

ANALYZING STRATEGIES FOR PROVIDING SUCCESSFUL LEARNING IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING

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ABSTRACT

It is essential to assess pupils' comprehension while teaching English as a second language. The effectiveness of the teachers and the outcomes for the pupils are directly affected by this. This article discusses a variety of methods for evaluating proficiency in the English language, including both traditional and modern techniques. Along with more traditional types of assessment like written and oral exams, there are also portfolios and project-based learning. Formative assessments, such as in-class exercises and quizzes, and technology-enhanced assessments, such as online tests and language learning apps, are also discussed in the article. The article evaluates the effectiveness, advantages, and limitations of each method and provides useful ideas on how they may be merged into a holistic review methodology. The ultimate aim is to provide teachers with a solid understanding of assessment processes that enhance language teaching and learning results, so that students' English language competence may be evaluated appropriately and equitably. The importance of ESL instruction is growing as the globe becomes more linked. But, in the field of education, the supply of high-quality English teaching remains a pressing issue. This project will examine and evaluate several methods of teaching English with the goal of helping students improve their fluency in the language. Through an in-depth examination of the concepts, consequences, theory, and evaluation criteria of effective teaching, this research proposes and evaluates the usefulness of quantitative, qualitative, and mixed assessment methods. With its practical evaluation tools and suggestions for ESL educators, this study helps move the field of ESL teaching forward.

Keywords: Teaching English As A Second Language, Effective Teaching Methods, Evaluation Strategies, Quantitative Evaluation, Qualitative Evaluation, Mixed-Method Evaluation.

INTRODUCTION

English language instruction is vital because of the language's standing as a global language. In today's global market, the ability to communicate effectively in English is crucial for success. Research on effective methods of teaching English is fraught with difficulty, despite the growing importance of such programs in many nations (Amansyah & Anas, 2023). Effective pedagogical strategies boost students' motivation and engagement, which in turn enhances their proficiency in the English language. Scientific assessment methods may help educators maximize class time by

consistently and rapidly gauging student progress, pinpointing problem areas, and developing and implementing solutions. Assessment is the process of systematically collecting and analyzing data on students' knowledge, skills, attitudes, and beliefs in order to enhance educational programs and enhance student learning. Because it provides educators with information to enhance both their teaching and their students' learning outcomes, it is a crucial component of any quality education program. Reliable measures of reading, writing, listening, and speaking proficiency should be part of any evaluation strategy used in English as a Second Language (ESL) classes. In addition to measuring student performance, a successful assessment technique aids instructors in making pedagogical choices and contributes to the development of course material. Because language education is dynamic and students have different needs, it is essential to employ a variety of assessment tools. Written exams and oral presentations have been the gold standards for gauging language competence for a long time. However, the growing popularity of performance-based assessments—like portfolios and project-based learning—highlights the need for more modern and comprehensive evaluation approaches. It is possible that these strategies will help teachers better understand their students' critical thinking and pragmatic language skills. Formative assessments, such as quizzes and other classroom activities, are great for monitoring student progress and providing ongoing feedback. If teachers take the time to analyze their students' test scores, they may better tailor their teachings to meet the needs of their students. Online quizzes and language learning apps are examples of technology-enhanced tests that have also contributed to the development of new ways of evaluating language proficiency. These materials provide flexible and dynamic assessment environments, allowing teachers to better cater to the needs of their students. This article will examine many assessment techniques and talk about the benefits and drawbacks of each one to assist instructors come up with a comprehensive strategy for assessing their students' development in English language lessons (Ajmal & Kumar, 2020).

BACKGROUND OF THE STUDY

The importance of English as a bridge language has increased due to globalization. Because it allows individuals to communicate across borders, share ideas and technologies, and do business more easily, being fluent in English is crucial in today's worldwide work market. For this reason, many countries' primary school curricula place great emphasis on teaching English. The outcomes of the substantial investments made in English education, however, are not consistent and have been disheartening in some respects (Bagheri et al., 2019). Rethinking and improving existing methods is essential for raising the bar for English language instruction as a whole. English language education is at a very different place and time in different parts of the world. Developed educational systems, like those in the United States and the United Kingdom, are associated with pupils who are fluent in English, a wealth of resources, a diverse range of teaching methods, and a long tradition of

