

CHALLENGES IN TEACHING ENGLISH GRAMMAR TO NON-NATIVE KIDS

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Annotation: *This article analyzes the difficulties encountered in teaching English to other people, especially to children of kindergarten age. During the study, factors such as children's age characteristics, quick attention span, quick forgetting of new words, and low interest in traditional methods were observed. In order to reduce these problems, visual materials, colorful cards, and interactive tasks prepared using the Canva platform were used in the lessons. The results of the study showed that visual methods are effective in increasing children's mastery of new words and interest in the lesson.*

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INTRODUCTION

Teaching English is a process closely related to pedagogy and psychology. [1,2] In language teaching, the age, interest, and psychological state of students are of great importance. Especially when working with children of kindergarten age, the teacher must be patient and creative.

According to experts, children learn language faster in a natural environment and through interesting activities. [1,4] If during the lesson only grammatical rules or tasks based on memorization are given, children will get bored. Therefore, modern methods are aimed at ensuring the active participation of children. [2,4] The visual method is considered one of the most effective methods in language teaching. Because the human brain remembers images faster than simple text. Colorful pictures, animations, videos, and cards make it easier to learn new words. Especially young children absorb information faster through visual materials. [3]

Research results and discussion.

The study used English visual materials based on the Canva platform to teach language to kindergarten children. With the help of lesson activities, simple words in fruits, animals, food and everyday life were taught. Colorful pictures, cards, mini-games and exercise tasks were prepared in the Canva program for each. Observations showed that children participated more actively in the process of working with visual materials than in lessons. Colorful pictures and images helped to maintain the child's attention for a longer time. The method of learning new words by associating them with pictures was

effective in determining the vocabulary of children. The study found that children remember a word faster when they see it not only together, but also with a picture. For example, when words such as "apple", "banana", "carrot", "lion" were taught with pictures, children were able to remember it easily in subsequent lessons. This once again confirms the important role of visual memory in children's preschool development.



1-picture. vegetables in English

Games such as "Find the Picture", "Repeat After Me", "Guess the Animal", "Color the Object" used in the lessons have caused children to achieve a high level of success in English. [4,5] The game helped children to learn new words naturally and clearly based on the lessons organized. They tried to express what they had done and actively participated in the lessons. Quickly, Canva was also made convenient for the teacher. It was found that using the platform, it was possible to prepare high-quality and didactic materials in a short time. This frees up the teacher's time to monitor and control the lesson. The study shows that in lessons using visual methods, the level of children's mastery was high. They quickly memorized new words, actively worked on pronunciation, and participated in the lessons with attention. In traditional methods, children quickly got tired and lost their attention.

During the study, English lessons were organized with kindergarten children and the main problems encountered in the learning process were observed. The analysis showed that children often quickly forget new words, get bored with the same activities, and cannot concentrate for a long time. [2,3] In addition, the pronunciation of some English sounds also poses difficulties for children.

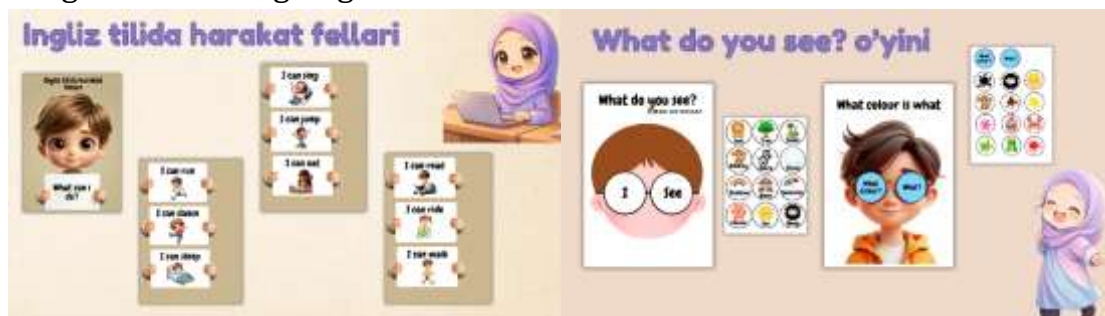
In order to reduce these problems, visual materials prepared using the Canva platform were used in the lessons. English words related to vegetables, animals, colors, fruits, and other topics were explained using large and colorful pictures. Cards and exercise tasks were prepared based on a separate design for each topic. The exercises used elements of finding a picture, matching words, coloring, and repetition.

