

Inoculating English for Learners career development

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Abstract: *Indians learn English to support and enhance their employability skills. The ultimate goal of every student is to live up to the expectations of the employers. English plays a vital role in the process of being placed in a renowned organization; it becomes the integral part of the curriculum especially in the engineering colleges. To compete with this current scenario, the teachers of English language must upgrade the students by using technology in the teaching learning process and play the role of a trainer or a facilitator. Only the facilitator can bridge the gap between the students and the employers. It is important for every student to realize the importance of the work place and its culture. Earlier the focus of English training in the colleges was highly job oriented and the curriculum speaks the same. On the flip side, the employers are now searching for the students who possess sustainability and effective ways to claim up the career ladder.*

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INTRODUCTION

English is one of the world's officially accepted languages today. Every country has its own inimitable language, but English has occupied a foreseeable position in their life and career. It is the integral part of Indian curriculum for decades since English is widely used in day-to-day transactions like business, industries, research, and education and for all government works. English became a second language in all Indian schools and colleges; it is the linking language for educated Indians where people follow different languages in different states. English stands as a passport for sharing the knowledge and a medium of communication with the integral world. India is marching towards one of the developed nations in all its aspects of social and economic growth. In the journey with the competitive world, English is necessary for global trade and International affairs.

To survive in the modern world with social and corporate sector English has become the lifeblood in every aspect of growth. With the growing technology English becomes the commonly used language for the medium of communication in mobile phones. English is the widely used language in the digital world that deals with various technologies and World Wide Web. All the latest version programmers and applications, social media networks, software manuals, entertainment devices, have English in it than other languages. English is the lingua franca of the entire field especially for the corporate world. An individual may be an engineering graduate or an undergraduate student of any discipline but needs effective communication somewhere in the field to uphold. Without good command in English language, a man cannot be dominant to sustain in the current scenario of the corporate world.

India is a lucrative market for foreign investors so any major change around the globe like political or economical will definitely have its impact on India. UK always stands as a gateway for Indian firms to enter in the market of EU. Nevertheless, Brexit gave way for many Indian companies in Britain to relocate their business in other places. As per a survey education, tyres, textiles, steel and the steel products, automobile, pharma and IT will be the most pretensions firms. This in turn is the alarm for engineering students.

ENGLISH IN ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGICAL WORLD

Engineers are usually nonchalant about their lack of language skills, as they only need to understand the core subjects and the concepts for pursuing a degree. However, when they happen to face the placement and their higher studies students realize the importance of language. Not much can be achieved in a day, while such a progress could be made possible in other subjects but not in language.

“Some days English would not only be a stop gap language for communications, but it would become the most important language for national and international dealings.” Said by the visionary leader Jawaharlal Nehru.

TECHNOLOGY IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING

Almost all the human activities are made easier by the advancement of technology. The invention of electronic media is a boon as it became an inseparable part of one's daily life. It spreads its influence in an assortment of fields including education. E- Learning is the emerging trend in all educational fields. It enhances students to learn through fun and makes the concept easier through animations. Gone are the days where the students must labor with books and rigorous reading as this does not exist anymore. The youngsters now-a-days prefer self-learning which is made easier with the use of technology. Based on the psychology of the student the teachers must keep pace with the technology in the teaching.

Increase in the development of technology plays a vital role in the education. The technology can be carried only by communication so it has the capacity to transform the learning method of the students, it stands as an add-on aid for teachers. Short videos and movie scenes can be incorporated to engage students in building vocabulary and comprehension exercises. Learning English can be done via apps such as Grammar Up to take repetitive exercises on their mobile phones itself. A tech savvy teacher could arrange digital field trips for experiential learning without putting a hole in the institution's budget. Students can learn vocabulary through 4H Virtual Farm. Even Government on sites officers such as inside the white house could lead to a fun and authentic way of absorbing vocabulary. Students can listen to podcasts to improve their comprehension. If they start their own podcasts it will help practicing their speaking skills. With a microphone and a computer video podcasts can transform reports and presentations. Today's teachers have their own youtube channels to teach students.

To improve writing and comprehension skills, having pen pals is a must. Since snail mail is dead and e-mail is too conservative web sites like e-Pals can be used to attract students. Students can master the spelling, grammar and other skills using multiple education games. Digital scrabble and other games will be helpful to ingrain interactive learning. Blogging using web sites like Edublog and Blogger, a student can experience authentic writing for wider audience. From movie reviews to social justice issues, regular blogging can help students write independently, opine vociferously and become proficient in English writing.

CONCLUSION

Brexit has awakened us to the fact that a superficial knowledge in an international language such as English might not be enough to survive in the international scenario. Unless one becomes proficient in English, in post-Brexit era, it might become imperative to learn more than one international language. Thus, we conclude that the English proficiency is of importance for the survival of an individual in the international arena.

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