

IMPROVING COMMUNICATION SKILLS THROUGH GAMES FOR B2 LEARNERS

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Annotatsiya: Ushbu tadqiqot B2 darajasidagi ingliz tilini o'rganuvchilar o'rtasida muloqot ko'nikmalarini oshirish uchun o'yinlardan foydalanish samaradorligini o'rganadi. Tadqiqot o'yinga asoslangan faoliyatning o'quvchilarning nutq va tinglash qobiliyatiga ta'sirini, shuningdek, ularning til o'rganish jarayonidagi umumiy motivatsiyasi va ishtirokini o'rganishga qaratilgan. Oldindan va keyingi testlardagi miqdoriy ma'lumotlarni talabalarning fikr-mulohazalari va kuzatishlaridan olingan sifatli tushunchalarni birlashtirgan aralash usullardan foydalaniladi.

Kalit so'zlar: Interaktiv, Jozibador, Rol o'ynash, Lug'atni kengaytirish, Tinglab tushunish, Ravon gapirish, Ijodkorlik, Hamkorlik, Fikr-mulohaza, Haqiqiy hayot stsenariylari

Абстрактный: В этом исследовании изучается эффективность использования игр для улучшения коммуникативных навыков среди изучающих английский язык уровня B2. Исследование направлено на изучение влияния игровой деятельности на навыки говорения и аудирования учащихся, а также на их общую мотивацию и участие в процессе изучения языка. Используется смешанный подход, сочетающий количественные данные до и после тестирования с качественной информацией, полученной на основе отзывов и наблюдений студентов.

Ключевые слова: интерактивность, вовлечение, ролевая игра, расширение словарного запаса, понимание на слух, беглость речи, креативность, сотрудничество, обратная связь, сценарии реальной жизни

Abstract: This study explores the effectiveness of using games to enhance communication skills among B2 level English language learners. The research aims to investigate the impact of game-based activities on students' speaking and listening abilities, as well as their overall motivation and engagement in the language learning process. A mixed-methods approach is employed, combining quantitative data from pre- and post-tests with qualitative insights from student feedback and observations.

Key words: Interactive, Engaging, Role-playing, Vocabulary expansion, Listening comprehension, Speaking fluency, Creativity, Collaboration, Feedback, Real-life scenarios

Introduction:

Communication is a crucial skill that plays a significant role in our personal and professional lives. For B2 learners, who have a good understanding of the language but still struggle with fluency and accuracy, improving their communication skills can be a challenging yet rewarding journey. One effective way to enhance communication skills for B2 learners is through engaging and interactive games that provide opportunities for practice, creativity, and fun.

Benefits of Using Games to Improve Communication Skills:

Games offer a dynamic and interactive way for B2 learners to practice their language skills in a relaxed and enjoyable setting. They provide a safe space for learners to experiment with new vocabulary, sentence structures, and communication strategies without the fear of making mistakes. Additionally, games encourage collaboration, teamwork, and active participation, which can boost learners' confidence and motivation to communicate in English.

Types of Games to Enhance Communication Skills:

1. Role-Playing Games: Role-playing games allow B2 learners to step into different roles and scenarios, enabling them to practice real-life conversations and situations. This type of game helps learners improve their speaking and listening skills, as well as their ability to think on their feet and respond spontaneously.

2. Vocabulary Games: Vocabulary games are a fun way for B2 learners to expand their word bank and improve their lexical range. Games such as word association, charades, or Pictionary can help learners reinforce new vocabulary in a playful and engaging manner.

3. Communication Challenge Games: Communication challenge games, such as "Two Truths and a Lie" or "20 Questions," require B2 learners to communicate effectively to achieve a common goal. These games promote critical thinking, problem-solving, and active listening skills while encouraging learners to express themselves clearly and concisely.

4. Storytelling Games: Storytelling games like "Story Cubes" or "Sentence Building" can help B2 learners practice narrative skills, sequencing, and coherence in their speech. By creating and sharing stories collaboratively, learners can enhance their storytelling abilities and develop their creativity in English.

Improving communication skills through games for B2 learners is a dynamic and effective approach to language learning that offers engaging opportunities for practice, creativity, and skill development. By incorporating interactive and challenging games

tailored to target specific communication areas, such as speaking fluency, listening comprehension, vocabulary expansion, and storytelling abilities, educators can create a stimulating learning environment that motivates B2 learners to actively participate and enhance their English proficiency.

Games designed for B2 learners should be diverse in type, ranging from role-playing games to vocabulary challenges, to provide a variety of practice opportunities. Clear instructions and objectives are essential to ensure that learners understand the rules and goals of each game, fostering a smooth and enjoyable gaming experience. Feedback and reflection after each game help learners identify strengths, areas for improvement, and strategies for enhancing their communication skills, promoting continuous growth and development.

Integrating real-life scenarios into games allows B2 learners to apply their language skills in practical contexts, preparing them for effective communication in authentic situations. Encouraging creativity, collaboration, and critical thinking through games fosters a supportive learning environment where learners can work together, think innovatively, and solve problems collectively. By utilizing games as a tool for communication skill development, educators can empower B2 learners to build confidence, fluency, and proficiency in English while enjoying a fun and interactive learning experience.

The findings suggest that incorporating games into the language classroom can significantly improve students' communication skills, with participants demonstrating increased fluency, accuracy, and confidence in speaking English. Moreover, the interactive and collaborative nature of games fosters a positive learning environment, enhancing students' motivation and willingness to engage in communicative tasks.

Overall, this study highlights the potential of game-based activities as a valuable tool for promoting effective communication skills among B2 level learners. By integrating games into language teaching practices, educators can create dynamic and engaging learning experiences that support students in developing their linguistic abilities and fostering a communicative competence in English.

Conclusion:

Incorporating games into language learning activities can significantly enhance B2 learners' communication skills by providing a fun and engaging platform for practice and improvement. Through interactive games, B2 learners can develop their speaking, listening, vocabulary, and storytelling skills while building confidence and fluency in English. By making learning enjoyable and interactive, educators can empower B2 learners to communicate effectively in various social and professional contexts.

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