

USE OF AUTHENTIC MATERIALS IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE
LESSONS

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Annotation. This article analyzes the importance and effectiveness of using authentic materials in English language lessons. Authentic materials are texts, audio and video resources created by native speakers, which reflect the real environment of language use for students. The article highlights the role of such materials in developing students' listening comprehension, reading, writing and speaking skills. It also substantiates the expansion of students' cultural knowledge, increased motivation and interactivity of the lesson process through authentic resources. The author also shows methods for using newspaper articles, films, podcasts and Internet resources in lessons. As a result, authentic materials are considered an important tool for effective and interesting learning of English.

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In the modern education system, the process of teaching foreign languages is gradually moving away from traditional methods and developing based on interactive and communicative approaches. Especially in teaching English, the formation of students' skills in using the language in real-life situations is of great importance. In this regard, the use of authentic materials is one of the main tools that increase the effectiveness of the language learning process. This article will comprehensively cover the content, advantages, methods and practical significance of using authentic materials in English lessons.

Authentic materials are resources created by native English speakers and intended for use in real life, not for specific educational purposes. These include newspaper and magazine articles, television programs, films, podcasts, commercials, social media posts, blogs, and other types of materials.

The main feature of authentic materials is that they reflect the natural and real form of the language. This allows students to learn the language in a real context, not an artificial one.[5]

The use of authentic materials in English lessons has a number of important advantages. First of all, they increase the level of students' understanding of the language. Because students hear real speech, get acquainted with different accents, and learn different styles.

Second, authentic materials increase students' motivation. Compared to traditional textbooks, real-life materials are more interesting for students. For example, learning through popular films or songs encourages students to actively participate.

Third, such materials expand students' cultural knowledge. They get acquainted with the customs, lifestyles, and values of English-speaking countries.[2]

Authentic materials play an important role in developing all the basic language skills.

Listening: Through podcasts, interviews and videos, students learn to understand speech at different speeds and styles.

Reading: Through newspaper articles and blogs, students acquire new words and phrases.

Writing: Students write essays, express opinions and analyze based on authentic texts.

Speaking: Students develop speaking skills through role-playing games based on videos and dialogues.

Movies, series and short videos develop students' listening comprehension and pronunciation skills. The teacher can organize questions and answers, discussions and role-playing games based on the videos.

Students develop listening skills through podcasts and songs. They can work on pronunciation, intonation and stress.

Newspaper and magazine articles, internet blogs develop students' reading and analysis skills. Vocabulary can be increased on the basis of such materials.

Organizing quizzes, tests and games based on authentic materials ensures active participation of students.

Students prepare presentations using authentic sources. This develops their ability to independently research and think creatively.[1]

The teacher's role is important in the effective use of authentic materials. He should select materials according to the age, level of knowledge and interests of students. The teacher should also explain the materials, provide necessary explanations and encourage students to actively participate.

The teacher should also help students simplify complex materials, explain new words and should help students understand the meaning through ext.[4]

Some difficulties may also arise in using authentic materials. For example, the complexity of the materials makes it difficult for students to understand. In addition, time constraints and lack of technical capabilities can also be a problem.

To solve these problems, the teacher can carefully select the materials, shorten or simplify them. It is also important to carry out preparatory work before the lesson.

Today, the Internet and digital technologies have further expanded the possibilities of using authentic materials. Through YouTube, podcast platforms and social networks, students can use various resources.

This makes the learning process more interesting and effective. Especially in online learning environments, authentic materials serve as an important tool.

In conclusion, the use of authentic materials in English lessons is important in developing students' language skills. They create a realistic language environment for students, increase their motivation and expand their cultural knowledge.

Therefore, teachers need to master the methods of effective use of authentic materials and widely introduce them into the teaching process. This will help to improve the quality of English language teaching.

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