



TO IMPROVE OUR CHILDREN'S SPEAKING ENGLISH SKILLS

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Abstract: *The aptitude to communicate fluently in spoken English constitutes a significant competency in contemporary society. Increased emphasis is being placed on the acquisition of fluency and mastery in language as a prerequisite for children in contemporary society. As a result, the instruction of spoken English has emerged as a critical constituent of education in India. At Podar International School, the development of proficiency in language from a young age is regarded with utmost significance.*

There are various effective measures that can be adopted to enhance a child's ability to communicate effectively in English. Such measures may range from promoting reading habits that aid in better language acquisition, to employing practical techniques such as focusing on complete phrases instead of isolated words. The following is an overview of methods that can potentially facilitate the improvement of your child's English communication skills. The utilization of audiobooks can effectively incorporate the English language as a regular aspect of a child's daily routine. By means of engaging narratives that effectively capture a child's attention, various methods and techniques for mastering language can be comprehended by the child. The utilization of audiobooks for the purpose of language acquisition is a more appealing option for children in comparison to traditional book reading. This is because children can engage in a hands-free learning experience while simultaneously indulging in entertaining narratives that stimulate their imaginations. To facilitate this enjoyable and effective language learning technique, a selection of recommended audiobooks capable of assisting with the attainment of English language fluency are provided below.

Journaling from a young age can help children increase their proficiency in the language as it encourages them to express their daily thoughts and activities in English. This improves their accuracy and fluency as they journal more and more and they get comfortable with the grammar and the correct usages of phrases which directly impact their spoken English.

Encourage funny, light-hearted activities to boost their interest in learning the language and improve their Spoken English skills. To correct the usage of words and phrases in a sentence try making the activity more engaging. For example, say the words in different ways. With a happy face, with a sad face, singing opera, acting sleepy. Use your imagination and have fun. Your child will be happy to repeat the words over and over again while making those funny faces. Your child might have a toy version of a favourite English-speaking cartoon character. Tell your child that this toy only understands English. Have a conversation with the toy yourself to encourage your child to do the same in private. Many young children learn language more easily when the learning is subtly combined with creative activities which makes English speaking for kids an activity they enjoy. Think about what your child likes doing for fun

and try doing these activities in English, such as singing, playing games, reading books aloud, role-playing. All these fun tips can help your children learn to speak English fluently.

Watching videos, interactive cartoons, movies, and listening to songs- in English can boost fluency in the language. With a plethora of online resources available when it comes to engaging and educational videos for children that help them get better at the language, videos are a very valuable option to inculcate a good command of the language. With their attractive graphics and fun music, it captures your child's attention while teaching them the language.

Learning English can be as easy as fun and games when it comes to apps. Using a host of interactive games and puzzles, these apps are designed to capture your child's interest while making your child better at the language. Using their favourite music and cartoon characters, these apps create an interactive learning experience for your children which not only makes them better at it but also keeps them entertained and motivated to learn the language.

A great way to get your children to get interested in learning the language is picking topics that interest them. Encouraging them to express their thoughts and feelings towards things and topics that they like in English develops an affinity towards the language and better equips them with the confidence to use English in their day-to-day interactions. A fun way to introduce this in your child's life is to devote a certain day where your child can prepare a sort of presentation for the family to talk about everything he likes but in English. This adds a fun spin to an educational activity that your child will surely enjoy and can help your child speak English fluently.

It's almost a regular thing in all the ESL classes in Vietnam when students tend to use their mother tongue instead of English within the classroom. But isn't the whole point of having ESL classes is to encourage students to speak more English?

So what can we do to help them speak more English without making them feel like being forced? Below are some tips VTJ has collected from our teachers to make this process less exhausting for both students and trainers:

First impressions are important. Make sure that your students know that you take any efforts to speak English seriously right on the first day with them. You can give some instructions on class rules, what reward they can get for speaking English or what punishments they might get for speaking Vietnamese.

One tip to encourage students to speak more English naturally is to make them enjoy it. You can turn it into a race where they can compete in teams. Some teachers creates the motivation to speak English for young learners by playing some kinds of games

For example: They put a character on the board who is trying to reach a target (for example: the rocket trying to get to the moon, or Tom trying to get Jerry). Every time they hear someone communicate in English, the character will get closer to their target. When it reaches its destination, the whole class will get a big reward. This helps create a sense of unity within the class, as well as motivates students to speak English effortlessly.

No matter what age or level your students are at, there will always be a way to communicate with them beside the lesson itself. At lower levels, you can be the one who asks questions to them first. These questions don't have to be too specific. A good teacher will have a good understanding about their students' preferences and interests. Asking a good question



will make learners feel more comfortable talking to you and as a matter of fact, they will be more likely to enjoy having a conversation with you. This is when you can evaluate their ability more easily, recognize which fields they need to work on, and build a better lesson plan.

Remember, most people love to talk about themselves or their interests. Adults like to talk about their kids, family members or their bosses. Children tend to talk more about games and activities they like to do, or literally anything they find interesting. To encourage students to speak more English in class is to create a friendly, comfortable but controlled environment for them.

When teaching, it's important to add some surprising or funny elements to the way you deliver your lesson. There are some parts of the lesson that are repetitive (like the warm-up routine or greetings). So instead of asking the same questions every time, try changing the topics to spice it up! Students will normally answer mechanically with the same old questions, so if they encounter the unexpected, they will have to really think about the answer. This creates an opportunity for them to pay more careful attention to the question. In the long run, students have the tendency to actively participate in natural conversations since they have got good reflexes through practicing.

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