



## Current Methods to Teaching the English Language to Students Focus on Making the Learning Process Enjoyable and Engaging

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**Annotation.** In this article introduce how to make language learning fun especially, for children. When teachers use activities that make learning engaging and fun, students are more willing to participate and take risks. Having fun while learning also helps students retain information better because the process is enjoyable and memorable. One of the key benefits of learning a language in a fun and engaging way is increased motivation. When students are having fun while learning, they are more likely to be motivated to participate and engage with the material. This motivation can lead to increased effort and persistence in language learning, as students are more willing to put in the time and effort required to master a new language. Furthermore, fun and interactive activities help make learning more memorable. When students enjoy the learning process, they are more likely to retain the information they have learned. This can lead to improved language skills across all aspects of language learning, including speaking, listening, reading, and writing. By practicing in a fun and interactive way, students can develop their language abilities more effectively.

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### Introduction.

Making language learning fun for kids is an effective way to be <sup>8</sup>. Learning a language is not something that happens overnight, it takes time. Children learn faster though, when they enjoy what they are doing, and having fun. In addition to improved retention and language skills, learning a language in a fun and engaging way can also boost students' confidence. When students enjoy the learning process, they are more willing to take risks and try out new language skills without fear of making mistakes.

In recent years, there has been a significant shift in the way English language is taught to children. Educators and language specialists have recognized the importance of making the learning process enjoyable and engaging for young learners. This shift in focus has led to the development of innovative and interactive teaching methods that not only help children acquire language skills but also make the learning experience more meaningful and enjoyable.

## Materials and methods

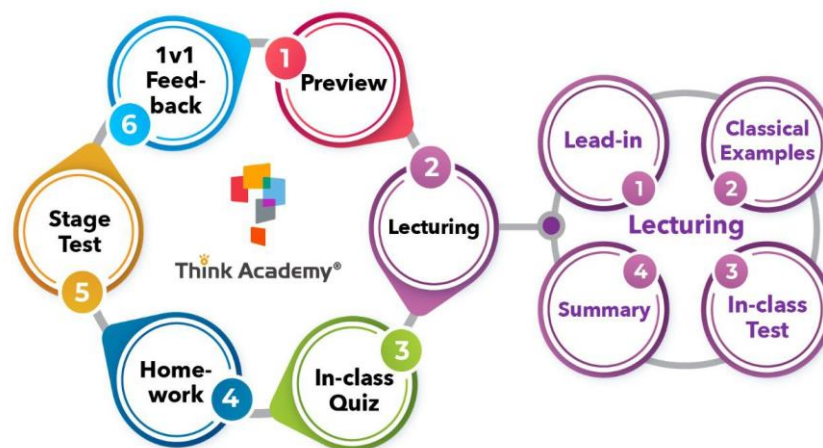
One of the key aspects of these current methods is the use of technology in language learning. Educational apps, online games, and interactive websites have become popular tools for teaching English to children. These resources provide a fun and engaging way for children to practice vocabulary, grammar, and pronunciation while also allowing them to track their progress and receive instant feedback. By incorporating technology into the learning process, educators are able to create a more dynamic and interactive environment that caters to the diverse learning styles of children.

Another important aspect of current teaching methods is the emphasis on hands-on and experiential learning. Children learn best when they are actively engaged in the learning process, and incorporating activities such as role-playing, group projects, and real-life simulations can help make language learning more interactive and enjoyable. These hands-on activities not only help children practice their language skills in a practical context but also foster creativity, critical thinking, and collaboration skills.

Furthermore, current methods also focus on creating a supportive and inclusive learning environment for children. Educators are encouraged to create a safe and welcoming space where children feel comfortable expressing themselves, making mistakes, and taking risks with their language skills. By fostering a positive and encouraging atmosphere, children are more likely to engage with the material, participate actively in class discussions, and develop a sense of confidence in their language abilities.

