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## **THE USAGE OF TEACHING AIDS EFFICIENTLY DURING THE CLASSES**

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**Abstract.** The author of the article focuses on the impact of teaching aids effectively during the lesson and the role of importance of them in the teaching-learning process. The object of the research is the presenting information in a new and helpful manner so that students get a better understanding of what they are taught. Using different kinds of teaching aids in the classroom help teachers to reach the different kinds of learners in the classroom. Using a variety of tools to make the process of teaching and learning simple, interesting, and effective which makes it easier for the teacher to teach even the most difficult subject. It also makes sense and saves time as students learn very quickly by watching rather than reading.

**Key words:** visual aids, audio-visual aids, mechanical teaching, traditional use of flashcards, tactile and multidimensional connection, interactive slides, projector, epidiascope, filmstrips.

Teaching aids make an important role in teaching. There are different types of teaching aids such as visual aids, audio aids, audio-visual, traditional, mechanical teaching. In this article all the beneficial aids are analyzed turn by turn. As the name suggests teaching aids that include visuals are called visual aids .Charts, diagrams, graphs, etc. are effective visual aids that teachers use to convey concepts and lessons with more clarity and effectiveness. Maths teachers often bring wooden models of pyramids and large protractors to teach in a better fashion. Now that classes have moved online, teachers use interactive slides and presentations to convey concepts in a better way. This is better than textbook images and visuals. Not to mention that visual aids appeal to the visual learners and helps them understand the lessons better. Teachers also make use of videos that will be discussing in the coming points [1].

Audio aids help to improve the listening and communication skills. As mentioned, there are different types of learners in a classroom and auditory

learners are a part of it. Using audio teaching aids will help that segment to a great extent. The effect of music on the brain has been proven. Hence, some teachers play music in the classroom to distress their students and increase their interest in the lessons. Videos and animations are used in the classroom to explain concepts better. With the development of technology, students have the opportunity to actually see how digestion takes place, understand the water cycle, can understand motion of vehicles, everything can be explained in a much detailed and better manner [2].

Students understand new concepts better when they see it and experience it firsthand. Traditional teaching aids include learning through Books, Periodicals, Blackboard etc.

teaching aids include an Audio teaching machine, tape recorder, radio, motion picture, Projector, epidiascope, filmstrips.

Visual Material Teaching Aids include outline charts, organization charts, tabular charts, flow charts are also used in visual Material Teaching aids [3].

Flashcards are small note cards used for testing and improving memory through practiced information retrieval. Flashcards are typically two-sided, with the prompt on one side and the information about the prompt on the other. This may include names, vocabulary, concepts, or procedures. For example, one side of the card may say, "Augusta", and the other side, "The capital of Maine". Usually there are several flashcards that, as a group, represent a category of information you're trying to remember, learn, and master. Using flashcards can be a very effective self-testing approach. Even the act of making flashcards is a way to "work" the information, challenging you to think about which information to have on one side and the related description on the other. This also frees up some memory, since you will have a physical stack of cards with the information instead of trying to store individual facts, names, or terms in your mind. Flashcards are often part of spaced practice, and repetition helps you figure out what information you can remember easily and what needs additional effort. From a time management perspective, flashcards allow you to take advantage of short amounts of time that become available throughout the day or week, in addition to during planned study sessions [4]. Traditional use of flashcards is for memorization only. It is important to use the flashcards multiple times. Just like the first time you review *any* relatively new information, the first time you use the flashcards may be a bit overwhelming or frustrating because of the "forgetting" that has occurred. Here's the good news: with repetition, you will remember more and more, therefore forgetting less and less. The "forgetting curve" levels out, and the learning becomes "durable".

Realia- is also used to connect learners with the key focal point of a lesson by allowing tactile and multidimensional connection between learned material and the object of the lesson. They are best utilized for simple objects lending themselves to classroom settings and ease of control with minimum risk of accident throughout the student object interaction. Realia is used to provide experience on which to build and to provide students with opportunities to use all the senses in learning. While using realia in the classroom is not always possible, it

is usually the best choice if the student is to learn all they can about realia. Realia allows the student to see, feel, hear, and even smell the object being explored. If the real thing is not available, the teacher must move down the continuum from the concrete. However, each move down the continuum causes the loss of some sensory information that could be helpful in comprehension [5].

Modern teaching aids are very helpful in this respect because they use the play way method and make teaching like playing some games especially in the case of very young learners. The use of graphics, audio and visuals in the modern training aids makes them very impressive as they leave an imagery of the lessons in the minds of the students.

After discussing the traditional teaching aids let us know about the modern teaching aids. The modern teaching aids include computers, internet surfing, laptops, electronic note books, e-readers, computer educational games, online dictionaries, online encyclopaedias, picture dictionaries, talking dictionaries, online tests, online e-books, audio – video teaching aids for learning various subjects including languages; Power Point slides and games; flash educational games; Lesson relayed on radio through satellites; lessons on TV relayed by certain TV channels. Computers have become of the most important learning aids of the modern times. Today's education is considered incomplete without computers. This is the basic machine on which all other electronic medias of learning depend. These can be bought in various forms like desktops, lap tops, notebooks and simply e-readers. Computers are used to play the computer based educational games which can now be played also through television screens.

The computers have been playing an important tool for teaching from the last few years of the 20th century and since then it has brought about a revolution in the methods of teaching which our future teachers will be using. The computers make use of multimedia programme which include attractive colours, clear graphics, wonderful sounds, the fascinating animations and enjoyable videos discharging to the students the various elements of their subjects of study.

Some critics of computers as a teaching aid may point out that the conventional methods of teaching in the hands of an enthusiastic, creative and industrious teacher could also do the job as well if not better than a computer. To such critics, I would say that the computers are not there to undermine the role of the efficient teachers. The computers are only a tool in the hands of a teacher to make the teacher's job easy and fast and make the teacher more efficient. A computer or any other teaching tool cannot work at its own, it definitely needs mediation from an enterprising teacher. No one would feel like to do away with the blackboard where it is necessary to use a blackboard or any other conventional tool [6].

You can make the young students practice their language lessons including regional languages through computers. I have practically done it for my computer virtually turning the computer lab as a language lab. You can see the image above where the students of a primary class are seriously engaged in learning Hindi through computers. Computers bring to the students a world of entertainment along with learning by providing computer based educational games for learning various

subjects through computers. Many websites on the internet provide these games free for the students and parents and a few also charge nominally for the educational games made available to their members. Interactive electronic white board as a tool in modern teaching [7].

To sum up, teaching became as important as tools of teaching in the past that you could not think of classroom without a teacher standing at the blackboard with chalk in hand, drawing diagrams and pictures or writing the lesson notes on the blackboard which the students busily copied in their notebooks. The best is to make use of both the traditional as well as the modern methods of teaching. The teachers of today will need to change their teaching strategies according to the need of the hour. They have to be selective in choosing teaching aids relevant to the lessons and subjects they teach. There is a thin line of difference between teaching aids and instructional materials. It lies in the fact that instructional materials are usually a part of the curriculum. Teaching aids, on the other hand, are used as an extra material that helps to make the learning smooth. For instance, if you are using a test tube or conical flask as suggested in the textbook, it is an instructional material. Whereas if the teacher brings these equipments or apparatuses while a discussion about lab equipment, it becomes a teaching aid.

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