

THE IMPORTANCE OF INTERACTIVE METHODS IN TEACHING FOREIGN LANGUAGES

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Annotation. *Interactive methods play a crucial role in modern language education by promoting active engagement, real-world language use, communication skills, cultural understanding, collaboration, and technology integration. This abstract highlights the significance of interactive approaches in fostering language proficiency, cultural competence, and global readiness among learners.*

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Introduction. In the realm of language education, the adoption of interactive methods has become increasingly vital for effective teaching and learning outcomes. This introduction sets the stage for exploring the importance of interactive methods in teaching foreign languages, emphasizing their role in enhancing engagement, promoting practical language use, developing communication skills, fostering cultural understanding, encouraging collaboration, and integrating technology seamlessly.

Main part. Enhancing Engagement and Motivation consist of interactive methods, characterized by activities such as group discussions, role-plays, language games, and simulations, are designed to actively involve students in the learning process. Unlike passive learning environments, interactive approaches encourage students to participate, collaborate, and apply their language skills in meaningful contexts. This active engagement not only sustains motivation but also fosters a deeper connection with the language, leading to more effective learning experiences.

Promoting Practical Language Use one of the key benefits of interactive methods is their emphasis on practical language use [1]. Through role-plays, scenario-based exercises, and real-life simulations, students are exposed to authentic language contexts where they must communicate effectively to achieve specific goals. Integrating Technology Seamlessly has transformed language education, offering a plethora of interactive tools and resources. Technology integration, including language learning apps, virtual classrooms, multimedia materials, and online communication platforms, enhances the interactive learning experience. These technological tools provide instant feedback, personalized learning paths, access to authentic resources, and opportunities for immersive language practice

Methodology. There are some interactive methods commonly used in teaching foreign languages along with examples for each:

Language games add an element of fun and competition to language learning. Games like vocabulary quizzes, language puzzles, and word association challenges not only reinforce language skills but also motivate students to actively participate and retain learning content. These interactive games can be adapted to different proficiency levels and learning objectives, making them versatile tools in language education [2]. Example: Vocabulary bingo, where students match target language words with their meanings on a bingo card while practicing pronunciation and comprehension. Group discussions and debates encourage students to express their opinions, engage in meaningful conversations, and develop critical thinking skills[3]. These interactive discussions provide opportunities for students to practice speaking, listening, and negotiating meaning in a collaborative setting.

In conclusion, interactive methods are indispensable in the teaching of foreign languages due to their ability to engage students actively, facilitate real-world language use, enhance communication skills, promote cultural understanding, foster collaborative learning, and integrate technology effectively. By embracing interactive approaches, educators can empower students to become proficient,

confident, and culturally competent language learners, preparing them to thrive in an interconnected and diverse world.

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GAMIFICATION: USE OF GAME MECHANICS TO ENHANCE ENGAGEMENT, MOTIVATION, AND KNOWLEDGE RETENTION OF B1 EFL LEARNERS

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***Abstract.** Is gamification simply a trendy term, or can the strategies used by game designers to captivate players be effectively utilized in the development of eLearning software? What exactly does gamification entail, and is it adaptable to various projects regardless of their scale and resources? This article will discuss specific methods through which game mechanics can enhance your eLearning initiatives. In recent times, gamification has emerged as a potent tool in the realm*