The lessons lasted approximately 25–30 minutes and included greetings, explaining a new topic, games, and repetition. Interactive activities such as "Find the picture," "Repeat after me," and "Memory game" increased children's active participation. The analysis showed that visual materials created using Canva attracted children's attention more and made it easier to remember new words.

Scientific news

The scientific novelty of this study is that it provides a practical analysis of the effectiveness of using the Canva platform in teaching English to kindergarten-age children. During the study, the role of visual materials created using Canva in increasing children's vocabulary, increasing their concentration and motivation was identified.

In addition, practical recommendations were developed for the use of exercise books, flashcards and interactive tasks based on Canva in the preschool education system. The results of the study indicate the need for widespread use of modern digital technologies in teaching English.



2-picture. Different kind of activities in Canva.

Practical significance of research

The results of the study are of practical importance for English teachers working in preschool educational organizations. The use of visual materials created using Canva helps to organize the educational process more effectively.

The materials developed during the study can serve as a ready-made methodological tool for use in English classes. Also, based on the results of this experiment, recommendations can be developed on the use of visual methods in teaching other subjects.

The Canva platform is a modern and effective tool for educators due to its Internet-based operation, ease of use, and free capabilities. Therefore, the use of this platform serves to develop innovative approaches in preschool educational institutions. According to Isakov (2026), the use of communicative and learner-centered approaches plays an important role in improving English language learning outcomes. Such methods increase learners' participation and communication skills [9].

Furthermore, modern digital technologies can make language learning more interactive and motivating. The integration of Canva-based visual materials helps create an engaging learning environment and supports vocabulary acquisition among young learners [10].

Recommendations

Based on the findings of the study, several recommendations can be proposed to improve the effectiveness of teaching English to preschool children. First, visual materials should be used regularly in English lessons, as they help learners understand and remember new vocabulary more effectively. Teachers are encouraged to create topic-based educational resources through Canva, including flashcards, worksheets, and interactive presentations.

Furthermore, game-based learning activities should be integrated into lessons to maintain children's interest and motivation. The combination of audio and visual materials is also recommended because it supports the development of both listening and speaking skills. In addition, teachers should establish a systematic revision process to reinforce newly learned vocabulary and prevent forgetting.

The study also suggests the active use of motivational techniques such as praise, rewards, and encouraging feedback, which can increase learners' confidence and participation. Increasing the number of interactive tasks and classroom activities can further enhance engagement and language acquisition. Finally, parental involvement should be encouraged, as support from parents can strengthen children's learning experiences and provide additional opportunities for practicing English outside the classroom.

Implementing these recommendations may contribute to more effective English language instruction and improved learning outcomes among preschool children.

Effectiveness of Canva-Based Visual Materials in Preschool English Classes (n = 30)

Table 1

Indicator	Before Using Canva (%)	After Using Canva (%)	Improvement (%)
Vocabulary Recognition	52	87	+35
Classroom Participation	58	91	+33
Pronunciation Accuracy	49	78	+29
Motivation to Learn English	61	93	+32
Long-Term Vocabulary Retention	46	82	+36

The results presented in Table 4 demonstrate a significant improvement in children's English language learning after the implementation of Canva-based visual materials. Vocabulary recognition increased from 52% to 87%, showing a 35% improvement. Similarly, classroom participation rose by 33%, indicating that children became more actively involved in learning activities.

Pronunciation accuracy improved from 49% to 78%, while motivation to learn English increased from 61% to 93%. The greatest improvement was observed in long-term vocabulary retention, which increased by 36%. These findings suggest that visual materials created through Canva contribute positively to children's engagement, motivation, and language acquisition.

Overall, the data confirms that Canva is an effective educational tool for teaching English to preschool learners and can enhance both the quality of instruction and learning outcomes.

Conclusion

In conclusion, today the use of modern technologies in the process of effective teaching of English is of great importance. Visual methods are especially effective when working with children of kindergarten age. During the study, it was found that materials prepared using the Canva platform increased children's interest in English, helped them learn new words more easily, and increased the effectiveness of the lesson.

Also, visual exercises organized taking into account the age and psychological characteristics of children served to develop their concentration, memory, and communication skills. The results showed that the Canva platform is an effective and innovative tool for teaching English in the preschool education system.

In the future, it is advisable to conduct more extensive research in this area, conduct experiments with different age groups, and deeply integrate digital educational technologies into the process of teaching English.

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