



## **English and its Modern Teaching Methods**

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**Abstract:** *This article discusses the latest and at the same time the most widely used interactive methods in the world and their use in teaching students.*

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The new teaching method which we called the modern teaching method is more activity-based and centres the learner's mind which involves them entirely into the process of learning. In the modern teaching method, curriculum teaching and planning are done keeping the learner as the primary target.

Through this way, learners actively participate in the whole process to build their knowledge and sharpen their skills; this is also termed as a constructivist approach. On the other hand, the mentor or teacher only leads them and guides them to focus on the objectives of the subject. This is all done by engaging in activities and by adopting innovative modern teaching methods. New demand of the era or the need of the hour for students is to embrace the contemporary teaching methods which will also help in reducing the competition among the students, promote cooperation, and boost the health study environment.

### **Reasons to Introduce Modern Teaching Method**

In recent years, the scope of knowledge in the field of science and technology has dramatically increased, and human's ability to adapt to new knowledge in science and technology has also increased. So, there is an immense need for innovative and creative minds to explore unknown and unrevealed areas of different fields. To cope up with the modern world and the knowledge-driven era of technology, adopting modern ways are the only means to survive.

So, the students should be taught in a manner to tackle the 21st century, which is technology-driven time and which requires creative and innovative minds for the progress of individuals, society, and nation. The students should be introduced with modern teaching methods and are provided sufficient knowledge so that they can create opportunities for themselves and others.

Teachers still use a conventional chalk-talk method in the Classroom to teach students who can provide only basic knowledge of science and other subjects. Their approach can no longer be used as this is outdated, is with limited scope, and has been failed both at the nation and personal level.

If teachers teach with modern teaching methods instead of traditional impractical methods and present science lessons in a more proper scientific way, then many problems, including

unemployment, can be overcome. All this can be achieved by providing a strong pillar to the Basic Education system and senior secondary school system. It requires an instant review of the BST curriculum, and it is the reason why modern teaching methods are introduced.

### Characteristics of Modern Teaching Methods

The modern teaching methods help to build or develop a productive understanding of basic science and technology (BST). Hence, the elements of contemporary teaching methods include:

#### 1. Learner-centered

One of the essential characteristics of the modern teaching methods in basic science and technology (BST) is it is learner-centred. It focuses on learners while using or applying during classroom and laboratory lectures. The teacher acts only as a guide, and all the learning process involves learners. Learners significantly appear as a dominator in classroom interactions.

#### 2. Task-Based or Activity-based

The teacher or guide of BST organizes activity or task and engages students to learn through this way. Hence it is an activity-based or commission-based. Students are offered or asked to take part in classroom interaction through these interactive activities.

#### 3. Resource-Based

BST teachers should be resourceful. They should collect and distribute all the required study material to the learners for their learning or to understand the topic clearly. The resources can be collected from the school environment or any other place where it is available. Also, a learner can be the source to bring study material or resources from their end.

#### 4. Interactive in Nature

One characteristic defines the modern teaching method as very interactive. The teacher asks the students to form small groups or work as individuals to perform the learning tasks and come up with the desired results. It helps them to gather knowledge from one another. Students learn to work together and a sense of cooperation. It also works in their favour when they step out in the outer world.

#### 5. Integrative in Nature

One of the vital characteristics of modern teaching methods is it is integrative. Teachers link topics of one subject, e.g., social science topics like drug use, domestic violence, safety, pollution, food distribution, crime etc. to other issues and make it integrative. By this, a learner can gain knowledge of more topics studying one.

#### 6. Peer Collaboration

Modern teaching methods not only encourage students by allowing them to present their ideas or initiative by noticing their responses, studying their research, and allowing them to answer during interaction in BST classes but also selects students based on interest, needs, and feelings. Through Instructional activities, students learn to work cooperatively, and they appreciate their competitors' work as well. In the BST curriculum, learner's interests are considered most important, and they are guided towards their goals and careers.

