

MODERN AND UNIQUE, POPULAR METHODS OF LANGUAGE LEARNING*Baxtiyorova Shaxnoza Kaxramon kizi**The Academy of the Armed Forces of the Republic of Uzbekistan**The Languages Department, teacher**Phone number: +998999665010*

Annotation: Learning a new language is a challenging yet rewarding process. This article explores unique and effective methods for mastering foreign languages, focusing on English, Uzbek, and Russian. It covers unconventional techniques such as gamification, immersion, and technology-assisted learning, providing practical tips for learners at different levels. The article also includes key terms and references to support further research.

Key words: language learning, mnemonics, immersion, fluency, unconventional methods.

Annotatsiya: Yangi til o'rganish qiyin, lekin juda foydali jarayon. Ushbu maqolada ingliz, o'zbek va rus tillarini o'zlashtirishning noyob va samarali usullari yoritilgan. O'yinlashtirish, immersiya (tilda cho'milish) va texnologiyadan foydalanish kabi g'ayrioddiy metodlar haqida so'z boradi. Maqolada turli darajadagi o'quvchilar uchun amaliy maslahatlar, kalit so'zlar va foydali adabiyotlar keltirilgan.

Kalit so'zlar: til o'rganish, mnemonika, immersiya, nutq mahorati, g'ayrioddiy usullar.

Аннотация: Изучение нового языка — это сложный, но очень полезный процесс. В данной статье рассматриваются уникальные и эффективные методы изучения английского, узбекского и русского языков. Описываются нестандартные подходы, такие как геймификация, метод погружения и использование технологий. Статья содержит практические советы для учащихся разного уровня, ключевые слова и список литературы для дальнейшего изучения.

Ключевые слова: изучение языков, мнемоника, погружение, беглость речи, нестандартные методы.

Introduction

Language learning plays an important role in a person's intellectual development. As the world becomes more globalized, knowledge of foreign languages is becoming necessary not only to increase job opportunities, but also for cultural exchange and international cooperation.

Language learning traditionally involves classroom instruction, textbooks, and structured practice. Whereas, traditional methods (for example, memorizing grammar or collecting vocabulary) are effective, but for many people they are considered boring. Therefore, modern students are looking for new, interesting and effective methods. Of course, modern and convenient methods, especially those that allow you to learn a language quickly and easily without spending a lot of time

on learning a language, are at the forefront of the information sought by the entire world's population. Because in today's society, it is difficult to achieve good results in the process of studying and working without knowing a language. In this article, we will discuss in detail the most unique and effective methods of language learning and how to apply them. Recent research highlights several unconventional methods that offer effective and engaging alternatives. These unusual ways tap into creativity, social interaction, and technology, providing diverse pathways for language acquisition.

Literature review

A growing body of literature explores these innovative approaches. For example, Krashen's Input Hypothesis (1985) emphasizes the importance of comprehensible input in natural settings, which supports immersive experiences such as language learning through gaming or virtual reality (VR). Studies by Reinhardt and Sykes (2014) demonstrate how digital games create meaningful contexts for language use, enhancing motivation and retention. Similarly, the use of music and songs has been shown to improve vocabulary and pronunciation by leveraging rhythm and melody, as noted by Medina (2011).

Another unusual method involves language learning through storytelling and drama. Research by Wright, Betteridge, and Buckby (2006) indicates that dramatization encourages learners to internalize language patterns emotionally and cognitively, fostering deeper engagement. Additionally, social media platforms and language exchange communities provide informal, real-time communication opportunities, which promote authentic interaction and cultural exchange (Thorne, 2013).

Discussion of these methods reveals several advantages. They often reduce learner anxiety by creating enjoyable, low-pressure environments. The integration of multimedia and social elements caters to different learning styles, making language acquisition more personalized. However, challenges exist, such as the need for learner discipline and the potential for distraction in digital environments.

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One of the first methods is Gamification.

