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EFFECTIVE METHODOLOGIES IN TEACHING NATIVE AND FOREIGN LANGUAGES

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Abstract: This article discusses the importance of effective methodologies in teaching native and foreign languages, with a particular focus on their practical implementation. It examines modern interactive, communicative, and innovative teaching approaches. The paper also emphasizes the necessity of considering individual learner differences, applying digital technologies, and using alternative assessment models to improve teaching efficiency and learner engagement.

Introduction

In today's era of globalization and digital transformation, one of the main priorities in education is the effective and comprehensive teaching of both native and foreign languages. Language is not merely a means of communication—it is a reflection of thought, culture, and national identity. Therefore, the methodology of language teaching requires innovative and dynamic approaches.

Modern pedagogy no longer focuses on passive knowledge but aims to develop active language competence. Teaching the native language cultivates critical thinking, clarity of expression, and literary awareness, while foreign language learning shapes learners into globally minded and communicative individuals. Despite differences in methodology, both share a common goal—developing communicative competence.

This study analyzes the most effective methods that enhance teaching efficiency, discusses their advantages and limitations, and proposes ways of improvement. Methodology is not only a set of techniques; it represents the integration of psychological, social, and technological foundations of education. Combining theoretical insights, practical examples, and methodological recommendations, the article aims to contribute to improving the quality of language teaching.

1. Communicative Approach

The communicative approach, which treats language as a tool for real-life interaction, is among the most effective in teaching the native language. Lessons are based on dialogue, situational communication, and role-play activities. The main goal is not merely grammatical accuracy but encouraging learners to participate actively in conversation and use language in authentic contexts.

2. Interactive Methods

Interactive teaching methods, based on the principle of "learning by doing", make language classes more engaging. Strategies such as "Brainstorming," "Small Group Work," "Quick Polls," and "Clustering" foster collaboration, discussion, and analytical thinking. As a result, learners develop broader linguistic and cognitive skills.

3. Integrated Approach

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In contemporary methodology, interdisciplinary integration plays a crucial role. Connecting native language lessons with literature, history, art, or even computer science enhances students' curiosity and motivation. For instance, learning grammar through historical texts or exploring speech styles via literary characters are practical examples of integration.

4. Differentiated Instruction

Since students vary in ability, preparedness, and interest, differentiated teaching is essential. Within this approach, the same topic can be taught using tasks of different levels. Stronger students may analyze texts orally, while others can use visual materials or guided exercises. This method ensures inclusion and supports personalized learning.

5. Use of Modern Technologies

Integrating multimedia tools, interactive boards, and digital platforms (such as Quizizz, Wordwall, and Jamboard) makes language learning more motivating and dynamic. Digital resources promote engagement, reinforce knowledge, and align with the learning habits of today's digital generation.

Effective Approaches in Teaching Foreign Languages

In the modern world, knowing foreign languages is not only a professional requirement but also a key factor for personal and intellectual development. Mastering languages such as English, German, Russian, Korean, and Chinese opens global opportunities for young learners. Thus, foreign language teaching methodologies must meet real-life communication needs.

Communicative Language Teaching (CLT)

Communicative Language Teaching focuses on developing learners' ability to communicate effectively rather than on grammatical precision. Through real-life tasks and interactive scenarios, students practice expressing ideas, responding naturally, and understanding context.

Task-Based Learning (TBL)

In this approach, language is used as a means to accomplish tasks—such as booking a hotel, asking for directions, or creating an advertisement. Task completion promotes contextual learning, strengthens retention, and enhances communicative fluency.

Immersion Method

Creating a full-language environment where learners and instructors communicate exclusively in the target language helps students acquire it naturally. Immersion is particularly effective at the beginner level as it mimics real-life language acquisition.

Visual and Multimodal Approach

Using images, videos, infographics, and visual aids improves comprehension and memory. Watching films with subtitles or completing multimedia exercises enriches vocabulary and contextual understanding, appealing to multiple senses during learning.

Gamification

Gamified learning platforms such as Duolingo, Kahoot, and Quizlet turn routine exercises into engaging challenges. Incorporating game elements fosters motivation, emotional involvement, and better knowledge retention.

Developing Intercultural Competence

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Teaching a foreign language also means teaching culture. Language and culture are inseparable; therefore, lessons should include customs, traditions, etiquette, and values of native speakers. This builds learners' intercultural awareness and global communicative skills.

Integration of Native and Foreign Language Methodologies

Teaching both native and foreign languages involves developing different yet complementary competencies. While the native language builds theoretical and grammatical awareness, foreign language instruction emphasizes practical communication.

Effective teaching combines both aspects—ensuring theoretical foundation and communicative fluency. Moreover, methodologies must be flexible, adapting to students' psychology, motivation, and real-life needs.

Innovative Technologies in Language Education

The 21st century marks an era of technological advancement, and education is no exception. Digital and AI-based tools have transformed language learning, making it interactive, personalized, and experiential.

Conclusion

In conclusion, effective methodologies in teaching native and foreign languages not only develop linguistic competence but also enhance critical thinking, cultural understanding, and communicative confidence.

Innovative approaches and digital technologies play a crucial role in improving teaching outcomes, stimulating motivation, and fostering independent learning.

Therefore, every language teacher should adopt creative, learner-centered methods tailored to students' needs, ensuring both linguistic and personal growth.

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