

Use of Simulation in Teaching Language Skills

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Abstract:

It goes without saying and it is a fact also that it is the confidence and courage which go a long way in getting success whether it may be business, agriculture or teaching profession. There are many methods of teaching and methods vary from person to person. Every man is unique - it is, therefore, essential to adopt the method which may be innovative. No other person can perform the same action or can adopt the same method as has been adopted or action taken by someone. It is this quality which makes a man different from other one.

As has been stressed by many learned persons, the quality and aptitude of a person must show different ways and methods while imparting education. First of all, before speaking, one should have self-confidence and should gather courage to speak with confidence and with such an imagination as if he were the person who was not inferior to anyone. If such are there in the mind of speaker, the battle is won. It is a sooth saying, "Well begun is half done. Start speaking with determined mental makeup thinking that audience will heed and they will surely be impressed. Don't care for the audience who do not listen to you with rapt attention. Continue to speak until your theme is not over and thus you will be victorious. For better impression and retentive influence it is necessary that simulation method should be adopted while teaching in the class. The speaker should take it for granted as if he were holding a particular designation and in that capacity he should talk to the higher or lower authority as the case may be. This will certainly give weight to the speaker and he will not be hesitating to express and to inspire or to put the request or to influence the audience in the way desired.

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Introduction

There is no denying of the fact that teaching profession is one of those professions which are of paramount significance. Every teacher adopts his own method in teaching. It would not be out of place to mention here that if simulation method is adopted it will be a method which will have a long lasting effect. It will be so because the speaker would not be so hesitating while speaking and he will be free to express his ideas caring not for any ifs and buts. The courage and confidence would unite in him and he would start thinking as if he were the same person in which capacity he was speaking. It can be clarified by taking an example. Take for granted the speaker were the Managing Director of a company he would say with confidence and the audience would listen to him attentively. There will be awesome respect in their minds and thus the effect of the speech made by the speaker would be impressive and fruitful. Similar is the case with every speaker whatever may be the subject.

What is Simulation?

Simulation is the imitation of the operation of a real world process or system over time. The act of simulating something first requires that a model be developed; this model represents the key characteristics or behaviors /functions of the physical or abstract system or process. The model represents the system itself, whereas the simulation represents the operation of the system over time.

Simulation is used in many ways for example with scientific modeling, computer experiments, education videogames and with technology. Simulation is also used for performance purposes as safety engineering, testing training and so on. Simulation is also used with human systems to gain insight into their functioning. Real effects can be shown using simulation. Simulation is also used when the real system

cannot be engaged because of no accessibility or on the other hand it may be dangerous or unacceptable to engage or it is being designed but not built so far, or it may not exist.

The issues which are of utmost importance in simulation include having valid source /information about the relevant selection of those characteristics which are of great import and behavior.

Types of Simulation

There are three types of simulation: Virtual Simulation, Live Simulation and Constructive Simulation. A simulation may also be a combination of two or more styles. These involve interactions with humans.

Virtual Simulation

Virtual simulation involves humans and or equipment in a computer controlled setting. Time plays an important role and controls.

Live Simulation

In live simulation humans and / or equipment and activity in a setting are included.

Constructive Simulation

Constructive simulation excludes humans or equipment as participant. In this, events and sequences of events are included. Science based simulations are constructive in nature.

Simulation in classroom

In the classroom, the simulation method is used for teaching /learning /evaluating. As per syllabus we are required to make the students understand the real life situation as closely as possible and for this the students should be asked to assume roles as they analyze, solve the problems and respond to the

changes within the situation/problem/solution. During the simulation, the students should perform their roles so that their learning is evaluated. A simulation includes time for reflection and processing which allows the students to share their experiences, assess their learning and evaluate their assessments against the intended outcomes of the simulation.

Model of simulation

Corruption on the rise in society

Confidential role information for trade union leader, leader of opposition party, two businessmen from leading business houses, one social activist, newspaper columnist, chief editor of a leading newspaper, a novelist one house wife and students' union leader.

You belong to different sections of the society. You have a democratic system in the society. At the time of election the ruling party promised so many things but most of them proved to be wrong. The ruling party is enjoying power, their leaders are visiting foreign lands, they have no concern with common man, there are so many scams which are ignored like anything, corruption in the society is on the rise, and there is chaos in the society. So people forced vigilant persons to go against the ruling party and bring to its knowledge the following things. Everything is not going all right so finally it has been decided to hold discussion on these points, and it has finally been decided to hold the meeting in the Assembly Hall.

You have to express your views in this regard in the Assembly Hall on the following points:

- to persuade the management /organization to redress the grievances of the people.
- to see that injustice is not done to the people and for that every effort will be made to frame such rules as are in favor of public.
- to see that unnecessary taxation is not imposed on business/ organization .

- to bring to the notice of public the factual position prevailing in the society
- the soaring prices of the edible things will be the main topic for discussion and the difficulties being faced by them will be brought to the notice of government and efforts will be made to ease the situation
- the students shall be assured of good education and their problems will be given due consideration and proper arrangements for their proper studies will be given utmost significance.

Public unrest because of corruption and breaking of the promises

Confidential role for ruling party representative

You are the representative of the public and have been elected to see that the public are not annoyed by the ruling party and if there is resentment against the ruling party then it is a stigma on the part of the ruling party. It is for you to take part in the meeting and suggest ways and means to eliminate corruption from society. It is hoped that your suggestions will be of avail.

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Before the simulation

This is the learning activity which is known by the name of simulation. In this type of teaching you will have to play a role of a particular person in a particular situation in which you are not. You should be very careful because your performance is to be evaluated and we are going to discuss the learning outcomes after the activity.

While engaging yourselves in the discussion you will have to be very careful about creative ideas, divergent thinking and unique observation. You have to take part in situation with zeal and enthusiasm.

Debriefing simulation

It is important to have “debriefing” discussion during and after the simulation. The debriefing provides closure for the activity and focuses on the learning outcomes for simulation. As students become caught up in simulation there can be much more learning occurring than that for which simulation was designed. It is important for them to have the opportunity to sort out and clarify their thinking. The need to release the emotional tension of playing a role and move back in becoming themselves again.

Some suggestions

- The teacher concerned will discuss about
 - The personal likes or dislikes
 - The subject matter of the simulation
 - Problems faced during simulation
 - Steps to be pacify the problems.

Conclusion

To sum up we can say that the speaker should be very careful while making a speech. He should be confident, courageous, mealy mouthed, frank and impressive. He should not hesitate to say what is to be said. He should have courage to hide and keep secrecy and let the audience not know something is being hidden. In a speech, the mind of audience is to be taken into consideration and harping on the same tune is not used because it creates boredom. The speaker should be vigilant and alert to speak which can be proved as and when required to be proved. Speech should be based on facts and figures and irrelevant matter should be avoided as far as possible. Simulation method may be adopted because it is beneficial to impress the audience and it will go a long way in receiving applause and commendation from the common people, experts, audience and colleagues as well.

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