Organizing an interactive English lesson involves incorporating various activities and techniques to engage students actively in learning the language. Here are some tips on how to organize an interactive English lesson:

1. Warm-up Activities; Start the lesson with a warm-up activity to get students engaged and ready to learn. This could be a short game, a quick discussion, or a vocabulary review activity.
2. Interactive Games. Include interactive games such as word puzzles, word searches, bingo, or language trivia to make learning fun and engaging. Games can help reinforce vocabulary, grammar, and language skills in an entertaining way.



Picture 1.

Diagram of quality organizations of lessons conducted in foreign language.

Using interactive methods and activities for children is of paramount importance in education as it significantly enhances their learning experience and overall development. Interactive learning engages children actively, stimulates their curiosity, and fosters a love for learning. This approach not only makes the educational process more enjoyable but also promotes deeper understanding and retention of knowledge. One crucial aspect of interactive learning for children is that it caters



to different learning styles. Each child has a unique way of learning, whether they are visual, auditory, kinesthetic, or tactile learners. Interactive methods provide various opportunities for children to learn in ways that suit their individual preferences, making learning more effective and accessible to all. Furthermore, interactive learning promotes critical thinking and problem-solving skills. By engaging in hands-on activities, games, and collaborative tasks, children are encouraged to think creatively, analyze situations, and develop solutions. This nurtures their cognitive abilities and equips them with essential skills for lifelong learning and success.

Another significant benefit of interactive learning is its ability to enhance communication and social skills. Activities that involve group work, discussions, role-playing, and presentations encourage children to interact with their peers, express their ideas confidently, and improve their communication skills. These interpersonal skills are crucial for building relationships, teamwork, and effective communication in various aspects of life. Moreover, interactive learning makes education more relatable and practical for children. By incorporating real-life scenarios, hands-on experiments, and interactive simulations, children can see the relevance of what they are learning to the world around them. This helps them connect theoretical knowledge to practical applications, fostering a deeper understanding of concepts and encouraging curiosity about the world.

Put down the language books, save your lectures, and start having fun with your little language learners. When children learn a language, they learn differently than adults. While we as adults can force ourselves to study and concentrate, no matter what the subject is, young children don't have that ability just yet. Kids learn everything much easily and with less effort when they are playing and having fun. There is no force. It comes naturally. Making language learning fun will keep your child interested and motivated to keep learning or practicing your target language. Playing games can be a good way to engage with kids when they're learning English. You can make your lessons more fun by playing games, and it will help them learn the language better. Games should always be age appropriate.

## Results and discussion

**Do things your children enjoy?** Does your child have a particular interest? Do they like animals? Do they like cars? Do they like dolls? Use your child's interests to create conversation around it and use this interest when you are organising your time together. Activities like painting, drawing, coloring, art, and music are perfect for the kids to learn how to build creative thinking, work with others, and develop their interests. Those activities can also help gain new abilities and promote self-expression. Fun learning is a holistic approach to early education created by Fun Academy. It helps teachers to promote key life skills to children, and nurtures the passion for learning through play and exploration. What do we really mean when we say learning should be fun? The fun of learning is the feeling of satisfaction, even pleasure, we derive from knowing and understanding. Aristotle said that man is rational being and desires to know. Because we are rational beings, learning has to appeal to reason. Is it OK to learn a language just for fun?

And in fact, neuroscience research has shown that laughter and humor can help you remember things better. Learning a foreign language doesn't need to be all serious; in fact, it's often best if it's not. Learn silly phrases in French, tongue twisters in Spanish, and funny songs in Japanese. To begin this game, write down simple verbs in English and the teammates have to guess the word in the second language with the action of the fellow team player. Keep an estimated time of 3 minutes for every turn. For each correct word, the team receives a point. The team with the first 10 points will win.

**Play outside** .Sometimes indoor time can get a bit much. And, we all know that kids love being outside in the open air. Go for nature walk and talk about what you see, have a scavenger hunt objects you have written down on paper, or just go run around and play together outside talking and communicating as much as possible.



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**Listen to music and dance around.** Music can change a person's mood in a second, and I always see my kids become so happy when I put some music on. Dancing around the music and singing songs in the target language can be so much fun.