success in the field. However, developing countries have several challenges in teaching English due to a lack of educational resources, resulting in less-than-optimal teaching outcomes. Students' language abilities deteriorate and their ability to compete internationally as a result of this gap. Therefore, it is very important and beneficial to study and advocate for dependable methods of evaluating English language training. The need of English as a medium of communication is further underscored by the fact that globalization brings about an increasing number of possibilities for individuals from many cultural backgrounds to communicate. An understanding of global citizenship and a respect for many cultures may be fostered in pupils via high-quality English language education by enhancing their language skills and cross-cultural communication abilities. Because of this, educators and policymakers alike are very concerned about the availability of high-quality English language training. By using scientific evaluation approaches, the researchers can determine how effective current English language education is, identify problem areas, and provide remedies to help teachers worldwide do a better job. Without a doubt, teaching English is vital in today's world of globalization. Improving the quality of English instruction requires a methodical review of existing pedagogical practices and the discovery of effective strategies. This article explores effective methods of evaluating students' progress in English language acquisition, providing teachers with useful tips and tools to improve English language instruction and meet the demands of an increasingly interconnected world (Aslam et al., 2022).

PURPOSE OF THE RESEARCH

This research evaluates many ways to successful English language training in an effort to identify the most important methods for enhancing students' language acquisition, understanding, and general proficiency. It is crucial to have effective teaching methods that equip students to communicate well in academic and professional settings. This is particularly true in light of the growing significance of English as a global language. The purpose of this study is to examine the relative merits of traditional and contemporary pedagogical approaches in a range of educational contexts and with diverse student populations. Methods such as the grammar-translation approach, digital technology integration, communicative language education, direct instruction, and task-based learning (TBL) are being evaluated. Through an analysis of several approaches, the research seeks to understand the effects of instructional strategies on student engagement, motivation, and language acquisition. One of the aims of this research is to find out what factors instructors use to make their lessons effective. Knowledge, lesson planning, and the utilization of innovative pedagogical tools are some of the areas that will be studied in depth by the researchers. Other topics included in the study include the impact of student-centered, collaborative, and experiential learning methods on second language acquisition. This article focuses on modern ESL classrooms that make extensive use of technology, especially online learning platforms, interactive software, and AI-based technologies.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Having access to high-quality English language instruction is crucial for students' academic, occupational, and communication success (Chaerunnisa, 2023). In an attempt to increase classroom engagement and student success, several educational strategies have been developed, piloted, and refined throughout the years. This study review analyses the effectiveness and influencing factors of key techniques to teaching English as a second language. Some examples of more conventional approaches to ESL instruction that concentrate on the instructor are the Grammar-Translation Method (GTM) and the Audio-Lingual Method (ALM). Memorization of grammatical rules and vocabulary takes precedence over direct translation between the target and native languages in the Grammar-Translation Method, which was popular in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Even while it's effective at teaching kids to read and write, others think it doesn't do enough to help them become better communicators. The Audio-Lingual Method is a behaviourist approach to language learning that emphasizes practice and drills to reinforce desired patterns. While this method does a good job of improving listening and pronunciation skills, many people find it mechanical and feel that it doesn't provide contextualized, meaningful communication (Çakmak et al., 2021).

RESEARCH QUESTION

What is the impact of background knowledge on English language education?

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

RESRACH DESIGN

Using SPSS version 25, the quantitative data analysis was carried out. To determine the strength and direction of the statistical association, the odds ratio and 95% confidence interval were used. A statistically significant criteria was established by the researchers at $p < 0.05$. To identify the most important aspects of the data, a descriptive analysis was conducted. Quantitative methods are often used to assess data collected via surveys, polls, and questionnaires, as well as data that has been altered using computing tools for statistical analysis.

SAMPLING

A convenient sampling technique was applied for the study. The research relied on questionnaires to gather its data. The Rao-soft program determined a sample size of 1547. A total of 1800 questionnaires were distributed; 1753 were returned, and 53 were excluded due to incompleteness. In the end, 1700 questionnaires were used for the research.

DATA & MEASUREMENTS

A questionnaire survey functioned as the primary data collection method for the investigation. The survey had two sections: (A) General demographic information and (B) Responses on online and offline channel factors measured on a 5-point Likert scale. Secondary data was collected from several sources, mostly focusing on internet databases.

