



**THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CTL (COMMUNICATIVE LANGUAGE
TEACHING) METHOD IN FOREIGN LANGUAGE TEACHING**

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Abstract: *This article analyses the importance of the Communicative Language Teaching (CTL) method in modern foreign language teaching. In the current era of globalisation, the study of foreign languages has become one of the key areas of the education system. Consequently, there is a growing need for effective methods of foreign language teaching. The CTL method serves to develop students' communicative competence, apply the language in real-life situations, and foster free conversational skills. This article discusses the theoretical foundations, key principles, advantages, and role of the CTL method in the educational process. It also analyses the integration of interactive methods and innovative technologies with the communicative approach.*

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Introduction. Nowadays, the knowledge of foreign languages is considered one of the key requirements of modern society. The development of international cooperation, along with the widespread use of the internet and technology, is further increasing the need to learn foreign languages. In particular, English, as a global medium of communication, is of great importance in many countries around the world.

Traditional foreign language teaching methods have firstly focused on grammar and translation techniques. Although such methods were effective in imparting theoretical knowledge, they often failed to develop students' fluency in speaking at real life situations. As a result, students struggled to communicate in real-life situations, even though they knew the grammatical rules.

For this reason, methods based on the communicative approach have become widely used in modern pedagogy. The Communicative Language Teaching (CTL) method is based on teaching language through communication, serving to develop students' communicative competence. In this method, students become active participants in the learning process and learn to apply the language in a practical way.



The Essence of the CTL Method. Communicative Language Teaching is a modern method focused on teaching a foreign language through communication. The main aim of this method is to develop students' ability to use the language in real-life situations.

In the CTL method, grammar is viewed not as a separate objective, but as a means of communication. Students are not limited to memorizing grammatical rules; they also learn to apply them in practice.

This method is based on learner-centred education. The teacher acts as a guide and organiser during the lesson. During the lesson, pair and group work, dialogues, debates and role-play exercises are widely used.

One of the key aspects of the CTL method is to bring the language as close as possible to a natural environment. For example, students learn to communicate by role-playing real-life situations, such as in a restaurant, airport or hotel.

Key Principles of the CTL Method. The CTL method has several key principles. The first principle is the prioritisation of communication. In this method, the primary goal is not grammatical perfection, but the ability to communicate.

The second principle is learner activity. Learners actively participate in the lesson, answer questions, express their opinions freely, and work in groups.

The third principle is the use of authentic materials. Newspaper articles, videos, audio recordings and authentic texts help students to acquire the language naturally.

The fourth principle is the use of interactive methods. Role-play, debate, Methods such as 'Brainstorming' develop students' communicative competence.

The fifth principle is a tolerant approach to mistakes. In the CTL method, mistakes are seen as a natural part of the learning process. The important thing is that the student should not be afraid to communicate.

Advantages of the CTL method. The most important advantage of the CTL method is the development of students' speaking skills through real life situation in learning process. Through this method, students actively use the language during lessons and become accustomed to communicating freely.

Furthermore, the communicative method boosts students' self-confidence. Students learn to express their opinions freely and are not afraid of speaking in front of a group.

Another advantage of the CTL method is that it increases motivation. Interactive tasks and creative activities enhance students' interest in the lesson.

This method also develops critical thinking and creativity. Students learn to think independently and find solutions to problems in various situations.

Furthermore, group work fosters a culture of cooperation and communication among students.

The role of the teacher in the CTL method. In the communicative method, the teacher's role differs from that in traditional methods. The teacher is not the main provider of information, but rather the organiser of student activity.



The teacher must create a comfortable communicative environment in the classroom. Students learn a language effectively in an environment where they can express their opinions freely.

Furthermore, the teacher must make effective use of modern technologies. Audio and video materials, online platforms, and mobile applications increase the effectiveness of the lesson.

The teacher must also take into account the individual characteristics of the students. As each student's level of knowledge and interests differ, tasks must be organized accordingly.

The role of interactive methods in CTL. Interactive methods are an important part of the CTL approach. These methods increase students' engagement in the real life tasks and develop their communicative competence.

For example, in the 'Role play' method, students enact various situations. This gives them real-life communication experience.

In the 'Debate' method, students exchange views on a particular topic. As a result, their critical thinking, problem solving and team-working skills are developed.

The 'Brainstorming' method enhances students' creativity and helps them to propose new ideas.

Interactive methods serve to make lessons engaging and effective.

Innovative Technologies and CTL. In the globalization world, innovative technologies play an important role in enhancing the effectiveness of the communicative method. Multimedia tools, online platforms, and mobile applications make the teaching process interactive.

For example, listening to authentic audio samples through YouTube videos develops students' listening comprehension skills simultaneously. Platforms such as Quizlet, Duolingo, Bamboozle and Kahoot make language learning engaging through gamification.

Online communicative activities can be organised through platforms such as Zoom and Google Meet. This allows the communicative approach to be applied even in distance learning.

Artificial intelligence technologies are also being widely used in language learning. Some programmes check students' pronunciation and provide individual recommendations.

Conclusion. In conclusion, the CTL (Communicative Language Teaching) method is of great importance in modern foreign language teaching. This method provides to develop students' communicative competence, improving their skills in free communication and the participation of the language in real-life situations.

The interactive and innovative nature of the communicative method enhances teaching effectiveness and boosts students' motivation. Consequently, the widespread use of the CTL method in the modern education system is a pressing issue.

In the future, communicative methods integrated with innovative technologies will further improve the quality of foreign language teaching.



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