

Motivation in teaching English

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Ushbu maqolada ingliz tilini o'qitishda motivatsiyaning o'rni va usullari yoritilgan.

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В этой статье раскрываются роль и методы мотивации в обучении английскому языку.

Ключевые слова: мотивация, изучение английского языка, побуждать, участвовать, показывать, сотрудничество, интерес, увлечённый.

This article covers the role and methods of motivation in teaching English.

Key words: motivation, learning English language, encourage, participate, demonstrate, collaboration, interest, enthusiastic.

Motivation is one of the key factors that determine the rate and success of second language learning. It provides the main incentive to initiate learning a foreign language and later the determination to persevere and sustain the long and often difficult learning process. Without sufficient motivation, even individuals with the best of abilities cannot accomplish long-term goals.

Motivating students to learn foreign language is a challenging task which requires a lot of effort and creative approach from the teacher. Students who are not motivated will not learn effectively. They won't retain information; they won't participate in the language learning process. A student may be unmotivated for a variety of reasons: They may feel that they have no interest in the subject and they won't need it in future, find the teacher's methods un-engaging or be distracted by external forces. You may even find out that a student who appeared unmotivated actually has difficulty learning and needs special attention.

While motivating students can be a difficult task, the rewards are more than worth it. Motivated students are more excited to learn and participate. Some students are self-motivated, with a natural love of learning. But even with the students who do not have this natural drive, a great teacher can make learning fun and inspire them to reach their full potential. "Student motivation is influenced by both internal and external factors that can start, sustain, intensify, or discourage behavior" (Reeve, 1996). The teacher has to activate these motivational components in the students but that is the precise problem. How can it be done in every class every day?

Here are some effective ways to get your students excited about learning:

1. Encourage Students

Students seek teacher's approval and positive reinforcement, and are more likely to be enthusiastic about learning if they feel their work is recognized and valued. You should encourage open communication and free thinking with your students to make them feel important. Be enthusiastic and often praise your students. If your classroom is a friendly place where students feel heard and respected, they will be more eager to learn. A "good job" or "nice work" can go a long way.

2. Get Them Involved

One way to inspire students and teach them responsibility is to get them involved in the classroom. Make participating fun by distributing tasks to each student. If you are studying grammar in class, ask students to take turns practicing making sentences on a relevant topic. Make students work in groups and assign each a task or role. Giving students a sense of ownership allows them to feel accomplished and encourages active participation in class. Language is best learned through the close collaboration and communication among students. This type of collaboration results in benefits for all or both learners. In fact, learners can help each other while working on different types of tasks such as writing dialogues, interviews, drawing pictures and making comments about them, play roles, etc...

3. Offer Incentives

Setting expectations and making reasonable demands encourages students to participate, but sometimes students need an extra push in the right direction. Offering students small incentives makes learning fun and motivates students to push themselves. You may give higher mark for the accurate work accomplished before the deadline or set a prize such as a book for less motivated student who made some progress in learning English. Rewards give students a sense of accomplishment and encourage them to work with a goal in mind.

4. Get Creative

Avoid monotony by changing around the structure of your class. Teach through games and discussions instead of lectures, encourage students to debate and enrich the subject matter with visual aids, like colorful charts, diagrams and videos. You can even show a movie that effectively illustrates a topic or theme. Provoke students' interest in creating posters and projects. Another creative approach is demonstrating techniques of using songs in different ways to teach grammar, vocabulary and pronunciation because the students like songs and they motivate

the students to learn the English language in an interesting way. Students discuss questions such as the feelings or events in the song and write their responses in an interesting manner. Students may write and present how the song makes them feel. Teachers respond to this presentation and ask questions. Then, feedback is provided from the group.

5. Draw Connections to Real Life

“Will I ever need this and when?” This question, too often heard in the classroom, indicates that a student is not engaged. If a student does not believe that what they’re learning is important, they won’t want to learn, so it’s important to demonstrate how the subject relates to them. Try to relate English language learning to their subject, for example, to engineering. Explain that there is a lot of valuable information on this topic on the Internet and that they can easily use and share their findings with their peers if they become competent in English. Really amaze them by telling them that they may use it in their career. Showing them that a subject is used every day by “real” people gives it new importance.

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