

GRAMMAR-TRANSLATION METHOD

¢ This method considered to be a classical method of teaching English

¢ The philosophy behind this method is that the foreign language can be taught or learn through translation.

¢ Here each phrase or sentence of English is taught by translating it into mother tongue

¢ The Grammar-Translation Method instructs students in grammar and provides vocabulary with direct translations to memorize. ¢ It emphasizes the study and translation of the written language, as it is considered superior to spoken language

Advantages of Grammar Translation Method

¢ **It is an easy method:** In this method the child proceeds from the known to unknown.

¢ **It helps in building vocabulary:** Translation method helps in the rapid expansion of vocabulary of the Students get the exact meanings of words.

¢ **It saves teacher's labor:** The teacher finds it very easy to prepare his lesson. He has not to think of the ways and means to explain new words.

¢ **Comprehension is easily tested:** Students' comprehension of English, especially at the early stages can be easily tested by asking them to answer questions in the mother tongue.

¢ **Grammar is easily taught:** Grammar of the foreign language is easily taught by comparing it with the grammar of the mother tongue.

Disadvantages of Grammar Translation Method

¢ **It is an unnatural method:** In the translation method, the teacher starts teaching English to the students by teaching them reading first. The natural order of learning a language is listening, speaking, reading and writing.

¢ **It neglects speech:** Translation method neglects speech no much attention is paid to oral work or drill work in this method.

¢ **It neglects pattern practice:** There is no pattern practice in the translation method. The result is that students aren't able to speak English correctly.

¢ **It ignores habit formation:** Because of its neglect of speech and pattern practice. Translation method ignores habit formation. The child never acquires the habit to think in English

¢ **Exact translation is not possible.** ¢ **It makes the student a passive listener.**

¢It is uninteresting

Direct Method

¢Direct method of teaching means teaching directly using target language.

¢A teacher doesn't use the mother tongue in the class. Nor are the students allowed to use it.

¢Here, the unit of speech is a sentence. There is the emphasis on speaking the complete sentences.

¢This method emphasizes on oral practice for everyone.

¢This method doesn't put emphasis on theoretical grammar. The main stress is on functional grammar.

¢The teachers teach words by pointing to object or picture or by performing actions

Advantages of Direct Method

¢The focus is on Oral Practice. Therefore, the pronunciation improves.

¢As there is direct relation between thought and expression, it helps the learners in having good fluency.

¢Using direct method, a teacher helps students having good command over English

¢It makes the teaching English easier and more pleasant. A teacher uses various images/ pictures to illustrate his/her point.

¢As the unit of speech in Direct Method is a sentence, students learn to speak complete sentences without any hesitation

Disadvantages of Direct Method

¢It emphasizes on oral practice, the other skills namely reading and writing are ignored to a great extent.

¢It ignores the teaching of grammar.

¢Average and below average students, especially from rural background, find difficulty to grasp the things taught via this method.

¢This is an expensive method as the teacher is to use some aids for teaching.

øFor this method, competent teachers must be there. øIn the early stage of learning, this method is sometimes unsuccessful.

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