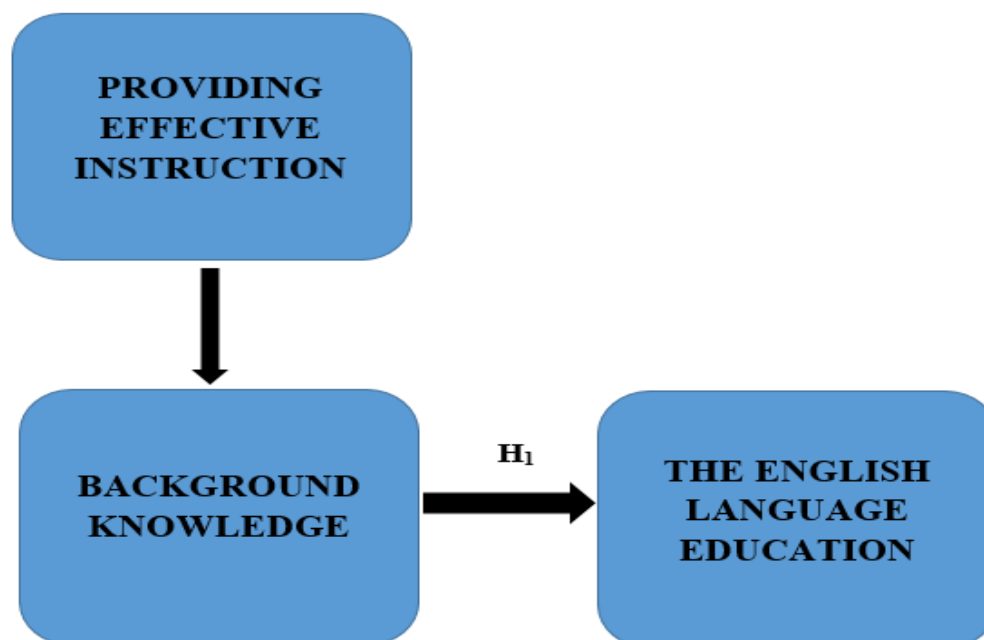
STATISTICAL SOFTWARE

The statistical analysis was conducted using SPSS 25 and MS-Excel.

STATISTICAL TOOLS

To grasp the fundamental character of the data, descriptive analysis was used. The researcher is required to analyse the data using ANOVA.

CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK



RESULTS

Factor Analysis: One typical use of Factor Analysis (FA) is to verify the existence of latent components in observable data. When there are not easily observable visual or diagnostic markers, it is common practice to utilise regression coefficients to produce ratings. In FA, models are essential for success. Finding mistakes, intrusions, and obvious connections are the aims of modelling. One way to assess datasets produced by multiple regression studies is with the use of the Kaiser-Meyer-Olkin (KMO) Test. They verify that the model and sample variables are representative. According to the numbers, there is data duplication. When the proportions are less, the data is easier to understand. For KMO, the output is a number between zero and one. If the KMO value is between 0.8 and 1, then the sample size should be enough.

These are the permissible boundaries, according to Kaiser: The following are the acceptance criteria set by Kaiser:

A pitiful 0.050 to 0.059, below average 0.60 to 0.69

Middle grades often fall within the range of 0.70-0.79.

With a quality point score ranging from 0.80 to 0.89.

They marvel at the range of 0.90 to 1.00.

Table1: KMO and Bartlett's Test

Testing for KMO and Bartlett's

Sampling Adequacy Measured by Kaiser-Meyer-Olkin .960

The results of Bartlett's test of sphericity are as follows: approx. chi-square

df=190

sig.=.000

This establishes the validity of assertions made only for the purpose of sampling. To ensure the relevance of the correlation matrices, researchers used Bartlett's Test of Sphericity. Kaiser-Meyer-Olkin states that a result of 0.960 indicates that the sample is adequate. The p-value is 0.00, as per Bartlett's sphericity test. A favourable result from Bartlett's sphericity test indicates that the correlation matrix is not an identity matrix.

Table 1: KMO and Bartlett's.

KMO and Bartlett's Test		
Kaiser-Meyer-Olkin Measure of Sampling Adequacy.		.960
Bartlett's Test of Sphericity	Approx. Chi-Square	3252.968
	df	190
	Sig.	.000

The general significance of the correlation matrices was further validated by Bartlett's Test of Sphericity. For Kaiser-Meyer-Olkin sampling, a value of 0.960 is suitable. By using Bartlett's sphericity test, the researchers were able to get a p-value of 0.00. With a statistically significant result, Bartlett's sphericity test disproved the validity of the correlation matrix.

