

Drill and Practice to accelerate pupils' Utterance and Structures

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Abstract:

Language is the most effective means of communication. Although other living being communicate through sound and movements, it is the human beings that possess a refined form of communication of a highly sophisticated level. Speaking about a language that enables one to communicate with the entire world, it is the English language that comes to one's mind. So Drilling and Imitating are the best ways to learn any language.

Drilling means listening to a model provided by the teacher or a tape or another student and repeating and it is a technique that has been used in foreign language classroom for many years. There is no need to learn grammar at first. Without more knowledge about grammar the learner can be good at communication skill. Using Choral Repetition is a common method of drilling.

Drilling not only helps our learner memories language but also to gain better pronunciation and accent. Memorizing is the basic and important tool for all linguistic study (palmer 1968, p-68) learning a correct grammatical sentence pattern is best method to learn second language. If once the learner does by heart, the learner is able to speak particular context and when s/he needs.

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Language is the most effective means of communication. Although other living beings communicate through sound and movements, it is human beings who possess a refined form of communication of a highly sophisticated level. Speaking a language enables one to communicate with the entire world; when one thinks of a global language it is English that comes to one's mind. This language has grown leaps and bounds in the recent past and more people want to learn English now, than ever.

English is an International Language spoken over the entire world. It is taught in almost every school around the world. It is living; full of energy and enthusiasm. It is the language spoken by over 300 million people as their native language in England, America, New Zealand, Canada, and Australia and many other countries in the world. In Russia and Japan, English is gaining ground as the most popular Second Language or Foreign Language. The Industrial Revolution in Britain, its ever-expanding Mari time power, development of material wealth, progress in scientific research and consequent power helped the spread of the English. English is learnt everywhere as people found that knowledge of English provides better career, better pay, advanced knowledge and communication with the entire world. English is also learnt for the variety and experience it provides.

Drilling means listening to a model provided by the teacher or a tape or another student and repeating. This method is still used by many teachers when introducing new language items to the student. Drilling is a technique that has been used in foreign language classrooms for many a

years. There are many kinds of drilling which are repetition drills, substitution drills, question and answer drills, transformation drills, chain drills, and expansion drills.

Schneider and Shiffrin. (1977, pp 1-55) cited in reinders' 2005 make a distinction between two types of cognitive processes, controlled and automatic processing. Controlled processes involve a sequence of cognitive activities under active control and to which attention must be paid whereas automatic processes involve a sequence of cognitive activities that occur automatically, without the necessity of active control and usually without conscious attention. The former is of limited capacity requiring attention and it can be allocated with certain amount of flexibility. But, the latter is not bound by capacity limits and it does not require attention, but it is difficult to alter.

Further, they explained that a larger part of human processing is automatic such as the execution of everyday tasks. In order to perform tasks such as driving a car, or speaking a second language quickly and with a reasonable degree of accuracy the necessary knowledge needs to be readily available for use. In performing these complex tasks such as learning how to drive a car, at first, the whole process is controlled and conscious attention to everything one does is demanded. After a while, things become a little more automatic. At this stage, one starts doing them without having to think about them very much. But in the end, the whole process becomes so automatic that one may not think about it all. Thus, "automaticity modal" views skill development as an increasing efficiency with which tasks are executed as a result of tasks application of the underlying rules through practice. It also suggests that underlying patterns, similarities or rules pertaining to the stimuli are applied faster.

Drilling can be used to increase accuracy. Drill helps the learners to memorize the sentence patterns of any language. Drill helps the learners to acquire better pronunciation. There is no need to learn grammar in the beginning. Without much knowledge about grammar the learner can be good at communication skill. Using choral repetition is a common technique of drilling. The students simply have to repeat words or phrases after the teacher. This is good method of teaching, because the students are given excellent model pronunciation immediately.

Language is an experience of mind. For teaching language there are several methods. But no method is suggested fixed for learning English. One can learn English by his own interest. The best technique available to develop writing skills is knowing how to place the words in right order. Sentence structures help to comprehend and develop writing skills. There are many ways of organizing the words into sentence. Sentence structure is concerned with parts of speech which mean nouns, pronouns, verbs, adverbs, adjectives, prepositions, conjunctions, and interjections. Understanding the sentence structure helps the learner to avoid fragments and mistakes.

Memorizing is the basic and important tool for all linguistic study (palmer 1968, p-68) Learning correct grammatical sentence pattern is best method to learn a second language. If once the

learner does by heart, then the learner will be able to speak in a particular context when there is a need.

Mr. Sakthi has completed his UG three years ago. When did he complete UG?

It is three years, since he completed UG.

Giving a relevant context to the learner and practicing the structure would be a best way of learning a second or foreign language. By this way a learner can generate more sentences. The positive approach of this method is that there is no need to teach grammar directly. The learner is engaged to find grammar rules when they need. Explaining the sentence structures through blackboard is a cheap and best method of language teaching.

Suggestions to improve students' speaking skills.

- The students can practice the pattern when they are in normal conversation.
- If possible they can use the pattern in writing skills.
- Students can change the noun and verb in each pattern according to the context.

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