

Relevance of Teaching Grammar at Initial School Level

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ABSTRACT

English plays a major role in everybody's life. The utility of teaching English is gradually increasing. It is one of the major medium of instruction in schools and its importance is globally accepted. English is a compulsory subject for school students. To learn English, students must learn English Grammar. Grammar is set of structural rules governing clauses, phrases, and words in any language. Grammar helps the Indian students to understand the second language. It helps students to speak and write error free English. It enhances the communication skills of students. Grammar gives language users the control of expression and communication in everyday life. Mastery over words helps students communicate their emotions and purpose more effectively. It helps students in their further study.

Teaching English Grammar at Primary level helps the young ones to gallop and learn its utmost. At the young age, it's very easy for them to learn new grammatical structure and various rules. Their base can become strong and they can fluently speak and write English. Therefore, their confidence increases. A strong base plays a role of a bridge for their further classes and this leads them to a bright and successful future. That is why, in twenty first century, the number of English medium school is gradually increasing. Every parent wants their child to study in English medium school.

The paper will analyse the relevance of teaching English Grammar for the small classes students. It also describes, how it helps students to make their base strong and make them career ready.

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Language is the method of human communication, either spoken or written, consisting of the use of words in a structured and conventional way. It is also a system of communication used by a particular country or community. English is one of those languages, which is widely used in all sectors. Grammar is the backbone of a language. We cannot imagine a language without its grammatical rules. Grammar provides us the structure we need in order to organize and put our messages and ideas across the world. For example, a train cannot move without its railway track, in the same way grammar is a kind of railway track which transports our messages. Without track of grammar we won't be able to convey our ideas, thought, and messages at their full extent.

Learning grammar has become a natural phenomenon. It is very necessary for communication which contains reading, writing, speaking and learning. The mother tongue of India is Hindi and English is the second important language here. Therefore, students need to learn grammar to know the language better. Grammar is the whole system and structure of a language or of languages in general, usually taken as consisting of syntax and morphology (including inflections) and sometimes also phonology and semantics. Kohli in his work *Techniques of Teaching English* had described it with an example "Imagine two car drivers. The first driver knows only driving and nothing about the working of the engine. He feels helpless whenever there is some trouble with the machinery. The second driver knows driving and also understands the working of the machinery. The person who knows grammar is like this second driver. In case he is doubtful about the correctness of a particular thing, his knowledge of grammar comes to his rescue.(116)

English has become a global language and it is widely used in official communications. The role and importance of English cannot be denied in student's life. It is a major medium of instruction at schools. It is the most common language spoken all around the world. It plays a prime role in all sectors. Studying English is very much beneficial for school students. It helps them for their strong base and command over language. Students can improve their communication skills. They can have mastery over words and it helps them to communicate their emotions and purposes more effectively. Effective communication and strong grammar

strategies will make them college ready and this leads to a bright future. They can find good jobs with confidence. In today's world the most important language in every job sector is English. Either it is public or private sector, both needs employees who are good at English. Students passed out from such schools, which takes english as a major language will find a better and higher quality job than other students who don't know English adequately.

Teaching grammar at the initial school level is very fundamental, and cardinal. A Student can have command over language from their very first classes. Improper Grammar is like improperly configured telephone wire which causes static during a phone conversation, in the same way, improper grammar affects the meaning and clarity of an intended message. Grammar skills are very essential in each sector, from Education to Leadership and from social life to employment opportunities. As it is said that the first school for a child is home and they can learn from their parents and family. If parents use wrong grammar and children are learning incorrectly, then this puts the next generation at an immediate disadvantage. Correct and proper Grammar is also essential for students for a better understanding of English as a second Language. When a message is passed along with the correct grammar, it is easier to understand the purpose and meaning of that message.

Grammar plays an eventful role at the initial school level in students' education. It improves the development of fluency in students. When a student learns grammar, it will be easier for him to know how to organise and express the ideas in his mind without difficulty. As a result, he will be able to speak, read and write the language more fluently. Grammar rules can help students to develop the habit of thinking logically and clearly. After studying grammar, students may be able to become more accurate when using a language. Writing and speaking with correct grammatical skills and rules gives a learner the appearance of believability. A student with poor grammar skill can form a negative impression on other students and teachers. Weak grammar can be a hurdle for his future building. Without good grammar, clear communication is impossible. Proper grammar keeps them from being misunderstood while expressing their thoughts and ideas.

There are several ways to improve grammar. Through this paper I would like to share some of the ways which can help students in improving their grammar and communication skills. First cardinal way is to read more in English. As the great essayist Bacon said in the essay *Of Studies*:

Reading maketh a full man; conference a ready man; and writing an exact man.

Reading adds perfection to a man's personality.

The more you read, the more you get. Students may not be able to understand everything after reading, but they can learn new rules of grammar and they can also improve their vocabulary. Students must keep on reading whatever they like to read whether it is book, magazine articles, or newspapers but they must be written in proper English. Try to read as many different genres such as newspaper articles, academic journals, blogs, short-stories. Reading them will improve their skills.

The second way is to listen more to English. Listening to teachers and others who are using good English can also students in improving their communication skills. They can watch English news and movies. This can also last a good impression on their mind. The third way is to practise more. Practising whatever you read and listen can make the rules and new words stable in mind. The student must use and exercise them daily. Online activities and quizzes can also help. Focus on one grammar point each time you study. The last way is to write more in English. Try to write whatever you read or listen in own words. Find out the mistakes and correct them. Think about the mistakes and try to write again and don't repeat the mistakes again. Students can write their own short stories or poems for improving grammar.

To conclude, grammar is a valuable tool for success in many areas of life, it is not used to create a gap in the social world. It is not a tool of segregation, but a tool for opening doors by being heard and understood more clearly. It plays role of stairs for students who aims at a bright future. Just as rules are necessary in everyday situations, grammar rules are likewise essential in everyday life for clarity of meaning and intent and teaching grammar is very much relevant at the initial school level.

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