

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF TEACHING ENGLISH IN PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION

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Annotation *In this article it is analyzed the importance of learning English in the period of pre-school education. Several importance of teaching English for kids is discussed like cultural understandings, early literacy skills, improved brain development and others with examples. Besides, numerous activities suggested by linguists to apply in early English learning period are analyzed with explanations.*

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Introduction The role of early childhood education cannot be overstated in shaping a child's cognitive, social, and linguistic development. Among the many skills children acquire during these formative years, language plays a pivotal role. In a rapidly globalizing world, English has emerged as a universal language of communication and commerce. This article explores the significance of teaching English in pre-school education and its far-reaching benefits for young learners.

Main part Nowadays, because of rapid rate of globalization, the English language is permeating every aspect of our lives. What is required in current life is knowledge of English as well as technology. So, it can be witnessed the individuals of all ages, from children to adults, learning this language. Not only in our nation, but also in other countries, the English language plays an important part in the educational system. The importance of English as the world's most widely used international communication language is expanding, and it is becoming increasingly popular in countries. Today, English is one of the mandatory topics from junior high to university in practically every state, and students begin to learn it as early as kindergarten. At the same time, psychological and methodological challenges persist in teaching English to preschool students.

Preschoolers have properly developed sensory cognition, which serves as the foundation for the content of their cognitive activity. However, they already have aspects of abstract reasoning that evolve and improve. Learning a language is important for children as teaching English in pre-school lays the groundwork for their cognitive development. Young children are like sponges, absorbing information and language skills quickly. Exposure to English at this age enhances cognitive abilities such as problem-solving, memory retention, and creative thinking. At the same time with learning their mother tongue well they learn the second language by being bilingual. Early exposure to a second language, such as

English, provides children with a bilingual advantage. Bilingualism has been linked to improved executive functioning, which includes skills like attention control and cognitive flexibility. Besides, teaching English enhances their communication skills together with preparing them for a globalized world. Learning English from an early age helps children develop effective communication skills. They learn not only to speak but also to listen and understand, fostering better social interactions. English is often considered the lingua franca of the world, facilitating communication across borders. Teaching English early equips children with a valuable tool for future global interactions. In turn when they are adults various kinds of economic opportunities come to the stage. As adults, proficiency in English opens up a world of economic opportunities. Many international companies and organizations use English as their primary language for business, and employees who are fluent in English often have a competitive edge. As English is the language of a vast amount of educational and informational content on the internet.

Early exposure to English allows children to access a wealth of resources, broadening their horizons which results in cultural awareness and empathy. Learning English introduces children to diverse cultures and perspectives from an early age. This exposure fosters cultural sensitivity and tolerance. Furthermore, English language instruction can promote a sense of global citizenship, emphasizing the interconnectedness of the world and encouraging empathy for people of different backgrounds. So as to achieve these goals, several practical tips can be analyzed for teaching English in Pre-schools and here we mention several best ways of teaching English that has been used internationally.

A) Play-Based Learning: Engage children in language learning through play. Incorporate games, songs, and interactive activities to make learning enjoyable.

B) Storytelling: Reading and storytelling in English captivate young minds. Use picture books and simple narratives to introduce vocabulary and concepts.

C) Consistency: Maintain a consistent English language environment in the classroom. Labels, signs, and instructions can all be presented in English.

D) Qualified Teachers: Employ teachers who are trained in early childhood education and have proficiency in English.

All these mentioned ways of teaching English for kids are the main basis if pre-school English teachers apply in their field of working.

Conclusion. Teaching English in pre-school education is not merely about language acquisition; it is about equipping young minds with essential skills for an interconnected world. Early exposure to English fosters cognitive development, enhances communication abilities, and prepares children for global opportunities.

Moreover, it promotes cultural awareness and empathy, nurturing well-rounded individuals who are ready to embrace the challenges of an increasingly diverse and interconnected world. The significance of teaching English in pre-school education cannot be overstated, as it sets the stage for a lifetime of learning and growth.

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