

TEACHING ENGLISH THROUGH INTERACTIVE METHODS

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Abstract: The article describes teaching English through the interactive methods for students and pupils.

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In recent years the question has been raised the use of new information technologies in the High school increasingly raised. these are not only new technical means, but also new ones Forms and methods of teaching, a new one

Approach to the learning process. The main purpose of foreign language teaching is Education and development of one Communication culture of school children in which the practical command of a foreign language is conveyed. According to E.S. Polat, the task exists of the teacher in providing the conditions for practical Mastery of the language for each student create and choose such teaching methods,

which enable each student to choose their activity and show creativity. The teacher's task consists in the cognitive activities of the student when teaching foreign languages intensify.

What is interactive learning?

Interactive learning is a hands-on, engaging teaching and learning method in which students take an active role in their education.

It is a modernization of the normal classroom structure in which teachers lecture and students take notes, which can also be referred to as passive learning.

Interactive learning can include both traditional classroom tools such as role-playing and group projects, and online modalities that encourage self-directed learning.

Benefits of Interactive Teaching and Learning

Interactive learning has been proven to increase student performance and help them become more independent. This teaching method allows students to memorize learning materials more easily and improves self-directed learning.

In addition, it offers students a number of other benefits, such as:

Improved classroom collaboration Interactive learning promotes classroom collaboration because it makes students active participants in the class. They learn the skills to direct their own learning process and work well with others.

These skills will serve your students well both in the classroom and beyond.

Sharpening critical thinking

Interactive learning encourages students to sharpen their critical thinking and information synthesis skills because it empowers students to develop their own opinions rather than simply absorbing and regurgitating the teacher's words.

Activities such as free thinking, student teaching, and idea generation help students connect the information, think critically, and develop an understanding of the material.

Deeper Understanding

In an interactive classroom, your students are constantly doing activities or preparing to actively do something with the information they are learning.

Because of this, students in interactive learning environments stay more engaged than their peers in more traditional settings. They stay more interested, absorb the information better, and the lesson is more fun too.

Strategies and Methods for Interactive Teaching

If you've spent a lot of time teaching in the classroom or online, you're probably already getting a sense of what kinds of strategies and activities interactive learning might involve.

And you may even already be using some of them in your classroom!

Regardless of your current teaching methods, you can use this list of activities and tools in your classroom. Likewise, you can use them as a starting point for your own strategies to create a more dynamic, responsive classroom environment.

Concept Mapping

Concept mapping is a wonderful tool because it is endlessly adaptable to different class sizes and ages and is applicable to pretty much any type of content.

You can use this technique when you are introducing a new concept to get students thinking, or when you have already taught it to help them recap and summarize what they have learned.

With concept mapping, you draw a circle on your physical or virtual whiteboard and write the topic you are discussing inside the circle. Then you can create lines to other bubbles that talk about related ideas or subconcepts.

[Click here](#) to get an easy-to-use concept mapping tool for your digital classroom.

You will end up with a branching diagram that encompasses a series of interconnected ideas. This encourages students to think more deeply about the topic at hand, deepen their ability to associate and synthesize, and engage more fully in the lesson.

Writing texts and articles

This easy-to-do activity will challenge your students' imagination and improve language skills. This task is especially suitable for younger students.

After introducing some new topics or tasks, ask your students to take 15-20 minutes to write an article that covers the new topics they have learned.

You can give them a prompt, such as writing a non-fiction text or a newspaper article. Or you can leave it open and let your students decide for themselves what they want to write about.

When your students have finished writing, you can ask them to read their results out loud to the class. Depending on your class structure, you can have pairs or groups share their stories with each other. Each student edits the other's story and gives them feedback.

Questions & Answers

For this activity, all you need is some index cards or an online tool like Slido that allows students to ask questions anonymously and then upvote the questions they like.

After introducing a new topic, each student comes up with 3-5 questions and write them to your index card or enter them online. Then read some of the questions aloud and answer them. The anonymity of this exercise can help calmer students feel more confident and encourage them to ask questions that would otherwise be embarrassing to them. It also forces the students to think critically about the ideas presented. Explaining mutually For this exercise, they put the students in pairs and let you act as a student and one as a teacher. The teacher explains to the student a new topic, concept or other topic while the student takes notes. The student can ask questions to the teacher, and when the lesson is over, the student can point out information that the teacher may have overlooked and evaluate the teacher's teaching. If you give tuition online or in person, you can simply let your student act as a teacher and you as a student. This method is great because explaining a concept to someone else requires a deep understanding of the concept, and students will work through their work knowledge more about the concept as they prepare for the lesson.

Interactive Whiteboard Regardless of whether your school is providing you with a SmartBoard or you are using a virtual interactive whiteboard like Ziteboard, you can use this tool to make your teaching more collaborative and have more fun. You can apply interactive whiteboards in different ways, such as: For example, the possibility that several people on the board can write and comment on the content. Also, you can easily download and share what was written on the board. There are countless ways to use interactive whiteboards in person and virtually, from games to brainstorming and scribbling to group problem solving that allow your students to participate more in class. Interactive Teaching and Learning Challenges Although interactive classrooms are equally beneficial for students and teachers, as they create a collaborative environment that strengthens students, there are a few challenges associated with this learning model.

Technical difficulties A number of interactive teaching methods use technologies such as interactive whiteboards, social media channels and other virtual solutions. While these solutions can be tremendously helpful in expanding the classroom student opportunities, you can have a steep learning curve if you're new to this type of technology. However, technical difficulties do not have to be an obstacle to your interactive classroom. Many virtual tools have video tutorials, virtual assistants, and other tools that can help you overcome bumps along the way. **Increased workload** The first time you switch to an interactive classroom, you may be faced with increased workload while finding out which methods are most sensible to implement in the classroom and how best to use them for the benefit of your students. Designing a new curriculum, familiarizing yourself with the new technologies, and getting students used to interactive learning while maintaining the pace of your current education takes time. However, you can reduce the stress of switching to interactive learning by gradually introducing new learning strategies rather than trying to completely revise your classroom in one day. **Resistance to the changeover** Some students may not want to switch to an interactive learning model and mock or oppose new techniques or technologies instead of accepting them. This can intensify if you are expected to participate more in interactive learning methods and students will be used to being more passive participants in the classroom. You can help students get used to an interactive learning model by leaving them to the choice of activities and to make the activities more fun. The introduction of new technologies can also inspire students and make them more enthusiastic about the proposed changes in the classroom.

Interactive Teaching Tools, Apps and Tools There are a number of online resources and apps that can help you incorporate interactive learning into your classroom and expand your classroom capabilities.

A tablet or laptop helps you to use many apps and still be mobile. Below are some great resources, but they are just a small snippet of the range of interactive learning tools available online. This innovative application combines the functionality of interactive whiteboards with a number of other useful features. It has a collage function that allows students to draw individually or together, as well as voting options that accelerate class decisions and give students more say.

Pixton With this nice tool, students can create comics together! This is a great way for students to integrate new topics and the content they learned in class and express their creativity while learning something.

NearPod With this innovative lesson tool, you can import existing content such as YouTube videos, presentations and more and make the entire lesson interactive.

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