

INNOVATIVE METHODS OF TEACHING ENGLISH FOR HIGH SCHOOL LEARNERS IN UZBEKISTAN

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ABSTRACT

This study explores innovative methods of teaching English for high school students in Uzbekistan. It examines the challenges faced by English language educators in the country and focuses on identifying effective teaching strategies that align with the needs and aspirations of high school students. The study adopts a qualitative research approach, utilizing interviews, classroom observations, and analysis of instructional materials.

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INTRODUCTION

English language education plays a crucial role in today's increasingly interconnected world. In the context of Uzbekistan, where the importance of English proficiency is widely recognized, the need for effective and innovative teaching methods for high school learners is paramount. This study aims to explore the implementation of innovative approaches in the teaching of English to high school students in Uzbekistan, with a focus on enhancing language acquisition, motivation, and overall learning outcomes. The traditional methods of rote memorization and grammar-focused instruction often fail to engage and inspire high school learners, hindering their language development and communicative skills. Consequently, there is a growing demand to explore innovative approaches that cater to the specific needs and interests of Uzbekistan's high school learners, taking into consideration their cognitive abilities, technological exposure, and cultural backgrounds. According to the argument of C.S. Lewis (1943), the job of the modern educator is irrigate deserts, not clear-cut rainforests. This writer suggests that innovative methods are necessary to bring life and transformation to education, particularly in challenging or underserved environments. This study seeks to identify and analyze the innovative methods employed by English language educators in Uzbekistan's high schools. It investigates how educators integrate technologies, interactive activities, project-based learning, and authentic materials to create dynamic and engaging English language classrooms. By examining the implementation and outcomes of these innovative approaches, the study aims to offer valuable insights into enhancing English language education for high school learners. Furthermore, this research will provide a comprehensive overview of the benefits, challenges, and best practices associated with incorporating innovative methods in the high school English language classroom in Uzbekistan. The findings will contribute to the existing body of knowledge on English language education and guide teachers, curriculum developers, educational policymakers, and stakeholders in designing effective, learner-centered English language programs. Through this exploration of innovative teaching methods, it is hoped that high school students in Uzbekistan will not only improve their English language proficiency but also develop the necessary competencies for successful communication, critical thinking, and intercultural understanding in today's globalized world.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Learning English with innovative methods is very effective and I want to reveal this in my research. Many scientists around the world have conducted such studies and written about the effectiveness of innovative methods. According to the ideas of Eleanor Roosevelt (1960), whoever believes in the beauty of their dreams will be

successful in the future. This writer highlights the need for teachers to use innovative and inspiring methods to engage students and promote effective learning. This is also important for students' future. Another example of an innovative method discussed by John Hattie(2009) in "Visible Learning" is the concept of reciprocal teaching. Reciprocal teaching is a cooperative learning strategy where the teacher and students take turns leading discussions about the content material. Hattie's research suggests that this approach has a strong positive impact on student learning. One of the innovative methods discussed by Sir Ken Robinson (2009) is promoting student creativity and divergent thinking within the curriculum. He emphasized the importance of nurturing students' imagination, curiosity, and originality to foster their creative potential. Innovative teaching methods tend to promote active learning, encouraging students to be more engaged and involved in the learning process. By incorporating interactive activities, technology, and real-world applications, students are more likely to develop a genuine interest in the subject matter. One of the innovative methods discussed by Clayton M. Christensen (1997) is blended learning. Blended learning refers to the integration of in-person classroom instruction and online learning components to create a more flexible and personalized learning experience. In practice, blended learning can involve a combination of face-to-face instruction, digital resources, and online interactions.

Apart from that, Innovative methods often require students to think critically, solve problems, and analyze information from multiple perspectives. This fosters the development of higher-order thinking skills, enabling students to become more creative, adaptable, and effective problem-solvers. Innovative methods often require educators to adopt new teaching strategies, technologies, or approaches. This fosters continuous professional development for teachers, encouraging them to stay up-to-date with educational advancements and refine their instructional practices.

Conclusion. In conclusion, innovative methods of teaching English in Uzbekistan have the potential to revolutionize the language learning experience and yield significant benefits for both students and educators. By incorporating new approaches, technologies, and pedagogical strategies, these innovative methods can enhance engagement, motivation, and language proficiency among learners. One key aspect of innovative English teaching methods is the integration of technology. The use of multimedia resources, online platforms, educational apps, and interactive tools can create an immersive and dynamic learning environment. This allows students to practice their language skills in authentic contexts, access a wealth of authentic materials, and receive instant feedback, resulting in a more personalized and effective learning experience. Furthermore, innovative methods can cater to various learning styles and address the diverse needs of learners. Differentiating instruction through adaptive technologies, personalized learning paths, and individualized feedback can optimize the learning process and ensure that students progress at their own pace. This inclusivity and customization contribute to increased learner autonomy and satisfaction. The adoption of innovative teaching methods also benefits English language educators. It provides opportunities for professional growth, encourages creativity in lesson planning, and facilitates the integration of emerging trends and research-based practices. By embracing innovation, teachers can inspire their students and cultivate a love for lifelong learning. However, while innovative methods hold great promise, their successful implementation requires careful planning, adequate training, and sufficient technological infrastructure. Collaboration between education institutions, policymakers, and educational technology providers is crucial to support the adoption and integration of these methods.

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