

Modern Ways of Language Teaching in Engineering Institutes

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Abstract - English has become the second spoken language in the world. In order to survive in this globalized world, English is essential. One can easily point out the difference that teaching English language was a challenging task in earlier eras but today we are living in the age which is changing every second with advanced teaching-learning tools. Nowadays, due to globalization English language has become the language of the world. People from every nook and corner of the world can communicate with one another with the help of English language. Of course, teaching English language in a technical institute is a tough task for the teacher. Students of engineering need a specific set of language skills for their career success. The teaching methods I am introducing are not new, they are traditional yet while implementing we can modify these techniques. The present paper is a small attempt to throw some light on the effective use of language laboratory, computers, and available market material for teaching learning process.. Let's relive the experiences shared by the paper presenter.

Key words: Language Laboratory, Market Material, Computers.

Introduction:

We are living in the world which is changing every minute. Now it is high time to use novel methodology of teaching English language due to the multifarious changes occurred in teaching-learning process. As stated above because of globalization and advance technologies students totally crave for modern, new, and efficient methodology of teaching.

1) Language Laboratory:

Language laboratory plays an important role as far as English language teaching is concerned. Presently, we are living in a multilingual and multicultural world, where one cannot think teaching English language without language laboratory.

Advantages of language laboratory:

- a) With the help of Language laboratory it becomes very easy for the teacher to guide the group by monitoring each student separately without disturbing other students.
- b) With the help of language laboratory a language teacher can provide ample opportunities to improve the pronunciation of the students.
- c) In the language laboratory students can record their pronunciation and also can repeat it for future improvement.
- d) At the same time, it is possible for teachers to provide assistance individually and collectively.
- e) Language laboratory is very useful for conducting various activities like role play, power point presentations, group discussions etc. All these activities help students to improve their communication skills, confidence level, stage daring.
- f) In fact personality development and communication skills are equally important for students of engineering at the time of campus recruitment.
- g) For example role play, this is the modern way of teaching learning process through which a language teacher can create interest in students. Students have always learned from mimicking or imitating the actions of others, including their parents and peers. Role-playing is simply a continuation of the learning already done by students.

- h) The Language laboratory allows every participant his or her privacy to speak, listen, write and correct the mistakes with the help of teacher.

In a nutshell, with the help of language laboratory a language teacher can make teaching-learning process more interesting for the students as well as for teachers also.

2) Effective use of available market material:

Nowadays, market material which is easily available in can be used for language teaching. As a teacher he may use matter published in reputed magazines, journals, various articles published in various newspapers related to sports, cinema, science, politics etc effectively in order to make teaching learning process more effective and interesting.

Advantages of proper use of market material:

- a) Appropriate portion from newspapers, films, sports, science can be used as unseen passage for reading comprehension. A teacher can ask the students to identify the articles, nouns, verbs, prepositions, adjectives and adverbs used in the given articles as a part of exercise. Hence, students will read the given passage carefully. At the time of reading they will come to know about the unknown words given the article. With the help of teacher they can improve their word power also.
- b) Ample material is available in the form of audio-video cassettes and CDs. The language teacher can use this material to teach various topics. This is because a ten minutes speech cannot create much impact on students but a ten minutes video can work effectively. Take the example of 'Group Discussion' a language teacher can easily teach this topic theoretically in the classroom. But with the help of video CDs of group discussion available in the market he/she can teach the topic more effectively. By seeing such videos students will be able to learn more about the appropriate use of facial expressions, gestures, postures, eye contact etc.

3) Use of Computer:

Computer assisted language learning will be a profitable technique for the teachers of modern era.

Advantages of use of computer:

- a) With the help of computer language teacher can make their classes very interesting. Language skills like reading, writing, and listening can be improved with the help of computer. If we take the example of writing skill, a language teacher can teach email writing to students in a writing class. Here, just with click of a mouse, the teacher can scrutinize, examine, and administer everything effectively and properly.
- b) It is an accepted fact that Internet is a supplier of information. Anyone who has done a search on the World Wide Web will know that there is already more information out there than an individual could process in hundred lifetimes. There are many students who aimlessly roam the Web with no guidance. A language teacher can provide a list of useful websites to the students. According to me it is very essential to tell them some useful sites beforehand and tell the students to start there. No doubt the computer is very useful for drill and practice.
- c) Various exercises are available on internet with answers. With the help of computer students can solve those exercises. They can check their answers within a fraction of second.
In a nutshell, computers play an important role in teaching English language in technical institutes.

Conclusion

With the help of advanced technology a language teacher can make his classes very interesting, useful and effective. There are many ideas that struck in mind when it comes to language teaching in technical institutes. The above mentioned tools are but few. It is imperative on teacher's part to show his/her students reliable CDs, videos, and the material which is available in the market. Hence, the paper is ended on the note that it is up to the teacher how well and innovatively he uses and designs teaching materials and tools while teaching English language in technical institutes.

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