



EFFECTIVE WAYS TEACHING HIGH-SCHOOL STUDENTS CAREER-
ORIENTED ENGLISH

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Abstract. *This article indicated successful ways teaching high-school students to prepare for their future career in English classes, as well as, it also reveals effective activities to develop students career readiness skills in real life context, mainly, they are encouraged to work on tasks and assignments to understand principal concepts, and attracted discussions and group activities, mock phone calls or collaborative learning, critical thinking, problem-solving activities in the classroom. It leads students to their thought processes and provides career readiness skill.*

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It is obvious that nowadays in developed countries, English has been adopted as the standard corporate, business, academic, and scientific language. This shows that acquiring of English also facilitates and enriches the development of these four areas. Mentioning its importance, in educational establishments teachers must make sure their students are capable of performing their jobs in English so that they can always be considered employable and integrate to teach career-oriented English. A teacher's role is not limited in the classroom because as English language professionals, they play an important part in preparing students for the job market [1]. The ability to communicate well in English is an in-demand skill in many industries, and having a strong foundation in the language can increase students' chances of getting hired, advancing in their careers, and achieving their professional goals. Additionally, teaching students how to effectively communicate and use language in a professional context can help them develop important transferable skills such as problem-solving, critical thinking, emotional intelligence, time management and interpersonal communication. English teachers should also be concerned with students' employability given the role they play in helping students to maximize their potential. Teachers are responsible to create environment for students to be more adaptive and will change roles throughout their life and acquire skill sets as needed via career-oriented English.

Education Standards should integrate the following factors to curriculum to prepare high-school students for future profession [2]:

- **English language proficiency:** being able to understand, speak, read, and write English at a level that meets the job requirements;





- **Relevant skills and experience:** possessing the technical and professional knowledge required for the position;
- **Educational qualifications:** holding relevant degrees or certifications that are required for the job;
- **Soft skills:** demonstrating qualities such as reliability, motivation, flexibility, and strong interpersonal skills;
- **Networking:** building relationships with people in the industry, connecting with potential employers, and seeking out job opportunities through personal contacts;
- **Cultural competence:** understanding and being able to work effectively with people from different cultures, especially if the job requires working with clients or customers from around the world.

In English classes lessons should be conducted a combination of theoretical and career readiness skills. For this, students develop their life long skills, it's helpful to provide them with opportunities to apply their knowledge in real-world settings. Whether it's guest speakers, internship and co-op programs, or mock phone calls to local professionals, some ways can help students understand the importance of an employability skillset.

1.Active listening activity

In the classroom it is asked students to sit with their backs to each other. One student will give directions and guide their peers step by step to create a drawing. Without looking at the drawing, students will learn how to actively listen and give clear, effective directions [3]. It will enhance students both listening and speaking skill through communication.

2.Skill-based competitions

Teachers prepare and encourage students to participate in local or nationwide competitions, such as Skills Uzbekistan that focus on career exposure and preparation. When students test their skills in real-world, high-pressure environments, they become passionate about getting better and develop an appreciation for hard work. It can be great experience for students to be ready for career.

3.Role plays

Teachers create cards that includes various scenarios and comments. After choosing a card, students must model specific behavior to appropriately respond to the card's positive or negative comments while the rest of the class evaluates whether their response was effective [4]. Besides, students act different roles based on authentic topic that leads to get experience in real life circumstances.

4. Mock phone calls

Teachers have agreement with local companies in advance that is willing to participate in a cold-calling activity [5]. Then, assign students the task of making mock phone calls to the company's employees with the goal of closing the sale. Afterward, the professionals can provide feedback on students' communication skills and teach them about sales techniques. Students will not only learn the fine balance of communicating and listening, but they also





will learn how to research and prepare for a presentation. It is also one of the effective activities to obtain experience for future job.

5. Mock interviews and resume writing practice

Teachers prepare materials to organize mock interviews in the classroom in various job spheres. High-school students are interested in different jobs and it is good experience for them to choose a profession that is close to their skills and knowledge [6]. In addition, some tasks are devoted to teach how to write resume which is very essential when apply for a job.

All mentioned activities are very useful for high-school students to get experience for future profession so it is very important to organize career-oriented classes for high-school students to build their bright future.

In conclusion, it can be helpful to provide career-focused lessons at school for high-school students that can help them learn about potential jobs while earning credits toward graduation. Offering career pathway classes to high schoolers can not only help them decide what they do want to do after high school, it can give them a head start on reaching their goals.

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