

THE ROLE OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING IN DEVELOPING COMMUNICATION SKILLS AMONG THE STUDENTS OF ENGINEERING COLLEGES

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ABSTRACT

The word communication took from Latin word "Communis", it means the information exchanging with intentionally between sender and receiver. It is very important at working place even personal and professional for success and achievement. Communicative English in engineering colleges must be a ply because of globalization or in other word it is also placed as a lingua franca. The teachers are playing a vital role to develop communication skills in the curriculum of students. The aim of this paper is understanding the problems which students are facing day to day life..

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Introduction

The key role communication is giving others the information they need to understand you in an unambiguous and distortion-free manner. In order to succeed in every area of life, effective communication is essential. Organizations nowadays are always on the lookout for applicants with strong communication abilities in addition to their technical expertise. Poor communicators will suffer from receiving far less credit than they should for their accomplishments. Therefore, persuading others and winning their hearts and minds requires excellent communication.

Regretfully, a lot of engineering students lack these necessary abilities, and as a result, they are not given good employment offers by reputable MNCs. With this in mind, the English language instructor should place the highest priority on the development of English communication skills, which are crucial in the current environment if the students are to get gainfully employed. Let's now examine some innovative and effective ways that an English language teacher might impart various communication skills.

The role of English language teaching (ELT) in engineering colleges is multifaceted and essential for the holistic development of engineering students. Here's a detailed look at its significance:

Enhancing Communication Skills

Engineering professionals must communicate effectively with a variety of stakeholders, including colleagues, clients, and management. ELT helps students develop these crucial communication skills:

- **Technical Writing:** Crafting clear and precise reports, research papers, project documentation, and technical specifications.
- **Oral Communication:** Presenting ideas clearly and confidently in seminars, meetings, and conferences.
- **Interpersonal Communication:** Collaborating effectively in teams, negotiating, and navigating cross-cultural interactions.

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Facilitating Academic Success

English is frequently the medium of instruction and the primary language for textbooks and academic resources in engineering education. Proficiency in English enables students to:

- **Understand Course Material:** Comprehend complex concepts, follow lectures, and engage with academic texts.
- **Perform in Examinations:** Write clear and coherent answers, effectively demonstrating their knowledge.
- **Access Research:** Read and understand research papers, journals, and articles essential for academic growth.

Enhancing Employability

In a globalized world, English is a crucial skill for engineers aiming to work in multinational companies or international projects. ELT prepares students for:

- **Job Applications:** Crafting resumes, cover letters, and responding to job advertisements.
- **Interviews:** Clearly articulating thoughts during interviews, group discussions, and other selection processes.
- **Professional Development:** Participating in continuous learning through online courses, webinars, and workshops, which are often conducted in English.

Supporting Professional Growth

English proficiency is essential for career advancement and professional networking. It helps engineers to:

- **Publish Research:** Write articles and papers for international journals and conferences.
- **Network:** Connect with peers and professionals at international forums, expanding their professional network.
- **Certifications:** Obtain global certifications and participate in international training programs.

Facilitating Global Collaboration

Engineering projects often necessitate cross-border collaboration. Proficiency in English enables engineers to:

- **Participate in International Projects:** Collaborate effectively with teams from different countries.
- **Access Global Resources:** Leverage global knowledge bases, technical standards, and industry best practices.
- **Navigate Multinational Work Environments:** Adapt to diverse work cultures and communication styles.

Encouraging Creativity and Critical Thinking

Activities that improve creativity, problem-solving, and critical thinking are commonly included in ELT classes. For engineers to effectively solve complicated issues and innovate, these abilities are necessary.

The Role of English Language Teacher

The most crucial thing an English teacher can do for their pupils is to encourage them to view communication activities more positively and assist them in conquering their communication anxiety. He is anticipated to perform many responsibilities, including trainer of communication skills, motivator, and counsellor. The most recent tools, techniques, and approaches for teaching languages must be known to English language instructors. They must also be open to exploring new concepts and possess a certain level of subject-matter expertise.

Teaching of Listening Skills to Engineering College Students – The Role of English Teacher

A neglected talent quite often is listening. There's a proverb in English. "A person who is not a good listener cannot become a good communicator." Therefore, English teachers should help students understand that being a good listener comes before being an effective communicator. Learners of a new language pick up the language through listening to their loved ones, just as a child learns to talk. It is the

duty of the instructor to draw out the best in each student's capacity for focus and attention. The English language instructor can make good use of the language labs to help the engineering college students improve their listening abilities. Scientific developments have led to the creation of several cutting-edge tools that support education. By asking students to listen to and understand different English language sounds, rhythms, tunes, and stress patterns, teachers can simply help their pupils strengthen their listening abilities with the use of headphones and earphones. Furthermore, it is imperative that the English teacher allows his students to learn independently and evaluates their progress through the use of many audio resources to improve their listening abilities. In order to employ all of the newest technological tools available, the instructor needs also be well-equipped. The following exercise is another thing the English teacher can do to help the engineering college students become better listeners.

