

## SECOND LANGUAGE TEACHING METHODS AND APPROACHES FOR UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

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**Abstract.** This paper explores productive methods and approaches for teaching a second language to university students. The aim is to assess innovative strategies that develop linguistic competence and communicative skills. The study employs qualitative analysis to identify key techniques and methodologies. Results reveal that communicative, task-based, and content-based approaches, silent-way, audio-lingual method provide crucial improvements in students' performance. These findings underline the necessity of adapting modern teaching methods for higher education.

**Key words:** second language teaching, university students, communicative approach, task-based learning, content-based instruction.

### **Introduction**

In this modern world, proficiency in a second language has become significant for higher education students. Effective and interactive teaching methods play a vital role in engaging learners with the skills needed to communicate and compete internationally. This paper aims to analyze different approaches to teaching a second language at the university degree, concentrating on their productiveness and applicability in different classroom settings.

### **Methods**

The study reviewed academic literature and case studies to evaluate teaching methods, such as the Communicative Language Teaching (CLT), Task-Based Language Teaching (TBLT), and Content and Language Integrated Learning (CLIL). Data was gathered from expert interviews, peer-reviewed journals, and educational reports. The main focus was on determining strategies that promote active learning and student engagement.

### **Results**

The analysis revealed the following findings:

**Communicative Approach:** Students exposed to CLT demonstrated improved conversational skills and confidence in real-life interactions. Activities such as role-playing and group discussions were particularly effective.

**Task-Based Learning:** Tasks that mirrored real-world scenarios enhanced problem-solving skills and linguistic competence. For instance, project-based assignments encouraged collaboration and practical language application.

**Content-Based Instruction:** Integrating subject matter with language instruction fostered deeper understanding and retention. This approach was most effective in disciplines like business, science, and technology.

**Audio-Lingual Method:** Drills and repetition-based exercises helped students internalize grammatical structures and improve pronunciation. This method was particularly effective for beginner-level learners.

**Silent Way:** Using visual aids like colored rods and charts, this approach emphasized learner autonomy and discovery. It was especially useful for developing problem-solving skills and fostering creativity.

### **Discussion**

These results emphasize the significance of tailoring teaching strategies to the requirements of higher education students. While traditional grammar-focused approaches have their place, modern strategies such as CLT, TBLT, and CLIL offer dynamic alternatives that prioritize communication and critical thinking. Additionally, incorporating technology, such as language learning apps and virtual reality simulations, can further enhance the learning experience.

### **Conclusion.**

Adopting innovative teaching methods is crucial for improving second language acquisition among university students. Educators must embrace diverse approaches to meet the evolving demands of the academic and professional landscape. Future research should explore the integration of emerging technologies and personalized learning paths to further enhance language education.

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