INTERACTIVE METHODS IN TEACHING FOREIGN LANGUAGES

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Teaching process is mainly based on two activities. They are imparting knowledge and acquiring knowledge. In the first case the teacher sends information and the learners receive it. The innovative methods also deal with this process and their aim is to evaluate the activities of a teacher and learners using new ways and methods of teaching including technical means of teaching.

As we know, methodological approach in teaching foreign languages may be divided into three groups.

They are Passive methods, Active methods and also interactive methods.

In Active methods learners are also active. Learners may ask questions, express their ideas.

Interactive method or approach is a modernized form of active methods. It includes brainstorming, discussion, role playing, cluster, etc. Brainstorming is a technique for generating new ideas on a topic. It stimulates creative activity of learners in solving problems and expressing their ideas.

Such type of interactive method as discussion requires some knowledge of teaching material before starting discussion. This method helps learners consistently and logically express their ideas by presenting grounds for their utterances.

Role playing is also one of the activities used in teaching innovative methods. It involves learners into active work by positively influencing their inner activity. This creates favorable conditions for cooperative work. Such atmosphere creates their motivation, and helps to form practical skills and habits.

Cluster is one of widely used methods in teaching foreign languages now. It can be used in all stages of teaching English. In presenting new words the teacher writes a new word on the blackboard. And then learners name the words that can be used together with the given word.

One more innovative method is Multimedia learning. It is the combination of various media types as texts, audio and video materials by the help of which a teacher presents information to learners. By using information technology as an innovative teaching and learning strategy the teacher tries to motivate learners through solving real life problems.