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English Language Teacher initial role in Education

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Abstract: -

The foremost duty of a teacher in present 21st Century is to present or to teach as a Facilitator, Counselor and Mentor in a language classroom. In the fast growing activeness of Education, today students are constantly facing pressure of knowledge exposure and parental wishes in front of them. So in present 21st century teacher needs to be a digital native because modern living of the students prefers internet base and collect information directly from the source. The 21st Century teacher needs to means be able to filter news and information.

Objective:

India is the world's most multi-cultural country in the world. In India, real India lies with diverse in language, food, clothes and in climatic condition. If we look at the Teaching there we find a multicultural, multi-religious and very challenging multi language experience. In rural India the most difficult task is to teach English to the students. So as a 21st Century Teacher, Facilitator, Counselor and Mentor it is our duty to make our students alert and aware about the changing world around them and the need with importance of English in present situation.

Purpose:

i) The first purpose of it is to search an Ideal Teacher. ii) To search knowledge of English is very important thereafter in second iii) To search the relationship between the Teacher and the taught student is most important in it. But lastly in iv) To search title significance of this paper with encouragement and awareness is very important for us to study it in detailed manner.

Key Words: Facilitator, Counselor, Mentor, Digital, Multi-cultural, Multiriligious, Ideal Teacher, Civilization, Mythology, Dakshinamurti, Adi-Guru, Swami-Vivekananda, Hinduism Guru, Motivator, Philosopher, Etymologically Guru and Noam Chomsky etc.

Introduction:

The Teacher and the taught are indispensible elements of the process of education. They are the two components of one organic system. The development of civilization justifies the importance of education. But the question is in our mind who is an ideal teacher and who is an ideal student in our English language teaching.

If we decide to search their relationship between the teacher and the taught what we have to know about it. The first and foremost thing is who is the best English Language Teacher and who we may say an ideal teacher. If we go back to our mythology and scriptures we hear about



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Dakshinamurti-Lord Shiva, who is presented as Adi Guru and till today we try to visualize every teacher as a form of Dakshinamurti. He imparted knowledge in silence and conveyed everything by subduing the negative tendencies. Etymologically Guru means one who removes darkness i.e. just as 'gu' means darkness and 'ru' means remover.

The position of the teacher, especially in India, carries with it a profound responsibility. Swami Vivekananda places the motto 'Be and Make' before the teacher. If we want our students to be good and noble, our teachers must first be a good and noble. But to become a good and noble they must have to teach with a heart full of sympathy, goodness and nobility. To get Existence-Knowledge-Bliss teacher has to teach with proper spirit and elevate his own intrinsic knowledge. Similar to this with his experience in education he has to poise for the fight into the beyond.

A teacher should remember that values can't be taught by precept but by practice. So he should try to practice higher values during class hours and that definitely will have much greater impact on the students, than do any number of books on values. A teacher should be humble to the core, and this becomes possible when he realizes that "Education is the manifestation of perfection that is already in man." A teacher just helps in removing the obstacles to its manifestation, more precisely helps the student 'discover' their inherent ability by taking the cover of ignorance off their soul, which is the mine of infinite knowledge.

It is the primary duty of the teacher to inspire the students and to communicate the joy and excitement of learning something new. A teacher has a commitment to continue teaching till the students gain knowledge. To accomplish this teacher should first be able to find joy in his subject, and the desire to share that joy would come naturally. A teacher must be dedicated to the subject he teaches and try to identify him with it. This means the teacher, first be a student, must learn the subject with devotion, sincerity and dedication. His effort to nurture it in the mind of his student with knowledge of English gives the perfection to the personality of that student.

In our Hinduism Guru is second only to God in stature. Guru is valued more than God and he introduces us to God. In our Hindu tradition the duty of Guru is not to transfer information among students only but awaken the student's intuitive power in them so that they can find answers. To be a good teacher a teacher should be ever eager to learn more himself just as an eternal student. He should aim at kindling the mind of his student to know and learn igniting his desire. But as a good English Language Teacher with Initial we may say that he must be a problem solver, understanding student's psychology, an idol for students, a good Guide, a motivator, a philosopher and just like a good friend.

Knowledge is the currency of the 21st century. Language is one of the mediums of using that knowledge for the welfare of mankind. Globalization and internationalization have broadened the horizons of human activities. Language is one of the effective means of harmonizing those activities. Only English Language has developed the capacity to explore the knowledge and human activities to the four corners of the world. Today English is the Language of International communication, politics, science, commerce, travel, education and the media. The speakers of English language hail from all around the world. A working knowledge of



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English is the need of the time in a number of fields, occupations and professions such as medicine and English language today.

One may study English by various levels but as a student it can be studied on three levels such as: i) English as a Language, ii) English as a soft Skill and ii) English as a Subject

To study English as a Language one may prefer to know the features and function of it in detailed. But without we known the definition of Language we never say something about English as a Language. According to the great Linguists Noam Chomsky, "Language is an innate capacity of native speakers to understand and form grammatical sentences". It means, in our own words Language is nothing but a universal medium of communicating our ideas, thoughts and feelings. But Henry Sweet says that language is the expression of ideas by means of speech sounds combined into words.

Language performs three main functions such as i) Informative function, ii) Expressive Function and iii) Directive Function to transfer and to communicate information of some kind or another. If we look at the informative function it is all informative discourse which is used to describe the world around us and to reason about it.

One may make use of true or false preposition, correct and incorrect argument and pass on information which is important and unimportant, general or particular. In any case the language used is said to be informative in its functions.

Similarly, Expressive function of language performs the function of self expression. The best example of it is Poetry. No poet wants to communicate mere information but every poet attempt to communicate their own feelings and attitudes. It is used to express people's tender feelings or wonder, awe and adoration etc.

Similar to this, the use of commands or requests in the use of Directive function of language plays most important role. For example, when a teacher asks his student to write on the blackboard or a Major in the army asks his soldiers to march ahead, the purpose is not to communicate or express, but to cause the action i.e. directive. Towards the end, in brief, language performs above basic functions to convey information, express emotion and induce action. Besides, language is also the most potent indicator of personality and progress of society.

There are number of characteristic features of language but some of them are most important such as Mode of Communication i.e. human and animal communication, duality of structure or sound and meaning pattern, creativity or productivity and cultural transmission etc.

To decide the greatness of English Language among number of languages in India we may say that English is the only Universal Language which is spoken most widely in this world. It is the only language having numerous varieties i.e. Regional and Registered. It is used by the diverse races, cultural entities, groups scattered across the vast geographical areas of the world. The degree of acceptances a single standard variety of English throughout the world is truly remarkable phenomenon. Hence English is the only Language which has distinctive features and numerous regional and registral varieties to regard her as a world language.

Conclusion:



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To conclude the intention of my paper I may say that how the title entitled English Language Teacher with Initial play most important role in the Teaching, Learning and evaluation. As a Teacher of English language in what way Knowledge of English with initial helps Teacher to maintain relationship with student to awaken intelligence and awareness among them. English is a mixture of all languages and cultures with which it has contact and no wonder it is difficult to manage. In Indian context it is the second Language and thus its acquisition becomes little difficult to the learners.

Whole of the responsibility then falls on the teacher to make the students feel at ease with the language learning process through adopting learner friendly teaching techniques and classroom environment. Thus, duty of the Teacher as the role model of the student should keep himself updated with latest knowledge and teaching aids.

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