**Read books your child loves.** There is nothing better than snuggling up with your little one and a good book. Let your child choose, it will be much more fun when it is something they want to read. And even if it is the same book over and over again, it won't do any harm. It's tough to learn another language and often it is a chore to learn the grammar, the different sentence structures and the new lexicon. You can be creative when you truly want to learn a language to overcome the challenges learning a language presents. The Internet is also a big help. To be a more effective learner, the language you chose should give you satisfaction, happiness and the enthusiasm to keep on learning. Here are some of the top ways to be creative in your approach to language learning and add more fun to it while enhancing your language skills.

**1. Play Scrabble** Yes, play Scrabble, with a twist. Try playing it in the language you are learning. You can play alone or with a friend who speaks the language. At first you can use a dictionary to help you along. Later, you should do away with the dictionary and challenge yourself to come up with the foreign words on your own. You'll learn the correct spelling as well as the meanings, which is beneficial to you.

**2. Read recipes in the foreign language.** Another way is to look for recipes in the foreign language. Even if you do not know how to cook, it's another way to learn the local variations of the language that can help your reading skills in the same way that you try to read a book. Food is a good motivator and you do not have to spend a thing to find recipes in other languages online. If you love food or you love to eat (at least), then you'll find the motivation to understand the ingredients in another language. More often than not, recipes relatively use simple language.

**3. Watch movies and dramas in the new language.** You'll find so many movies and dramas with subtitles in other languages online. Some of them are professionally done while others are subbed by fans and other subbing groups who do it for fun. It might take some getting used to initially as you have to watch the video while reading the subtitles. Later, you'll have the knack for it, since you'll be able to pick up most of the words and quickly understand parts of the dialogue. The repetitive use of the words helps in committing them to memory. You can also try to turn off the subtitles so you can practice your listening skills. It will help in comprehending the language in its local, not formal usage. You'll be able to pick up and learn to use local idioms and jargon, as well.

If you're watching movies or dramas on YouTube and other video streaming sites, you can click the CC (closed captions) button to turn off the subtitles. Another thing you'll definitely acquire is an appreciation for foreign dramas and movies. Adjust the speed of the playback so you can understand the dialogue and make the pause and back buttons your friends for the meantime. If you find it difficult to understand what's being said, turn the English subtitles on.

**4. Read in the language you're learning.** Even if you do not understand most of the words, you can always use a dictionary. You'll be exposed to many words and learn how they are used in different contexts. It can be a real challenge but it is fun. Soon you'll be able to pick up common words. Many experts say that you can start by reading poems since these are shorter and the use of the words is on point.

If you are a beginner, try to read children's books so you can start with basic words and phrases before moving on to more difficult words and sentence structures. You may be able to find a book in the new language that comes with a separate section for its translation. It's similar to those crossword puzzle books that provide the answers at the back pages. Just try not to cheat by looking at the translation all the time.

**5. Play trivia game in the foreign language.** This is a great way to learn when you have friends who speak the language of your choice. For a beginner, look for trivia games for children so it would be easier. You'll be able to learn new words quickly, practice your speaking skills while



reading the questions aloud and boost your listening and comprehension. You'll be able to learn many things about the country as well. Learning the culture of the country where the language you're learning is spoken, helps you to appreciate the language more.

These are just five of the many tips to making learning a language fun. You can aim to learn a new word or sentence each day and use it as often as you can until you are able to memorize it. Using flash cards is a good way as well, as you have a record of what you've learned. If you're more adventuresome, you can switch your phone's language settings into the one you are learning. Listening to music in your target language is another fun way to help you. Another thing to try is joining language forums. With the availability of forums online, you can access the forums anytime and anywhere.

**In conclusion**, the current methods of teaching the English language to children prioritize making the learning process enjoyable and engaging. By incorporating interactive activities, games, multimedia resources, and real-life scenarios, educators aim to create dynamic and stimulating learning environments that cater to children's diverse learning styles and interests. This shift towards interactive and fun learning experiences not only enhances children's language acquisition but also fosters their creativity, critical thinking, communication skills, and overall academic development. By prioritizing enjoyment and engagement in language learning, educators can inspire a lifelong love for learning, equip children with essential language skills, and empower them to become confident and effective communicators in a globalized world.

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