Games have a strong effect on human psychology. Making the language learning process like a game increases motivation. This method is considered to be a very convenient and effective method for people of different ages and professions, and is the most useful method that is rapidly gaining popularity. As examples, it is appropriate to mention the following:

- Mobile applications such as Duolingo, Memrise - here tasks come with levels, points and rewards, thematically in a simple way, increasing the ability to quickly master a language. You can learn in an entertaining way, without getting bored.

- Video games for learning languages (for example, playing "The Sims" or "Assassin's Creed" in a foreign language). In this case, learning a language in a realistic and unconscious way during the game process itself will not be a problem.

Advantages: reduces boredom, makes daily exercises a habit.

The second method is Immersion (Immersion in the language).

This method involves learning a language in a natural environment. The natural environment helps the human mind to actively use the language being learned in natural situations. The following are some of the methods of application:

- Movies and TV series – watching without subtitles or with local subtitles. This method is considered to be the most beneficial in language learning, because during the films, new information, real situations, emotions are visually presented, which increases the ability to quickly learn the language and apply them in reality. It has been proven many times that not only learning new words in the language, but also problems with pronunciation, comprehension, writing and reading disappear when watching with subtitles.
- Podcasts and radio stations – listen to them for 10-15 minutes every day. Develops listening skills.
- Traveling abroad is the best opportunity for practical communication. Because this means applying the learned language skills in reality.

Efficiency: rapid development of speech and hearing skills, learning correct pronunciation.

As a third method, we can say Mnemonics (Memory techniques). Mnemonics can be used to easily memorize complex words and rules. Examples:

- Association method - associating a new word with something familiar (for example, "apple" - apple, "яблоко" - apple).
- Creating short stories - combining several words into one story.

Benefits: the ability to record in long-term memory, quickly recall and actively use learned words in a real environment.

Another method is Language Exchange.

Foreign language learners consolidate their knowledge by communicating with each other. The fact that we are in the era of technology allows us to widely use the capabilities of this method. In particular; it is easy and convenient to implement it through platforms, programs, chats. Below are some platforms and programs.

Platforms:

- Tandem, HelloTalk, Duolingo - the ability to communicate in different languages.
- AI - general use of artificial intelligence capabilities, conversation.

- Local language club - live communication.

Advantages: real-life communication experience, the ability to immediately correct mistakes.

Another of the most important methods is the use of technology, modern programs and devices make language learning easier.

The following tools can be used:

- Artificial Intelligence (AI) – ChatGPT or Google Translate. AI is the general use of artificial intelligence capabilities.
- Virtual Reality (VR) – simulation of a conversation in a foreign language.

Advantages: personal study plan, the ability to practice anywhere and anytime.

The next method is Shadowing (Verbal repetition)

Listening to audio or video materials and immediately repeating them. This increases the speed of speech. In this method, by repeatedly reproducing memorable parts of short videos or cartoons and movies, it is possible to make the pronunciation like that of a native speaker.

Another method is learning through music and songs.

Improve pronunciation by understanding and singing the lyrics of songs. It is known that when working with songs, the language being studied is easily mastered. Because music has an impact and penetrates the heart and mind faster than other methods.

The last method is to keep a diary.

Every day, write daily notes using new words and phrases. In this way, you can realize and correct your own mistakes. It is very effective not only in a notebook, but also by opening a group on Telegram channels, where the learner can also write down his daily plans.

The last method is Self-talk.

This method is considered the simplest and most common method for those who are just starting to learn a language. Continuously talking to yourself for 10-15 minutes for 1 month accelerates the growth of the point. There is no simpler way to practice saying what you think in a new language.

In conclusion, it can be said that in order for the language learning process to be interesting and effective, it is necessary to use different methods. Everyone can choose the method that suits them. The main thing is consistency and constant practice - the results will be noticeable quickly. While traditional methods remain valuable, embracing unusual ways of learning languages—through games, music, drama, and social interaction—can enrich the learning experience. Future research should investigate how these methods can be systematically integrated into language curricula to maximize their benefits.

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