

## TYPES OF INTERACTIVE METHODS IN TEACHING FOREIGN LANGUAGES

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**Abstract.** *This article explores the importance of teaching methods in education, emphasizing the effectiveness of interactive teaching approaches. The focus is on interactive methods, which actively engage students in the learning process through activities, discussions, and collaborative tasks. The article suggests that interactive methods promote participation, critical thinking, and hands-on learning experiences. It also outlines different types of interactive methods and their contributions to student engagement and skill development. Furthermore, it emphasizes the significance of integrating interactive teaching methods into educational practices for better academic outcomes and the cultivation of essential skills for future success.*

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Teaching is the process of transmitting information, knowledge, skills, and values to learners. It involves designing and delivering data, instructions in a way that engages learners and helps them understand and retain information. In order to make learners appealed and enhanced in any fields of teaching, the way and methods of teaching should be appropriate and engrossing. Teaching methods differ from each other widely based on the subject, age group, and learning styles of students. Some common methods include lectures, group discussions, hands-on activities, multimedia presentations, and experiential learning. All of them are very useful to teach languages as they sustain creativity, enthusiasm and diligence learners. The concept of interactive learning contribute to students' development of understanding the content and apply them in particular contexts. Teachers should determine which teaching methods will properly result a particular learning outcome. Its effectiveness depends on this recognition. To make the most proper

choice, an instructor should take into account of learner's needs and the learning environment.

One of the most effective and enhancing methods of teaching is using interactive methods. An interactive method in teaching involves actively engaging students in the learning process through various activities, discussions, and collaborative tasks. It encourages participation, critical thinking, and hands-on learning experiences, promoting deeper understanding and retention of information. Interactive methods can include group discussions, hands-on activities, role-playing, multimedia presentations, peer teaching, games, and quizzes. The goal is to create an environment where students are actively involved in their own learning, leading to better academic outcomes. It promotes students to gain experience since it is a mutual process including participation, interaction and explore new things as it is said "The art of teaching is the art of assisting discovery."(Mark Van Doren ,American poet). Interactive methods ensure that the student is active in the learning process, communicates with the teacher and others, and actively participates in the exchange of ideas. As a result, the student goes through the stages of learning and practical experience at the same time.

There are a plenty of types interactive methods:

- Group discussions (Encouraging students to make critical thinking and allows them to share perspectives and ideas. "Panel" debates)
- Hands-on activities (Provide practical experience and help reinforce theoretical concepts.)
- Role-playing (Apply theoretical knowledge to real-world situations and develop problem-solving skills.)
- Interactive multimedia (Enhance learning by providing visual and interactive content. Using Ted talks)
- Games and quizzes (Educational games and quizzes make learning fun while reinforcing key concepts and encouraging active participation.)
- Cooperation and peer support (Learning, experiencing and analyzing at the same time.)

These methods promote student engagement, critical thinking, and knowledge retention, leading to more effective learning outcomes. For instance, Collaboration and cooperation are very advantageous to improve students interactive skills. Considering the importance of cooperative interaction in learning, Fabiane Recker, an expert in ESL and Ed Tech Innovator says:" Incorporating structured cooperative learning strategies into the ESL classroom enables the educator to create an environment where students can learn together and from each other."

All in all, interactive teaching methods play a significant role in education by actively engaging students in the learning process. By promoting participation, critical thinking, and hands-on experiences, these methods stimulate deeper understanding and recalling information. Moreover, they provide diverse learning styles, form collaboration, and make learning enjoyable and memorable. Ultimately, integrating interactive methods into teaching practices leads to better academic outcomes and students are qualified with the essential skills needed for success in the future.

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