## Modern Teaching Methods

Like other fields, the face of education has also evolved drastically over the period. Earlier, teachers were the only means to create a bridge between education and learners. They were using conventional pedagogical methods to explain the topic or to provide notes. However, modern education sees a vast scenario which encourages learners to study profoundly and study to satisfy their curiosity. In recent years, we are getting introduced with different modern teaching methods, and the introduction of technology along with innovative ways to teach has brought a revolution in the education sector. So, let's discuss which new teaching methods are. Following are the modern teaching methods:

### Collaborative Learning

Earlier, when students were asked to revise the topic or syllabus during an examination or regular days, they used to revise the syllabus in isolation or at home. This practise was widespread in traditional teaching methods. To deal with this issue or provide a more useful platform for students, schools are coming up with collaborative learning. In this modern teaching method, teachers form a group of students where they can solve their problem, debates on topics, and clear their queries. This helps in developing social skills and allows students to understand the subject faster.

In this modern teaching method, every student is a part of the success of a group as they help each other to reach the desired result, and they also learn to communicate with each other. Learners learn to tolerate others, develop skills to listen to others and how to work in a team. They will be able to meet different personalities and can get a genuine review of their work.

Students present their ideas and expect a response when they are in group learning. It allows them to exchange their creativity and gain more knowledge. In return, it helps them to learn to face healthy criticism and cross-questions. So, school management should choose to take up a collaborative method of teaching to teach their students. They just need to make a few changes in the layout of the Classroom. Replace desks to whiteboard surfaces. So, the groups can work together with ease.

### Spaced Learning

Spaced learning is one of the modern teaching methods, which is being followed by teachers. In this method, teachers repeat a lesson multiple times, basically until the students understand entirely. However, the teacher repeats the course with two 10-minute spaces (break) in-between the lessons.

The gap is meant to refresh the mind by playing physical activities or mindfulness techniques which prepares them for the next session of the same lesson. This method gives the students intervals to inherit the knowledge and create connections between learnings. Before moving forward to another chapter, this method prepares the students with basics.

It truly defines a proverb that a healthy mind is in a healthy body. So, the physical state of students should be sufficient to the growth of mental state which is crucial to gain knowledge. Spaced learning also has a scope to reduce obesity in school-going children which can be seen more nowadays. It improves both mental and physical health of a student.

### Flipped Classroom

Flipped Classroom is a well-known term in the pedagogical method. You have known about this undoubtedly. Its name 'Flipped Classroom' makes it unique. It is one of the very vital modern teaching methods that has been in use these days. In this method of teaching, the teaching procedure takes place in a flipped manner.

As unlike traditional ways, students study new material or content at home by themselves and practice the same at school. The method is the reverse of providing content at school and asks students to rework on it or practice it at home. The students practice this method at home by watching a video tutorial, search online, or work on the content usually shared by the teacher. They do not need to complete the homework at home. Instead, they end it at school.

Through the practice of flipped Classroom modern teaching methods, students get enough time to grasp the topic, unlike school where they get only a few minutes to understand the content. If necessary, they can work more on one issue.

Students prepare themselves with the content before arriving in school, and if they face any doubt, they can discuss it in the Classroom or ask the concerned teacher. They can also suggest their ideas related to the content and share it with other classmates. Moreover, there is another advantage of this modern teaching method that students would not have to suffer due to their sickness. Sick days won't interrupt their learning.

### Self-learning

Curiosity pushes the learner to learn new and more always. It drives the learners to learn and memorize large spaces of the text that they will either miss gratefully or forget immediately. Through their curiosity, students get motivated to explore the subjects they are interested in. Teaching students to operate the internet and find results themselves helps them to be self-dependent and gives them a deep understanding of the content.

A teacher should allow the students to bring new ideas and work on it for the development of their brain and ability to work alone. This modern teaching method plays a significant role in learners' period of education.

### Gamification

It is a well-known fact that children love games either it is online games or playing games at the field. Teaching through games is one of the essential modern teaching methods that has been in use under modern teaching ways. The significance of Gamification in teaching has mostly been seen in the elementary and preschool system. Learning through playing games won't be even realized by students. It motivated students as well and proved effective not only to the students of preschool but of any age.

The responsibility of teaching through Gamification is of teachers as they should plan or design projects that will be suitable for the students of their respective age. They should incorporate attractive measures to connect the students for a longer time and keep their interest alive. Teachers can also take help of the online platform under Gamification. Teachers can organize online quiz, puzzles or brain games. This modern teaching method is a fun learning method to teach.

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