

BOOSTING READING SKILLS OF 10TH GRADE STUDENTS THROUGH DIVERSE STRATEGIES

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Abstract. Reading proficiency is a critical skill for academic success, especially for secondary school students who are exposed to increasingly complex texts. This article explores a range of effective strategies aimed at enhancing the reading skills of 10th grade students. It examines how approaches such as skimming and scanning, vocabulary development, interactive reading, and critical thinking tasks contribute to improved comprehension and engagement. Drawing on both theoretical frameworks and practical classroom applications, the study demonstrates that combining multiple strategies leads to more effective reading outcomes and fosters independent learning habits.

Key words: reading skills, secondary education, comprehension strategies, active learning, vocabulary development, critical thinking.

ПОВЫШЕНИЕ НАВЫКОВ ЧТЕНИЯ У УЧАЩИХСЯ 10 КЛАССА С ПОМОЩЬЮ РАЗЛИЧНЫХ СТРАТЕГИЙ

Аннотация. Навыки чтения играют важную роль в академическом развитии учащихся старших классов. В данной статье рассматриваются различные стратегии, направленные на улучшение навыков чтения у учеников 10 класса. Особое внимание уделяется таким методам, как просмотр текста, выборочное чтение, развитие словарного запаса и развитие критического мышления. Отмечается, что использование разнообразных стратегий способствует активному обучению, повышает уровень понимания текста и формирует самостоятельность учащихся.

Ключевые слова: навыки чтения, старшая школа, стратегии понимания, активное обучение, словарный запас.

10-SINF O'QUVCHILARINING O'QISH KO'NIKMALARINI TURLI STRATEGIYALAR ORQALI RIVOJLANTIRISH

Annotatsiya. O'qish ko'nikmalari o'quvchilarning akademik muvaffaqiyati uchun muhim ahamiyatga ega. Ushbu maqolada 10-sinf o'quvchilarining o'qib tushunish darajasini oshirishga qaratilgan turli strategiyalar tahlil qilinadi. Jumladan, tezkor o'qish usullari, lug'at boyligini oshirish, interaktiv o'qish va tanqidiy fikrlashni rivojlantirish metodlari ko'rib chiqiladi. Tadqiqot natijalari shuni ko'rsatadiki, turli strategiyalarni birgalikda qo'llash o'quvchilarning o'qish samaradorligini sezilarli darajada oshiradi.

Kalit so'zlar: o'qish ko'nikmalari, o'rta ta'lim, strategiyalar, faol o'qish, tanqidiy fikrlash.

Introduction

Reading is one of the most fundamental language skills that directly influences students' academic performance and intellectual development [1]. For 10th grade students, reading becomes more challenging as they encounter complex texts, abstract ideas, and subject-specific vocabulary. Reading comprehension at this level involves not only understanding the surface meaning but also analyzing, interpreting, and evaluating information [3].

However, many students face difficulties due to limited vocabulary, lack of motivation, and ineffective reading habits. Traditional methods that focus solely on silent reading often fail to engage learners actively. Therefore, it is essential to introduce diverse and interactive strategies that enhance comprehension and make reading more meaningful [2].

Key Strategies for Improving Reading Skills:

1. Skimming and Scanning Techniques

Skimming and scanning are essential strategies that help students read efficiently. Skimming involves quickly going through a text to grasp the main idea, while scanning focuses on locating specific information. These techniques are particularly useful during exams and academic reading tasks. By practicing skimming, students learn to identify key points without reading every word. Scanning, on the other hand, improves their ability to find answers quickly, saving time and increasing accuracy.

2. Vocabulary Development Strategies

A strong vocabulary base is crucial for reading comprehension. Students often struggle with texts because they do not understand key words. Teaching methods such as word mapping, context clues, and flashcards can significantly improve vocabulary acquisition [4].

3. Critical Thinking and Analytical Reading

Critical thinking is an essential component of advanced reading skills. Students should be encouraged to analyze texts, identify the author's purpose, and evaluate arguments. Tasks such as comparing texts, identifying bias, and making inferences help learners develop deeper understanding. This strategy prepares students for higher education, where analytical skills are highly valued.

4. Extensive Reading Practice

Extensive reading involves reading large amounts of material for pleasure and general understanding. This strategy helps students develop fluency, improve vocabulary, and build confidence. Providing access to interesting and age-appropriate materials motivates students to read regularly. Over time, this habit significantly enhances overall reading ability.

5. Use of Graphic Organizers

Graphic organizers such as mind maps, charts, and diagrams help students organize information visually. These tools make it easier to understand complex ideas and relationships within a text. For instance, students can use a mind map to summarize a passage or a chart to compare different concepts. This approach supports both comprehension and memory retention.

In conclusion, improving the reading skills of 10th grade students requires a comprehensive and strategic approach. The use of diverse methods such as skimming, vocabulary development, interactive activities, and critical thinking tasks significantly enhances comprehension and engagement. By integrating these strategies into classroom practice, educators can help students become more effective readers. Ultimately, strong reading skills contribute to academic success and lifelong learning.

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