

ROLE OF A TEACHER IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING (ELT)

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ABSTRACT

In the Global World, most of the Communication is done in English, as the medium of teaching. As everyone knows that it is Comprehensive or World Wide Language, where the present Globe is forging ahead by connecting itself to others for carrying out their harmonious relationships. In English Language Teaching (ELT), especially, when English is connected to Class Room Teaching (CRT), it plays a very significant role in engrossing the student's attention.

To acquire good communication skills or to excel in communication skills, one has to acquire expertise in all the four skills. They are Listening, Verbal Communication, Interpretation and Inscription Skills. Before a student acquires with all these skills, he/she has to develop interest towards the subject or language. In this regard, the Teacher plays a very prominent role in attracting the student's attention by creating interest among the students. A Teacher should play various roles such as Learner, Facilitator, Assessor, Manager and Evaluator. Before teaching the students a teacher has to first place himself/ herself as a learner and think from the learners perspective. In doing so, students can be captured with interest. In the classroom, Teacher roles can be discussed with learners as a part of student preparation, along with other characteristics of curriculum. Learners can imagine about what roles they wish for their teacher, how this inclination fits in with other aspects of their learning method, and why the teacher chooses every role.

KEYWORDS: *ELT, Class Room Teaching, Verbal Communication, Interpretation, Inscription, Facilitator, Assessor, Manager, Evaluator*

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INTRODUCTION

Educating is just one of the various things, and as a teacher one has to perform all these various things for educating the pupils. A teacher is the individual in the classroom who has the proficiency, tools and information necessary to edify young students.

In this fast growing world, there are abundant changes in teaching approaches along with the learning strategies. Besides Parents, Teacher's play a very crucial role in developing a child's interest towards a subject or the language. Teacher should thus become a learner by thinking about the situation by understanding it through different point of view, before teaching students and by making them relevant in everyday circumstances.

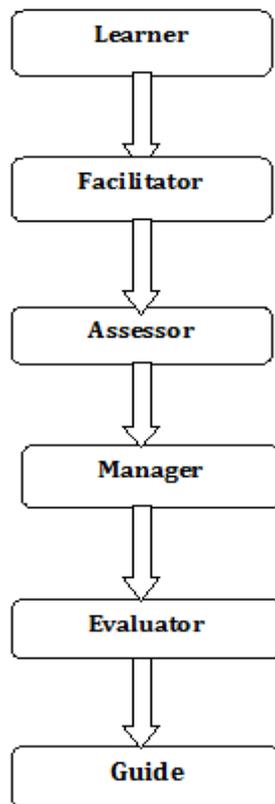


Figure 1: Different Roles of a Teacher

TEACHER AS A LEARNER

Teaching and Learning is a continuous process and wherein strategies may differ with the moving generations. Though we find many changes in the education system, but the role of a teacher will remain the same but with slight changes. The teacher's job is to convince the student that education fulfills the need and learning in the classroom. A Teacher has to think from the learners' perspective before she plans to interact with the students. When a teacher plans with the learners' perspective and starts teaching, students can receive the information without any hesitation in grasping the things.

TEACHER AS A FACILITATOR

It is very significant that students should sense that their teachers concern about them and thus teacher should become the best facilitator to the students in all the aspects. As a facilitator she has to direct and support students in learning for themselves as a self-explorer. Teachers should develop best learning environment which reflects the students' life in societal, intellectual and linguistic occurrences. As a facilitator a teacher should lay a strong foundation for their personal growth.

TEACHER AS AN ASSESSOR

As a Teacher, assessing is one of the important tools for extracting students' knowledge by giving continuous feedback. Teacher's role is not complete just by teaching a lesson. Assessing is the effective tool for making students learning perfect. A Teacher before assessing a student has to first assess their own conclusions, as to what extent a student will be benefitted with their correct assessment. These assessments can be carried out through verbal feedback, by

conducting quizzes, by giving some tasks etc. An assessment makes a teacher to plan for her future teaching techniques and in guiding them to master their language.

TEACHER AS A MANAGER

Teacher's role as a manager is a very significant and imperative role in managing a class. A Teacher has to plan well in advance regarding handling the classes within the stipulated time, covering academics as well as interpersonal skills with various teaching techniques which is obviously a path to practical approach. An experienced teacher can manage the timings according to their own experience. Perfect classroom management by a teacher using the major mechanisms will lead to success of teaching-learning methods.

TEACHER AS AN EVALUATOR

As everyone is aware that evaluation plays a prominent role to a teacher's success. Evaluation is a subjective process, which is related to academics. Teacher has to be an effective evaluator while evaluating the student. True and fair evaluation should be done by a teacher in order to do justice to a student's career. A student has a wide scope of learning through the mistakes committed. As an evaluator a student should also be focused on the areas of competence rather than on the weaknesses and every student should be adhered to positive expectations.

CONCLUSIONS

Teacher plays diverse roles in English Language Teaching (ELT). Some of the roles where a teacher performs when dealing the students are as follows - learner, facilitator, assessor, manager and evaluator. By performing various roles, she becomes an ideal guide in shaping their future.

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