction, where learners are actively engaged in communicative tasks that promote language acquisition. Below I will state some key principles of CLT:

1. Communication as the Goal:

- The primary objective of CLT is to enable learners to communicate effectively in real-life situations.

- Language proficiency is measured by the ability to convey and comprehend messages accurately and appropriately.

2. Authentic Language Use:

- CLT promotes the use of authentic materials and tasks that reflect real-world language use.

- Authentic materials consist of newspapers, magazines, videos, and podcasts, exposing learners to diverse language contexts and cultural nuances.

3. Learner-Centered Approach:

- CLT emphasizes active learner participation and interaction in the language learning process.

¹ . Larsen-Freeman, D., & Anderson, M. (2011). *Techniques and Principles in Language Teaching*. Oxford University Press.

- Teachers act as facilitators, guiding and supporting learners as they enter in communicative tasks and activities.

4. Integration of Skills:

- CLT encourages the collaboration of speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills in meaningful contexts.

- Rather than isolating language skills, learners practice using language totally, mimicking real communication situations.

5. Error Tolerance:

- CLT acknowledges that errors are a natural part of language learning.

- Learners are encouraged to take risks and experiment with language without fear of making mistakes, encouraging a supportive learning environment. And this principle leads the student to the concept that making a mistake while you are writing or speaking is not that bad.

6. Task-Based Learning:

The heart of CLT is tasks, with learners completing meaningful tasks that require the use of language in authentic contexts.

- Tasks may include role-plays, simulations, problem-solving activities, imitating, and information gap tasks.

7. Collaborative Learning:

- CLT promotes collaborative learning through pair and group work activities.

- Collaborative activities give opportunities for students to deal with meaning, exchange ideas, and learn from each other.

8. Fluency Over Accuracy:

- CLT prioritizes fluency in communication over grammatical accuracy.

- Learners are uplifted to focus on conveying their message effectively, with grammatical accuracy improving over time through exposure and practice.

9. Cultural Awareness:

- CLT fosters cultural awareness and sensitivity by exposing learners to different cultural perspectives and practices.

- Authentic materials and tasks provide opportunities for learners to explore cultural nuances and understand the cultural context of language use.

10. Meaningful Contexts:

- CLT demonstrates learning language in meaningful contexts that are relevant and applicable to learners' every day lives.

- Language learning tasks and activities are designed to simulate real-life situations, making language acquisition more practical and joyful.

These principles underscore the holistic and communicative nature of CLT, highlighting its effectiveness in promoting language acquisition and proficiency. By incorporating these principles into language instruction, educators can create engaging

and effective learning environments that empower learners to communicate confidently and competently in the target language.

Techniques and Activities in Communicative language teaching:

CLT employs a variety of techniques and activities to facilitate language learning. *According to Richards and Rodgers (2001), "Task-based learning is a central component of CLT."*² Tasks such as role-plays, information gap activities, and problem-solving tasks provide learners with opportunities to utilize English in authentic situation, promoting fluency and communicative competence. Furthermore, CLT displays for the use of authentic materials, such as literature and multimedia resources, to expose learners to real-world language use and cultural contexts. These techniques and activities focus on promoting communication, interaction, and authentic language usage. Here are some key techniques and activities commonly used in CLT:

1. Pair and Group Work:

- Collaborative activities such as pair work and group discussions provide learners with opportunities to interact and communicate with their peers.
- Learners engage in meaningful conversations, cope with meaning, and practice using the language in authentic contexts.

2. Role-plays and Simulations:

- Role-plays allow learners to take on different roles and engage in simulated real-life scenes.
- By role-playing situations such as ordering food in a restaurant or negotiating a business deal, learners practice using language functionally and develop fluency and pragmatics.

3. Information Gap Activities:

- Information gap activities include tasks where one learner has facts that the other needs to accomplish a task.
- These activities promote communication and collaboration as learners exchange information to fill in the gaps.

4. Task-Based Learning:

- Task-based learning concentrates on completing meaningful tasks that require the use of language in authentic contexts.
- Tasks may include planning a trip, solving a problem, conducting a survey, or creating a presentation, encouraging learners to use language creatively and purposefully.

5. Games and Interactive Activities:

- Games and interactive activities make learning enjoyable and engaging for learners.
- Activities such as language games, puzzles, quizzes, and interactive online exercises provide opportunities for learners to practice language skills in a fun and interactive way.

² Richards, J. C., & Rodgers, T. S. (2001). *Approaches and Methods in Language Teaching*. Cambridge University Press.

6. Information Sharing and Presentations:

- Learners are encouraged to share information, experiences, and opinions with their classmates through presentations and discussions.
- Presentations allow learners to express themselves, develop public speaking skills, and receive feedback from their peers and teachers.

7. Using Authentic Materials:

- Authentic materials such as newspapers, magazines, videos, songs, and podcasts expose learners to real-world language use and cultural contexts.
- By engaging with authentic materials, learners develop their language skills while gaining insights into different cultures and perspectives

8. Role of Technology:

- Technology-enhanced activities, such as online forums, video conferencing, and language learning apps, provide additional opportunities for communication and practice.
- Learners can engage in virtual exchanges with speakers of the target language, access authentic resources, and participate in interactive language activities.

9. Project-Based Learning:

- Project-based learning involves collaborative projects that require learners to work together to achieve a common aim.
- Projects may include researching a topic, creating multimedia presentations, or organizing a cultural event, allowing learners to apply language skills in real-world contexts.

10. Reflective Tasks:

- Reflective tasks inspire learners to reflect on their language learning experiences, identify strengths and weaknesses, and set goals for improvement.
- Activities such as keeping language learning journals or participating in self-assessment exercises level up learner autonomy and metacognitive awareness.

These techniques and activities in CLT promote active learning, meaningful communication, and learner engagement.

To sum up everything that has been stated above so far, communicative Language Teaching (CLT) stands as a dynamic and effective approach to teaching English, emphasizing communication, interaction, and authentic language use. Throughout this exploration of CLT principles, techniques, and activities, it becomes event that CLT offers numerous benefits in promoting language acquisition and proficiency. By prioritizing communication as the main goal of language learning, CLT encourages learners to engage in meaningful interactions and use language creatively in real-life situations. The learner-focused approach of CLT authorizes learners to take an active role in their language learning journey, motivates autonomy and motivation. As the field of language education continues to develop, CLT remains a valuable methodology for promoting language acquisition and proficiency. By incorporating CLT principles and

techniques into language instruction, educators can create engaging and effective learning environments that empower learners to communicate confidently and competently in English.

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