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DEVELOPING LEXICAL COMPETENCE: TEACHING VOCABULARY AT DIFFERENT STAGES

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Annotation: This paper discusses the importance of developing lexical competence through teaching vocabulary at different stages of language learning. It explains how vocabulary instruction should be adapted according to learners' age, proficiency level, and learning needs.

Key words: Lexical Competence, Vocabulary Teaching, Language Learning, Beginner Level, Intermediate Level, Advanced Level.

Lexical competence plays a significant role in foreign language learning because vocabulary is one of the main tools of communication. Without sufficient vocabulary knowledge, learners cannot express their ideas clearly or understand spoken and written language effectively. Therefore, teaching vocabulary is considered one of the most important parts of language education.

At the beginner stage, students need simple and high-frequency vocabulary that is connected with everyday life. Teachers usually introduce basic words through pictures, flashcards, games, and repetition activities. Visual materials and interactive exercises help learners remember vocabulary more successfully.

At the intermediate stage, learners already have a basic vocabulary foundation and can start using words in context. Teachers should focus on collocations, synonyms, antonyms, and word formation activities. Reading texts, discussions, and role-play activities help students use vocabulary actively.

At the advanced stage, vocabulary teaching becomes more academic and specialized. Learners are encouraged to analyze idioms, phrasal verbs, figurative expressions, and professional terminology. Presentations, debates, and essay writing activities are effective methods at this level.

Modern technology also contributes to lexical competence development. Digital flashcards, online applications, and multimedia resources make vocabulary learning more engaging and interactive.

Conclusion. Developing lexical competence requires systematic vocabulary teaching at different stages of language learning. Effective vocabulary instruction improves communication skills, learner confidence, and academic success.



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