INNOVATIVE CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES IN FOREIGN LANGUAGE TEACHING

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Abstract: This paper discusses the innovation of foreign language teachers. Modern education requires teachers to use new technologies, creative methods, and student-centered approaches. Innovative teaching helps improve speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills. It also increases student motivation and interest. In addition, this paper provides simple and practical classroom activities that teachers can use to make lessons more active and effective.

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Introduction

Today, education is growing rapidly. Traditional teaching methods are not always effective for modern students. Therefore, foreign language teachers need to include innovative activities in their lessons. Innovation in education is the use of new ideas, methods, and technologies to achieve better learning outcomes. The role of a foreign language teacher is very important. It should provide not only grammatical rules and vocabulary but also an engaging learning environment. Innovative teachers support learners to actively participate in the learning process.

Methods

Innovative teaching methods include, for example, group work, pair work, discussion, debate, and role-playing, which improve learners' confidence. These methods encourage communication and help students think critically.

Another important innovation is digital technology. Teachers use presentations, videos, online dictionaries, mobile apps, and learning platforms. Such tools make learning more interesting and easier to understand. For example, listening to videos and audio materials helps students improve pronunciation and listening skills. Project-based learning is also effective. Students can create a presentation, poster, or small research project in English. This method encourages independence, creativity, and teamwork.

Gamification is also popular. Teachers use quizzes, contests, and language games. Students enjoy learning when lessons are fun. Games reduce stress and increase motivation. At the same time, teachers must continue to develop their professional skills. They should attend courses, webinars, and seminars. This helps them stay updated with modern education trends.

Practical Innovative Activities (Classroom Use)

To make lessons more effective, teachers can use simple but innovative activities. These activities are easy to organize and suitable for different levels.

1. Think–Pair–Share. Students first think about a question individually, then discuss it with a partner, and finally share their ideas with the class. This activity improves speaking and confidence.

2. Role-play Situations. Students act out real-life situations such as shopping, traveling, or job interviews. This helps students use language in real communication.

3. Word Association Game. The teacher says a word, and students quickly say related words. This develops vocabulary and quick thinking.

4. Mini Projects. Students prepare small projects. “My Dream Job” or “My City.” This activity improves writing, speaking, and creativity.

5. Digital Quiz (Kahoot / Quizizz). Teachers use online quiz platforms. Students answer questions using phones. This increases motivation and makes learning fun.

6. Information Gap Activity. Students work in pairs. Each student has different information, and they must ask questions to complete the task. This develops communication skills.

7. Story Completion. Teacher starts a story, and each student adds one sentence. This improves speaking and imagination.

8. Vocabulary Race. Students are divided into groups. They write as many words as possible on a topic (food, travel, school). This activity is fast, fun, and effective.

9. Video Discussion. Students watch a short video and discuss it. Questions: What happened? What do you think? This improves listening and speaking.

10. Peer Teaching. Students explain a topic to each other. This helps them understand the material better.

Conclusion

In conclusion, the innovative activities of foreign language teachers are essential in contemporary education. New teaching methods, techniques, and creative activities help students learn languages more effectively. Innovative teachers inspire learners, increase motivation, and make learning more productive. Every teacher should be open to continuous change and development. Using simple interactive activities, technology, and creative tasks can make lessons more interesting and meaningful. As a result, students not only learn the language but also enjoy the learning process.

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