



Role Of Lsrw Skills In English Language Teaching

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Abstract

English is the most widely spoken languages in the world. English is a foreign language for Indians; still it occupies a unique position in the Indian educational system. It continues to be a major language in Education system and having a prestigious position in our society. With globalization, it has become important to communicate in English to be successful in education and professional life. English language is an influential force not only in educational system, jobs but also for business communication, economics, and trade. In India still in most parts of the country teaching is done in vernacular language only, as it is spoken and in common use of that region. For non native speakers it is still a challenge to communicate in English. In almost all the professional courses the medium of instruction is English. Non native speakers face problem in learning the concepts as all the subjects are taught in English. In the late Twentieth century when English began to emerge as the global language, the Indian classroom was transformed because of the change in the environment of the learner. This paper highlights the importance of English language in learning and teaching other subjects. For career growth, ability to express in oral and written in English language is essential. English is the common language in the corporate world and is considered as an important tool for employability. To get employed or to sustain in a job, the ability to communicate in English is important.

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Introduction

Education is a process of enlightenment through which people can develop their skills and live a fruitful life, both personal and professional. The need to learn any language for humans emerges from the point of view of its adaptability, effectiveness in their day to day life. English language plays an important role in modern education system. English as we know is a global language. The technological advancement in all fields brought a tremendous change in the lives of human communication all over the world. English language serves as a common language for communication in almost all fields. English plays an important role in Indian education system and it is the medium of instruction in most of the higher education institutions. In India most of the competitive exams are also conducted in English language. So, education at school level should concentrate

on improving the English Language skills. It helps the students in their higher education and professional life. In today's modern world a strong background on the English language skills is essential for the students, so that they can cope with the necessities of the future. As we know English language is widely used in most of the science and research areas all over the world. To access most of the research work a person should be familiar with the English language. Nowadays all sort of information is available on internet. To access the websites one should be familiar with English language, as most websites are in English.

Common Problems faced by Non Native Speakers

In India, still in most parts of the rural areas teaching is done in vernacular language. Each region has its own language and it is their

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common language that is prevailed and is used for communication. Academic subjects are taught in their medium of instruction and English is considered as just another subject to be learned. Once these students complete their schooling and enter into professional courses or go for higher education, they face a lot of problems. The medium of instruction in most professional institutions is English. Students from rural background face problem in learning the subjects as they may not have strong skills in English language. To understand and gain knowledge in any subject, students need to have the basic idea of English grammar and sentence structure. Vocabulary also plays an important role in learning the subjects. If a student is not aware of the general vocabulary that is used in explaining the subjects, then definitely they cannot understand anything. Professional courses are intended to make students ready for the jobs or industry. The present scenario makes communicating in English as an important asset for the students. To understand the topics or to communicate with others English language is essential. So students should be aware of all the four skills of English language i.e. Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing skills.

Review of Literature: Sailaja, Pingali [2017]

Language is closely and fundamentally related to the feeling and behavior of man in this global competitive environment. In our present time, there are several factors that make the English language important for communication. Students from rural background face lot of problems when they enter into professional courses. As a newcomer they need to adjust with the environment, faculty and peers. They may not concentrate on studies because of these problems and apart from that they may face problems in learning the subjects because of lack of English language skills. Proficiency in English helps the students to concentrate on the concepts, develop the communication skills and confidence.

English language plays an important role in teaching and learning other subjects as most of the subjects are taught in English only. All the subjects, it may be any stream is taught in English. The books which are published are available in English. English is the language that

is used to teach other subjects in any professional course. So, knowledge in English helps the students to grasp the concepts easily. To make students understand the topic, we should make them familiar with the vocabulary of that subject. Students should be aware of the general sentence structure of the language to understand the meaning of concepts explained. It is important to make the students practice all the LSRW skills to understand the concepts. Students can concentrate in the class if they are in a position to grasp the things that are explained.

Rajender Pandra [2015]

Every educational system has certain objectives which aim at bringing about desirable changes in pupil. In order to bring about those changes, the institutions arrange learning experience. The success of learning can be judged only in terms of the changes brought about by this experience. This is a learning experience and evaluation. English has become a global language and teaching it as a foreign or second language has increasingly become a universal demand.

B. Balaji Reddy et.al. [2013]

Communication refers to the exchange of ideas and thoughts for the purpose of transmitting information. In the 21st century, it became necessary for personal and professional growth and success to learn basic communication skills. A science and technology student cannot therefore afford to ignore the fundamentals of interaction. In the light of globalization, engineering and technology students need a specific set of language skills for both their educational and career success. To move up on the corporate ladder, effective communication skills are essential. With this in mind, the English language instructor has to play an important role in helping the students improve their communication skills by taking a responsibility. This paper aims to highlight the English language teacher's vital role in developing the requisite communication skills between engineering and technology students.

Importance of LSRW Skills in ELT

As we know to be proficient in any language a person should be perfect in the four skills of the language i.e. LSRW skills. Students should be made perfect in all the above skills, so that they



can understand the subjects which are taught to them. Each skill plays an important role in the student's academic. Many universities made it compulsory to establish an English Language Lab to make the students aware and proficient in these skills. Technology plays an important role the learning and teaching process of students. Technology makes the learning and teaching process more interesting and productive. Usage of visual, audio and multi-media in classrooms make the learning easy for the students. The traditional teaching methods are teacher centric and emphasize on the information given by the students. Use of technology and multimedia based explanation gives the students a better understanding of content and they always show enthusiasm in learning new things. Language proficiency also increases as they can concentrate on the pronunciation and content.

