

WITH GAMES FOR YOUNG STUDENTS TEACHING
ENGLISH.

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ANNOTATION: *This article describes the methodology of teaching English to young students through games. The motivational and interactive features of games in children's language learning process are analyzed, and the effectiveness of game methods is discussed. According to the results of the study, teaching through games helps to develop language skills in young students and ensures their active participation in the learning process.*

Key words: *English language, young learners, game learning, language learning, interactive teaching, motivation, teaching methods.*

INTRODUCTION

In today's interconnected world, it is increasingly essential to teach English from an early age. For young learners, the process of acquiring a new language becomes more effective when it is engaging and interactive. As a result, the use of games in teaching has gained widespread popularity. Game-based learning makes the process of language acquisition enjoyable for children and enhances their motivation. This article examines the advantages, techniques, and impact of teaching English through games.

Games offer numerous benefits in the educational process: they create a relaxed and natural atmosphere for children, reduce anxiety, and boost engagement in the lesson. To enhance language skills in young learners, games

actively involve students and help them learn new vocabulary, phrases, and grammar.[1]

Benefits of teaching through games:

- Boosts motivation and interest: Games make the learning process feel like an enjoyable activity, encouraging children to actively participate in the lesson.

- Fosters an interactive environment: Games promote student interaction, facilitating natural language learning.

- Reduces stress: Learning through games lowers stress levels in young learners, making it easier for them to absorb new concepts.

- Enhances memory: Various games help children retain new vocabulary and grammar rules.

Types of games used in English teaching:

- Word games: Children engage in fun word games to learn and memorize new vocabulary.

- Role-playing games: Students take on assigned roles and practice communication through acting.

- Engaging tasks and competitions: Competitions encourage a sense of healthy rivalry and heighten interest in the lesson.[2]

Using various games and crosswords to reinforce the topics and vocabulary covered in lessons sparks students' interest. The game method can be applied in all grade levels, with the game chosen according to the students' age and knowledge. This approach strengthens students' memory, enhances their agility, sharpens their quick thinking, helps them focus, and promotes teamwork.

For instance, role-playing games combine speech, play, and education. In these activities, students take on different roles in English. The main aim of role-playing is to develop students' speaking skills, as these games are based on interpersonal communication, which aligns with the national curriculum of general secondary education. Additionally, role-playing encourages students to engage with thinking and speaking in a foreign language.

Games should be incorporated into English teaching across all levels, but the materials and tasks need to be tailored to the specific grade. Grammar plays a crucial role in learning English because without it, it's impossible to form correct sentences, even with a strong vocabulary. However, grammar can be tedious to learn, which is why game methods help make this process more enjoyable. With games, even the most complex and boring grammar rules become easier to learn, making lessons not only more enjoyable but also more effective. If games are regularly integrated into lessons, students will be more successful in mastering English.

In today's world, where computerization plays a significant role in education, various digital games can further engage students in learning English. Thanks to the initiatives of our esteemed president, the computerization of schools has become a reality, offering teachers and students new and exciting opportunities.[3]

CONCLUSION

Teaching English to young learners through games helps increase their interest in the language, reduces their fear of learning, and allows them to learn in a way that aligns with their natural tendencies. Games are an effective tool for enhancing children's memory, improving communication skills, and making language learning easier. This method of learning through play offers numerous opportunities for the development of young students and further motivates them to acquire new knowledge.

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