



METHODS FOR THE FORMATION OF GRAMMATICAL COMPETENCE IN ENGLISH IN STUDENTS OF NON-PHILOLOGICAL EDUCATION

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Abstract: The article considers the growing need for grammatical accuracy in both formal and informal intercourse. Since language is the core element of human existence and grammar is the cornerstone for the proper organization of our thoughts, only through thorough and continuous study can we fully understand them? In addition, this article proves that mastering the grammar of one language can facilitate the acquisition of other languages. The naming of grammar as the 5th language acquisition competence is therefore not accidental and plays a prominent role in all linguistic dimensions.

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The article deals with the problem of developing a subsystem of exercises for the formation of productive grammatical competence of prospective teachers who learn English-German through independent work. The importance of transfer based on previously acquired knowledge and skills in German and its impact on the process of forming future English grammar skills for teachers was stressed. It has been shown that this factor must be taken into account when developing exercises for independent work. The principles of the development of the subsystem of exercises for the formation of productive grammatical competence were identified. When designing the sub-system of the exercises, the requirements that the exercises should meet were analyzed and the phases of the process of grammatical competence formation (preliminary, stereotyped, and variable) were identified. The proposed sub-system of exercises includes three groups of exercises corresponding to the levels of grammatical competence formation. The type of exercises in each group was determined. Practical examples have been provided in the article. All exercise groups set tasks to develop prospective teachers of contrastive skills to identify similar phenomena in the systems of the English and German language, as well as to develop reflection in the process of comparing language phenomena on the one hand and their learning outcomes on the other. The third exercise group deals with communicative tasks. The presented subsystem is a tool for organizing students' independent work with grammatical material. Grammar is considered one of the most important elements in communication in terms of speech formation. Ur (1988:4) defines grammar as the rule of how words are combined and constructed into larger units of meaning. According to Thornbury, grammar is a study of the formation of possible structures used in a language (Thornbury, 1999). And Thornbury notes that grammar is not always about syntax and morphology, but about linguistic chains and slots. This means that grammar gives someone





(the speaker) the ability to concatenate some words in a certain order (based on the rule) and also give variations or find other words that fit into each link in the chain.

In this case, it is important to develop the ability to use grammar correctly to communicate with others. Because of our practices, we know that learning grammar means learning about the grammar itself, but also about other aspects of the language. Radford defines these grammatical rules, or principles, that summarizes how phrases and sentences are constructed, pronounced, and understood in language. When learning grammar, not only the aspect of syntax has to be learned, but also the aspect of phonology and morphology. Mastery of grammar enables the language learner to speak about anything in the language correctly and smoothly.

Furthermore, the role of grammar in the context of communication is considered not only as a tool that regulates the rules of language production. Adequate grammatical competence will help our learners to develop this language production ability. It relates to the correct use of grammar, appropriate vocabulary, and acceptable pronunciation. Researchers over the years have traced the problem to teaching methodology, the classroom environment, learners' attitudes toward the English language, anxiety, and lack of motivation. However, little research has been done on teaching materials used in classrooms to improve students' grammar skills. This study used English poetry as language teaching material to develop students' grammar skills. The study was quasi-experimental with a control and an experimental group. Respondents to the study were second-semester university students with non-English majors. The experimental group was taught through poetry, while the control group used traditional teaching materials. Pre- and post-tests were used as survey instruments. In addition, observation field notes were used as a supportive data collection tool to understand the effect of both types of instructional materials on the students of both groups in their respective classrooms.

The data collected by pre- and post-test were analyzed by independent sample t-tests while observation field notes were used to support the statistical results of the analysis. The results of the study showed that the students in the experimental group performed significantly better than the students in the control group in terms of grammar rules and vocabulary in the post-test. However, there was no significant improvement in the students' pronunciation in the experimental group. The observation field notes showed that the students of EG were more interactive, actively participated in group activities, and were more collaborative and cooperative in the language learning process. The study recommends using poetry as teaching material in English classes at universities.

Consequently, the question arises: How did grammar fall out of standard teaching? First, grammar research dried up at the beginning of the 20th century, later grammar-related questions were excluded from school programs and tests; After all, it just died out in education. Out of concern and confusion, we reached out to my colleagues and internet bloggers to show them the importance of grammar by asking the question "Why Does Grammar Matter?". and the answers are fascinating. Here are two of them that somehow sum up several opinions:1. Grammar is important because it is a language that allows us to





talk about language. And knowledge of grammar offers a window into the human mind and our amazingly complex mental faculties. People associate grammar with mistakes and correctness. But knowledge of grammar also helps us to understand, which makes sentences and paragraphs clear, interesting, and concise. National Council of English Teachers (NCTE).

2. Learning grammar is essential to speaking accurately when communicating with other speakers of the English language. The grammatical aspect is also important in writing, e.g. academic papers, business correspondence, etc. Regular grammar lessons help students to be accurate and aware of their mistakes when practicing speaking and writing skills in the classroom. Tatiana Shipunova, ESL teacher, PRU It is important to note that currently, most school tests have what is called a grammar relevance point to separately assess the writing tasks (IELTS, CAE, BEC, etc.). This classification includes all aspects of grammar, different tenses, passive forms, modals, conditionals, prepositions, reports, inversions, etc. In addition, grammar relates to the meaning and effect of what we write and say; it gives us the words to talk about our choices, preferences, moods, and tones. We use different sentence patterns, vocabulary levels, and structures for different conversational situations. Consequently, the appropriate level of grammatical competence helps us to recognize.

Most publishers currently issue ESP or EGP course books supplemented with grammar sections (language references) that offer a more practical application of the grammar rules and address specific subject-related needs. In doing so, we have to take into account the linguistic and cultural aspects as well as the analytical way of thinking of different nations. For example, Russians are interested in studying theoretical aspects and rules first, to later put them into practice. Therefore, it is advisable to integrate the acquisition of the 4th core competency with the 5th competency by covering full grammar textbooks to ensure that the learners' individual needs are met. In our case, we combined EGP materials with beginner to intermediate grammar resources. Also worth mentioning is the website www.englishforeveryone.com, which is simply furnished with grammar links, teaching tips, and a grammar bibliography. In short, it's a place where people know that grammar matters and how and why. It's worth visiting and checking your grammar comprehension. Thus grammar is gradually regaining its respectable place in human culture. And the philosopher Ludwig Wittgenstein was right when he said: Like everything metaphysical, the harmony between thought and reality lies in the grammar of the language.

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