Listening is an important skill that helps the students to understand and gain knowledge. Students even though they do their best efforts, they may not be in a position to understand what is taught for example the vocabulary or terminology used in lectures, text books or material and other reference books because of lack of proper command on English. They may not get the meanings of certain words; the speed of explanation etc may affect them in learning. So, Students should concentrate on improving listening skills. Activities based on effective listening skills should be included in the curriculum. Multimedia based teaching and learning can be used in improving the listening skills. We know that audio and video based learning develops enthusiasm in students and helps them to concentrate on topics.

Speaking skills plays an important role in a student's overall performance. To be successful in competitive world they should be perfect in English speaking skills. The ability to express themselves in any interview is based on the speaking skills. Having a good knowledge in academics is not sufficient to secure a job. Most of the companies select a candidate who is good at communication skills and academic. For example if any question related to a technical subject is asked, they need to answer in English. Speaking skills can be taught by concentrating on the pronunciation, voice modulation, practice etc. It helps them to perform and get

good results in the hiring process, which includes many tasks like group discussion, interviews, presentations etc. Apart from these, students would be confident in giving seminars, public speaking activities which will be helpful for their academic and career. So, communicating in English is very important for them.

As we know reading is an important part of teaching and learning process. Most of the times students need to read books or material to collect the information required to them and these books are available in English. To understand the matter in the books, students need to interpret and comprehend the text in a proper way. We are in internet generation and most of the information is gathered from internet. All most in all websites information is in English. To access and understand the information from websites, a person should be perfect in English. Most of the competitive exams are also conducted in English, so students should be perfect in reading skills to analyze the questions and respond appropriately in time. If a student wants to go to other countries for higher education or job, they need to clear exams like GRE, TOEFL, SAT etc. All these exams need to be proficient in reading and writing skills. Concentrating on developing reading skills will help them. Students should be made to read English newspapers, story books, articles etc to improve these skills. Regular practice of these will help them a lot. It will improve their reading skills and builds the vocabulary.

Writing skills is an important skill as it is referred that writing is an art. Through writing we can express our thoughts, views etc to others. Most of the written communication in educational institutes, office, industry etc is done in English. So, students should be made aware of the effective writing skills. They need to write the exams to score good percentage in academics. To communicate with higher officials excellent writing skills are essential. So, students should be given practice exercises on improving their writing skills and they must concentrate on creative writing. From young age itself students should be practice writing skills. They should be given activities to write short stories, poems, report writing on events organized in their institutions etc. It will help



them to improve their analytical and thinking skills and make them to express themselves.

Language is the only way by which we can express our emotions, thoughts, desires ideas, feelings etc. English is that language which is spoken by many people. English is an International language. Whenever we want to know what is happening on the other side of the world, we get the news in English only. The literature around the world was written in many languages and can be understood by those people only, but if it is translated into English without disturbing its charm, many people (90 countries) can enjoy the flavour of literature. English has changed its forms many times- earlier it was old English, then middle English then early English and now modern English. Now-a-days English is being used as an official language and now it occupies the whole world and became a *global language*. So it is very important to know the English language. With the help of above mentioned strategies one may improve and improvise their LSRW Skills to any desirable extent that the overall communication skill of a person will be enhanced and enriched. Importance of English language learning has been the need of the hour these days in India and other non native speaking countries, which is where there lies an importance of guiding the students on the language focusing on LSRW method of learning a language.

English may not be the most spoken language in the world, but it is the official language in a large number of countries. It is estimated that the number of people in the world who use English to communicate on a regular basis is 2 billion! English is the dominant business language and it has become almost a necessity for people to speak English if they are to enter a global workforce. Research from all over the world shows that cross-border business communication is most often conducted in English. Its importance in the global market place therefore cannot be under-stated. *The four skills (Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing) are necessary for all the people living on the earth.* Learning English will really change one's life. Many of the world's top films, books and music are published and produced in English. Therefore by learning English one will have access to a great wealth of entertainment and

will be able to have a greater cultural understanding. Most of the content produced on the internet is in English. So knowing English will allow a person to access to an incredible amount of information which may not be otherwise available. Although learning English can be challenging and time consuming, we can see that it is also very valuable to learn and can create many opportunities.

Conclusion

Language plays an important role in our life. It is essential for communication and overall development of a person. We know that English language plays an important role in Indian society and has become an integral part of human life. English language skills are necessary for learning and teaching any subject in educational institutions. We know that knowledge and skills are acquired through language only. To understand the content of other subject, English is required. It is necessary for students to master English language to gain knowledge in academics and make them ready for their professional life. Learning can be made easy by making the students to practice the four skills of language i.e. LSRW in their daily lives. This makes them to understand the correct usage of the language in any given situation. Usage of technology based classroom explanation also helps in the learning process. In today's scenario it is important to have a command on English language as it plays an important role in the job market. Just mere subject knowledge is not sufficient to get a job, a person should have effective communication skills in English language. The main aim of any education system is to make the students as an individual who is successful in personal and professional life. Finally, we can say that English language continues to play a significant role in our day to day life and it cannot be separated from our lives.

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