INDUCTIVE APPROACH TO GRAMMAR TEACHING IN EFL CLASROOM

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Abstract: This research paper focuses on the important inductive approach to teaching a foreign language. The overall aim of this study is to provide learners with examples of the target grammatical structure and guide them to discover the rules and patterns through analysis and practice. This approach focuses on the principles of cognative learning theory and suggests that learners can easily remember grammar rules when they actively engage in the learning process.

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Introduction

In this approach,the teacher begins with a set of examples that illustrate the target grammar point. These examples can be taken from authentic materials such as texts, dialogues, or other sources. Also, teachers target some activities that involve identifying patterns, completing sentences, or analyzing the use of structure in context. The inductive approach to grammar teaching in the EFL classroom involves presenting learners with examples of the target grammatical structure and guiding them to discover the rules and patterns through analysis and practice. This approach is based on the principles of cognitive learning theory, which suggests that learners can better recognize grammar rules when they do engage in the learning process. Furthermore, This process helps them develop a deeper analysis of the structure and its usage, as well as their ability to use their speaking and writing skills. The inductive approach to grammar teaching has several advantages. It can engage the learners in the lesson, and it helps to promote their critical thinking. Learners are required to analyze and use their knowledge in real-life contexts. It involves a more student-centered approach. However, it is important to note that the inductive approach may not be suitable for all learners or all grammar points. Some learners face some difficulties, particularly with complex or unfamiliar structures. Furthermore, the

inductive approach can be more time-consuming than traditional deductive methods because it requires learners to do activities throughout the whole lesson process. Furthermore, the inductive approach to grammar teaching in EFL classrooms involves using authentic materials and activities to teach grammar rules. This method, based on cognitive learning theory, helps learners identify patterns, complete sentences, and analyze structure usage. It promotes critical thinking, engages learners in real-life contexts, and is student-centered. However, it may not be suitable for all learners or grammar points, and may be more time-consuming than traditional deductive methods due to the need for continuous activities . When teaching grammar utilizing an inductive approach, it is essential to scaffold learning and offer students help. Students can be given more responsibility by teachers as they improve in interpreting and using grammar rules. To assist pupils in improving their language abilities, this can be accomplished by giving them feedback and guiding their practice exercises.

Moreover, some scientist works that For Johnson (1994: 126) grammar practice often fails to lead to acquisition because of the 'remoteness of the practice conditions to the real skill', to the 'production of real life'. And although explicit grammar teaching and focus on the accurate production of the 'form' of the structures can be very beneficial to learning, many researchers argue that it should be accompanied by meaningful grammar practice by shifting the focus to the actual 'message' which it conveys. Johnson proposes the use of language activities that prepare students for real life communication, activities which require grammar but in a way that turn our learners' attention away from the 'form' and make them focus more on the meaning, on the message that they want to convey.Also, The inductive approach is a more modern style of teaching where the new grammatical structures or rules are presented to the students in a real language context (Goner, Phillips, and Walters 135). The students learn the use of the structure through practice of the language in context, and later realize the rules from the practical examples. For example, if the structure to be presented is the comparative form, the teacher would begin the lesson by drawing a figure on the board and saying, "This is Jim. He is tall." Then, the teacher would draw another taller figure next to the first saying, "This is Bill. He is taller than Jim." The teacher would then provide many examples using students and items from the classroom, famous people, or anything within the normal daily life of the students, to create an understanding of the use of the structure. The students repeat after the teacher, after each of the different examples, and eventually practice the structures meaningfully in groups or pairs. (Goner, Phillips, and Walters 135-

136) With this approach, the teacher's role is to provide meaningful contexts to encourage demonstration of the rule, while the students evolve the rules from the examples of its use and continued practice (Rivers and Temperley 110).

Conclusion. In the classroom, the inductive approach to grammar teaching can be an effective way to promote learners understanding and application of grammar rules. Also, this approach can help them develop a more solid foundation in English grammar.Also,the inductive approach to grammar teaching in the EFL classroom offers several benefits for students, including promoting critical thinking and problem-solving skills. By using authentic materials, guiding students to discover grammar rules, creating meaningful activities, and providing support for students, teachers can effectively implement an inductive approach to grammar teaching.

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