INDEPENDENT VARIABLE

Providing Effective Instruction: Good instruction is the bedrock of effective teaching and learning. Clear, engaging, and well-structured teaching tactics are necessary to ensure that students grasp the material. Good teachers not only meet the requirements of their pupils on an individual basis, but they also create an environment that is optimal for learning. Competent educators realize that a variety of strategies, materials, and tools are required to engage students with different levels of aptitude and learning styles. Including technology into courses, providing students with clear explanations, including hands-on activities, and differentiating teaching are all possible approaches. To ensure that students are making progress toward mastery, it is essential to continuously evaluate their progress and adjust teaching methods to meet the needs of individual students. Good teachers also push their pupils to do their best, create an atmosphere of mutual respect, and stress the need of critical thinking. Teachers need to be flexible and patient since their techniques will need to vary based on their pupils' actions and words. The end goal of effective teaching is to create students who are confident in their abilities, can apply what they've learned in many contexts, and are always eager to learn more. Teachers must engage their pupils on a personal level and find ways to make the content relevant to their lives if they want to inspire them to study and provide a foundation for a lifetime of knowledge (Chavez, 2021).

FACTOR

Background Knowledge: The term "background knowledge" describes all the facts, figures, and knowledge that a student already has when they enter a new learning environment. Life experience, formal education, exposure to other cultures, and everyday interactions all contribute to one's body of knowledge. Building on prior knowledge lays the groundwork for new information, allowing pupils to more effectively understand and retain new ideas by drawing connections to what they already know. Because it improves critical thinking, problem-solving, and the capacity to create significant connections between new and old material, activating and strengthening background knowledge is crucial in education (Deng et al., 2022).

DEPENDENT VARIABLE

The English Language Education: Simply put, "English Language Education" refers to any course of study that aims to improve students' command of the English language. This field encompasses a broad variety of subjects, including listening, speaking, reading, writing, grammar, and vocabulary development, with the ultimate goal of assisting students in becoming comfortable and proficient communicators in both social and academic contexts (Çakmak et al., 2021). English language programs in K-12, higher education, and community colleges generally provide flexible options to accommodate students of varying ages, skill levels, and

academic backgrounds. Programs that teach English to those whose first language is not English are widespread in non-native settings; these programs help people whose original language is not English fulfill their personal, professional, and academic language needs. Effective English language instruction requires a multi-faceted strategy that caters to each student's unique needs, interests, and cultural context. The ability to think critically, communicate effectively across cultural boundaries, and adjust one's language use to different contexts are all fostered by this method. Teachers of English as a second language have a lot of tools at their disposal, including communicative language instruction, task-based learning, and immersive language experiences, to assist their students improve their speaking skills. English as a Second Language (ESL) teaches students to become comfortable and confident in their own skin as they use the language in a wide range of situations, both orally and in writing (Doğan et al., 2019).

Relationship Between Background Knowledge and The English Language Education: Due to the centrality of past information to the acquisition, understanding, and general academic performance of a language, there is an essential connection between background knowledge and the teaching of English as a second language. What students bring to a classroom in the form of prior knowledge, experiences, cultural understanding, and theoretical frameworks is called background knowledge. It has an effect on how kids learn new things, build relationships, and hone their linguistic abilities. Students who already have a solid grasp of their home language and a varied background in other fields tend to do better in English language classes (Aslam et al., 2022). This is due to the fact that they are able to make connections between what they already know and what they are learning, which facilitates the acquisition of new information. Schema theory, which posits that learners comprehend and absorb foreign language by relating it to preexisting mental models, is an important part of this connection. If a student already knows the fundamentals of science in their home language, they won't have to start from square one while studying English; all they have to do is translate and modify what they already know. The same holds true for idioms, cultural allusions, and everyday expressions; they all help one become more fluent and understand the English language. Therefore, in order to help students make the transition from their prior knowledge to what they are studying in English, many ESL classes use background knowledge activation tactics including conversations, pre-reading exercises, and multimedia resources. Reading, listening, and writing fluency in English are all impacted by one's level of previous knowledge. Students who have a larger vocabulary and have read a variety of texts, including narratives, news pieces, and academic papers, are more likely to understand the building blocks of the English language. To help students acquire a new language in a more organic and meaningful way, teachers may include content-based education, scaffold their learning experiences, and use context-based teaching strategies. Teachers of English as a Second Language (ESL) also need to be sensitive to their students varied cultural

and linguistic origins, making adjustments to lessons so that students may make connections between what they are learning and what they already know. Finally, in ESL classrooms, previous knowledge acts as a bridge between what students already know and what they need to acquire. Reading, writing, listening, and speaking become much simpler for pupils when they can establish more links between what they already know and the English language. To improve learning, teachers should encourage students to draw on their own experiences and knowledge, use resources that are appropriate to their culture, and encourage class discussions that build on students' previous work. Understanding the significance of prior knowledge may greatly enhance the efficacy, interest, and accessibility of English language training for students hailing from a wide range of educational and cultural backgrounds (Eisa, 2020).

