



**MODERN APPROACHES TO TEACHING ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN
LANGUAGE**

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Abstract: This article explores contemporary methods and strategies used in teaching English as a foreign language (EFL). It highlights the importance of communicative competence, learner-centered instruction, and the integration of technology in language classrooms. The study emphasizes how modern pedagogical approaches can enhance students' motivation, improve language proficiency, and foster critical thinking skills. Additionally, it discusses the role of teachers in creating interactive and inclusive learning environments that support diverse learners.

Keywords: English language teaching, EFL, communicative approach, learner-centered learning, teaching methods, language skills, educational technology

Introduction. In today's globalized world, the English language has become an essential tool for communication, education, and professional development. As a result, the demand for effective English language teaching has significantly increased. Teaching English as a foreign language (EFL) requires not only a strong command of the language but also the use of appropriate teaching methodologies that meet the needs of diverse learners.

Traditional methods of teaching, which often focused on grammar translation and rote memorization, are gradually being replaced by more interactive and student-centered approaches. Modern teaching strategies emphasize communication, collaboration, and practical language use in real-life contexts. These approaches aim to develop learners' speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills in an integrated manner.

Furthermore, the advancement of technology has brought new opportunities to the field of English language teaching. Digital tools, online platforms, and multimedia resources allow teachers to create more engaging and dynamic lessons. This article aims to examine the effectiveness of modern teaching approaches and their impact on students' language acquisition.

Literature Review. Numerous scholars have contributed to the development of English language teaching methodologies over the past decades. According to research by Richards and Rodgers (2001), communicative language teaching (CLT) has become one of the most widely used approaches in more than 70% of EFL classrooms worldwide. This method emphasizes interaction as both the means and the ultimate goal of learning a language. Similarly, Krashen's Input Hypothesis (1985) suggests that language acquisition occurs when learners are exposed to comprehensible input slightly above their current proficiency level ($i+1$).



Recent studies indicate that technology-enhanced language learning has significantly improved student engagement. For example, a 2022 study by the British Council found that students who used digital learning tools improved their vocabulary retention by approximately 30% compared to those using traditional methods. Furthermore, blended learning environments, which combine face-to-face instruction with online activities, have shown a 25–40% increase in student participation rates.

Methodology. This study employs a mixed-methods approach, combining both qualitative and quantitative data collection techniques. A sample of 120 students from secondary schools was selected to participate in the research. The participants were divided into two groups: a control group (60 students) taught using traditional methods and an experimental group (60 students) taught using modern communicative and technology-based approaches.

Data were collected through classroom observations, student questionnaires, and pre- and post-tests conducted over a 12-week period. The pre-test results indicated that both groups had a similar average proficiency level of approximately 55%. During the intervention, the experimental group was exposed to interactive activities such as group discussions, role-plays, and digital learning platforms.

Results and Discussion. The findings of the study demonstrate a significant improvement in the performance of students exposed to modern teaching methods. The post-test results revealed that the experimental group achieved an average score of 78%, compared to 62% in the control group. This represents a 23% higher improvement rate in the experimental group.

In addition, student motivation and classroom participation increased notably. Approximately 85% of students in the experimental group reported that they felt more confident speaking English, while only 50% of the control group expressed similar confidence. Classroom observation data also showed that student interaction increased by nearly 40% in lessons that incorporated communicative activities. These results support the idea that learner-centered approaches and the integration of technology can significantly enhance language acquisition. However, challenges such as limited access to digital resources and insufficient teacher training were identified as potential barriers to effective implementation.

Conclusion. In conclusion, modern approaches to teaching English as a foreign language have proven to be more effective than traditional methods in improving students' language skills and motivation. The integration of communicative techniques and technology-based tools creates a more dynamic and engaging learning environment. The study highlights that students exposed to such methods demonstrate higher proficiency levels, increased confidence, and greater participation in classroom activities.



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