APPLYING THEORETICAL APPROACHES TO ENHANCE WRITING SKILLS

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Annotation. The article covers the use of theoretical frameworks in teaching the writing skill of English students. The article is concerned with the role of constructivist, cognitive, and genre-based theories in advancing students' academic and creative writing. It recommends classroom tasks and practical ideas derived from the theories to attest to their usability in creating coherent, well-organized, and contextually appropriate writing.

Keywords: writing skill, theoretical approaches, constructivism, genre-based approach, cognitive strategies, language teaching, student-centered learning.

Аннотация. В статье рассматривается применение теоретических подходов к развитию письменной речи студентов. Подчеркивается роль конструктивистских, когнитивных и жанровых методов в обучении академическому и творческому письму. Представлены практические стратегии и виды деятельности, основанные на этих теориях.

Ключевые слова: навык письма, теоретические подходы, конструктивизм, жанровый подход, когнитивные стратегии, обучение языку.

Annotatsiya. Mazkur maqolada ingliz tilida yozish ko'nikmasini rivojlantirishda nazariy yondashuvlardan foydalanish masalasi ko'rib chiqilgan. Ayniqsa, konstruktivizm, kognitiv janrga asoslangan yondashuvlarning akademik va ijodiy yozuvga ijobiy ta'siri ko'rsatib o'tilgan. Ushbu yondashuvlar asosida tavsiya etilgan amaliy usullar ham keltirilgan.

Kalit so'zlar: yozish ko'nikmasi, nazariy yondashuvlar, konstruktivizm, janr asosidagi yondashuv, kognitiv strategiyalar, talabaga yo'naltirilgan ta'lim.
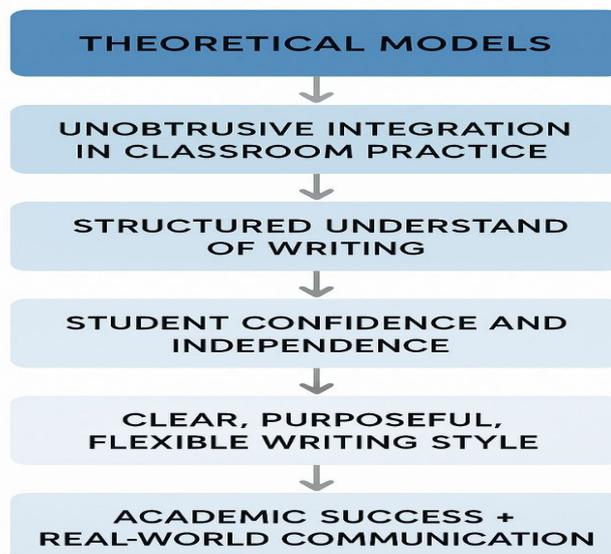
Introduction

Writing ability remains the most complex but essential aspect of language acquisition. Compared with speaking, which is likely to allow spontaneous utterance and concurrent correction, writing demands greater planning, organization, and consideration of purpose and audience. Writers must make deliberate choices about lexis, grammar, composition, and tone, all while maintaining their ideas coherent and well-communicated. Such problems can intimidate students, particularly in professional or academic contexts where expectations are exacting. But the application of theoretical models to the teaching of writing provides a structured but pliable pathway for students to resolve these challenges and attain solid, independent writing competence.

Methods

Based on some researches, the following theoretical foundations are analyzed:
Theoretical Foundations:

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Constructivist Approach
Constructivism views learners as active builders who construct knowledge from experience. In writing, this means encouraging students to write about their own lives, interests, and observations. Activities for this strategy emphasize collaboration, discovery, and personal relevance. Writing workshops, for example, allow students to brainstorm, get feedback, and reflect on their own progress. Peer review groups foster a sense of audience and accountability, and scaffolding—breaking tasks into manageable steps—guides the learners as they develop their skills. This approach encourages ownership and participation, making the writing process more meaningful and less overwhelming.

Cognitive Approach
The cognitive model perceives writing as a problem-solving activity consisting of discrete but connected phases: planning, drafting, revising, and editing. Teachers using this model supply students with tools such as graphic organizers, mind maps, and checklists to guide thinking within each phase. Self-monitoring techniques also help learners track their progress, identify weaknesses, and make adaptations independently. This approach enhances metacognition, allowing students to write more strategically and efficiently. As learners internalize these processes over time, they build habits that foster lifelong writing ability.

Genre-Based Approach
The genre-based approach emphasizes instructing students in identifying and creating different types of texts, including essays, reports, narratives, and letters. Through model texts, students discover structural patterns, linguistic features, and communicative purposes unique to a given genre. This is particularly helpful in academic and professional contexts, where the ability to write appropriately for various audiences and purposes is essential. Writing can also be modeled on

the spot by teachers, deconstructing examples to make implicit conventions explicit to students.

Results and Discussion

To begin implementing these theories, teachers can devise composite activities that draw upon multiple models of writing instruction. For example:

Mind-mapping prior to the writing of an argumentative essay (Cognitive Strategy) enables students to think ahead and have a clear organization of ideas. Joint story construction activities (Constructivist Method) enable students to co-construct stories, fostering creativity and coherence. Analysis of model essays' texts (Genre-Based Approach) facilitates students to recognize genre-specific characteristics and transfer them to their own writing. One example activity is an exercise titled "Building a Voice," in which students select a social issue of interest, map out their argument using a provided template, write their drafts, and exchange them with peers for feedback. Both cognitive and constructivist elements are incorporated in this activity through its emphasis on planning, drafting, collaborating, and revising.

Sample Activities

"Text Transformation" – Students rewrite a news article as a diary entry, taking into account tone, point of view, and structural differences (Genre-Based).

"Peer Review Circles" – Drafts are read within small groups, and students use rubrics to provide targeted, constructive feedback (Constructivist).

"Timed Freewriting" – Students write freely for 10 minutes on a stimulus to build fluency, then read back to highlight strengths and areas for expansion (Cognitive).

In conclusion, the incorporation of theoretical models in writing instruction significantly enhances the quality of instruction and allows for students to become independent, confident, and competent writers. When writing instruction is grounded in sound theoretical models, it provides a coherent framework that allows learners to understand the principles of effective writing. This allows students to make informed decisions about content, organization, tone, and style. Significantly, when these theoretical models are used unobtrusively in classroom practice—rather than being taught in isolation—they do not overwhelm students but instead encourage students to master writing techniques naturally and intuitively. Furthermore, the exposure to multiple models allows for the possibility that students can accept that writing is not a single process. It varies with purpose, audience, and context. Through this, students learn to develop a style of writing which not only assures clarity and purposefulness but has enough flexibility to serve various academic and practical contexts. Flexibility leads to greater writing ability outside the classroom environment. It becomes an immortal capability which will remain useful in private, workplace, and school communication.

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