Because of the above discussion, the researcher formulated the following hypothesis, which was analyse the relationship between Background Knowledge and The English Language Education.

“H₀₁: There is no significant relationship between Background Knowledge and The English Language Education.”

“H₁: There is a significant relationship between Background Knowledge and The English Language Education.”

Table 2: H₁ ANOVA Test.

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	Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
Between Groups	39588.620	763	5275.396	1211.064	.000
Within Groups	492.770	936	4.356		
Total	40081.390	1699			

The results of this investigation will be crucial. The value of F is 1211.064, attaining significance with a p-value of 0.000, which is below the 0.05 alpha threshold. This signifies the **“H₁: There is a significant relationship between Background Knowledge and The English Language Education”** is accepted and the null hypothesis is rejected.

DISCUSSION

Evaluating effective ways for teaching English is crucial for ensuring that students are learning the language and making progress. Teachers may gauge their classes' success using these instruments that test students' reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills. The popular kind of ongoing evaluation known as formative assessment includes quizzes, oral presentations, group discussions, and written tasks. Teachers may track their students' progress in real-time using this kind of

assessment, which allows them to customize their classes to suit every student's specific needs. Summative evaluations, such as final exams or standardized tests, provide a more comprehensive view of students' linguistic proficiency at the end of a unit of study. However, in order to provide really effective education, assessment should include actual language use with knowledge measurement. Evaluations based on portfolios, peer reviews, and self-assessments all allow students to be an active part of the process, reflect on their own learning, and set goals. In addition, by administering diagnostic exams before to class, educators may better assess their students' existing skill levels, enabling them to tailor their teachings accordingly. If it is to provide valuable information on the advancement of both students and teachers towards learning objectives, assessment in ESL classes must be diverse, ongoing, and adaptable. Using a variety of assessment strategies may help teachers meet their students' diverse needs and promote their ongoing language development.

CONCLUSION

Because every student learns and demonstrates proficiency in English in their own unique manner, it is essential to use a multi-pronged technique when evaluating their knowledge. Traditional forms of evaluation, such as written and oral exams, provide systematic and standardized ways of gauging linguistic competence, including vocabulary, comprehension, and grammar. These established methods give the advantages of impartiality and comparability across different student groups. However, there is room for improvement, particularly when it comes to gauging students' proficiency in collaborative learning and inspiring them to achieve deep, individual growth. Some performance-based evaluations, such as portfolios and project-based learning, allow students to show their abilities in more authentic and interesting ways, which helps to get over these limitations. Students may see how they've improved over time in their portfolios, which might inspire them to reflect on their own growth and strive for greatness. Students engage in real-world projects as part of project-based learning, which aims to promote the development of higher-order thinking skills and the practical application of knowledge. Although these methods may be difficult to evaluate regularly and can be time-consuming, they provide valuable insights on students' practical language abilities and their ability to utilize English in different situations. A key component of this multi-faceted approach is the use of formative assessments, which provide ongoing feedback to teachers and students to guide their learning and development. Each student's strengths and areas for improvement may be seen in real-time via teacher observations, classroom activities, peer evaluations, and quizzes. Providing students with timely feedback is essential for supporting their continuous improvement and adjusting instructional strategies. Formative assessments provide students with regular, actionable feedback, which increases their engagement and motivation to learn. New ways to assess language ability are being made possible by technology-enhanced tools, which are becoming more and more important in modern education.

Such technologies include digital portfolios, language learning apps, and computer-based examinations; they may respond to each student's specific needs and provide immediate feedback. The assessment process might be made more engaging and accessible with the use of technology-enhanced exams, which include multimedia elements and interactive exercises that accommodate various learning styles. The potential for these technologies to enhance educational outcomes is substantial, but they do need substantial expenditure of time and energy.

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