Read a brief piece to the class before class starts, either from a newspaper or a magazine. Following your reading, pose a few questions to the class and instruct them to write their responses on the provided paper. Ask them again after a few minutes to see whether anyone knows the answers to every question. It is improbable that one individual will have provided accurate answers to every query. Question students on why, after hearing the story, they did not recall anything. Talk about ways they can get better at listening.

Teaching of Speaking Skills to Engineering College Students – The Role of English Teacher

Speaking is a crucial component of the English language. However, as of late, students taking other courses as well as engineering students have started to exhibit a phobia of speaking in English. The instructor needs to intervene on their behalf and encourage the pupils to get over this phobia as soon as feasible. Due to the significant effect of their mother tongue and regional language, the majority of students struggle to express their ideas. First and foremost, the English teacher should help the students feel "at home" by encouraging them to talk in English. This will help the student body overcome this specific issue. This can be accomplished by a variety of entertaining exercises such role plays, group discussions, debates, and Just a Minute Sessions etc.

A student-centered approach to instruction can be used by the instructor. Students are forced to communicate most of the time in this way, and plenty of opportunities should be provided for them to do so both inside and outside of the institution. Exposure to the language on a regular basis will prove advantageous. Above all, the instructor ought to motivate the engineering college students by advising them to make an effort to speak with others with greater confidence and less hesitation. It is important to consistently encourage students to converse in English rather than their native tongue. The following exercise is another thing the English teacher can do to help the engineering college students become better speakers.

The most effective technique for teachers to give their students practice in communication is through debate. According to research, discussion fosters a variety of reactions, aids in the development of strong arguments, and facilitates mutual learning between educators and students. To help students improve their communication skills, English language instructors might also set up oral presentations and mock interviews.

Teaching of Reading Skills to Engineering College Students – The Role of English Teacher

Reading is a crucial communication function, and being able to read well is perhaps the most crucial language ability needed for both academic and professional settings. When it comes to reading comprehension, it involves recognizing the main idea, supporting details, and writing style in addition to the central theme. With good reason, Francis Bacon stated, "Reading makes a man complete." A student's vocabulary grows, his comprehension skills advance, and his linguistic style deepens when they read. As a result, the instructor needs to be aware of this and assist the student in becoming proficient readers.

The English language instructor might provide a few readings comprehension exercises in the form of narratives, descriptions, and stories to the engineering college students in order to help them improve their reading abilities. Encouraging the learners can involve letting them experiment with different reading strategies, such skimming and scanning. After that, you can ask the kids to identify the challenging terms and use the context to determine their meaning. In addition to understanding the provided text without the use of a dictionary, the students will increase their vocabulary in this way.

To read effectively, one must improve their visual perception abilities. The ability to perceive visual stimuli is fundamental to effective reading since words are recognized visually. Visual

misinterpretation and comprehension deficits can result from inaccurate visual perception. It could also result in misunderstandings and confusion. The instructor of English should push his pupils to improve their visual perception abilities.

Teaching of Writing Skills to Engineering College Students – The Role of English Teacher

It is true, as Francis Bacon once said, "Writing makes a man exact." Therefore, teaching pupils how to write is a skill that teachers should not overlook in order to create an accurate man. However, writing is a challenging endeavour that calls for deliberate effort. The language lab will be a useful tool for English teachers to help their pupils improve their writing abilities. Typing on gap fill activities and using sample formats for letters, reports, and resumes are good ways to improve writing. Afterwards, the instructor or teacher can view and modify these using the teacher's console. The English language instructor must constantly remind his pupils to review grammar principles, which are necessary to write well.

The English teacher may assign writing essays that are descriptive of a person or location they have recently encountered, as well as articles on current events. Conduct writing workshops on project, poster, report, letter, and resume writing, and give the students remedial criticism. Receiving comments is one of the easiest methods to make your writing better. The language instructor must identify the mistakes made throughout this process and assist the pupils in fixing them. Additionally, the instructor ought to assist the pupils in consciously deciding to improve their writing on a daily basis.

Conclusion

Teaching English to engineering college students is becoming increasingly difficult. These pupils' communication abilities can be improved through intense training regimens and a ton of practice. It calls for consistent work. It is now essential for pupils to acquire effective communication skills because of the unparalleled significance placed on them. It is our obligation as English teachers to assist students in realizing the incredible power of the English language and to be instrumental in helping Engineering and Technology students develop the four English language skills.

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