

Increasing Importance of English Language for a Promising Career

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Abstract- In today's global world, the importance of English can neither be denied nor ignored since English is the most common language spoken everywhere. With the help of developing technology, English has been playing a major role in many sectors including medicine, engineering, commerce and education. It is a common observation that many students face a lot of problems to speak, write, and read correct English. Getting success in competitive exams is a herculean task for them. They shed a lot of sweat and spend a lot of money, time and energy but remain unsuccessful to get through many competitive exams. Most of the money-making businesses like BPO, Medical field and IT add to the significance and relevance of English in every walk of life.

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General English Test is an integral part of almost all the competitive examinations: be it objective type or descriptive type. It is necessary that before appearing at this paper, students must learn the basics of the English Grammar (Rules and Structures). In India, it is a prevalent notion that English is a foreign language and so it is very difficult to learn. But this notion is far from truth. English is an international language. It is very difficult to survive and work anywhere without the basic knowledge of English Language, even if anyone is not an aspirant for any competitive examination. "Language is a practical medium to express our ideas and thinking". Since the key to success in the English Language descriptive or objective paper is a good grasp over English Grammar and Composition, Students should plan

their study properly to learn it.

There are several methods which can be helpful for students to command this language and improve their hidden potential. Most of the students who consider English as an Achilles heel are the ones who were not privileged to do their schooling from English medium schools. When they come into the merciless competitive exams, business, they considerably find themselves lag behind from their privileged counterparts.

This is quite discouraging when they come to know they deserve better. Many students make notes consisting grammatical rules, few antonyms-synonyms etc. and just go through these notes before going for an examination. By doing so, they confine themselves from learning this important language. Though they know this section has substantial weight age in their examination pattern yet they prefer to prepare sections like general awareness and current affairs and as a result, they fail to reach the threshold. The only remedy is introspection. They must notice how much precious time they have wasted without achieving anything special. They should remember, "It is always better to reach late to the destination than never."

Reading English language becomes an uphill task when students have less or no reading habits. Therefore every student facing competitive exams or has a keen desire to improve English must have a habit of reading English newspapers and magazines. They should read only such magazines or stories in which they have interest. They should try to read whatever they like bollywood, sports, news or romantic novels. Good novels and popular non-fiction books from well known personalities would be the best choice for this purpose. One may start with novels of ones' favourite authors and some of popular non-fiction books. The following books can be very helpful:

1. *Wings of Fire: An Autobiography of APJ Abdul Kalam*
2. *Making India Awesome: New Essays and Columns by Chetan Bhagat*
3. *History of Modern India by Bipin Chandra*
4. *The White Tiger: Booker Prize Winner 2008 by*

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If students try to be consistent and have patience, they will have future dividends. They should slowly but steadily increase their reading capacity. And once they get habituated half of their work is done. In other words all their concentration and focus is required in the outset, once they start flowing, the whole journey will be like riding bicycle downhill. After couple of months' hard work when students become habitual of reading the matter of their choice, it is time to switch themselves to quality reading for further building. A 'class type' newspaper will not only be challenging but also empower them with precious knowledge which will be beneficial for them in descriptive type exam papers. They can study the book like "Word Power Made Easy" by Norman Lewis to improve vocabulary.

Reading habits will also help students to understand difficult unseen passages which are an essential part in every examination these days. The more they read the lesser time they take to comprehend the passage. When students learn the art to read between the lines, they get the real enjoyment which rapidly takes them to their destination.

The next important part is the art of writing which is also checked in many prestigious exams. Students can improve their writing skills by learning new words, phrases and idioms. It is very necessary to write new words, with context e.g. - 'Gandhiji was a teetotaller' is easier to remember than just the meaning of 'teetotaller'. Students can enhance their creativity by writing their good or bad experiences, stories or incidents of common life. Every word has its own root and by knowing and understanding that, one would get to know and understand many words related to it. E.g. By learning the root "cred" which means believe, one can learn many words made from it like incredible, credulous, incredulous, credentials creditor, credibility etc.

Just like any other language, English is also basically made of words of many kinds. So, it is only logical thing to start with words and vocabulary when anyone thinks about learning and mastering English. First of all, one should get a complete idea about parts of speech in English. By learning it, one gets complete idea of the type of words which are used in the formation of English language and how to identify them to understand the grammatical structure of the particular sentence.

It is a well known fact that without learning the basic and common understanding of English grammar, it is impossible to score well in any type of English competitive examinations. This basic knowledge is judged in objective questions of English which are asked in every competitive exam nowadays. To prepare basic and advanced grammar, one

can use various methods. The first one is pretty simple, use text books of secondary level school English. The other method is to go for particular books on basic and advanced level English grammar. The following books can be very helpful:

1. *High School English Grammar and Composition* by Wren and Martin
2. *Essential English Grammar* by Raymond Murphy
3. *Comprehensive English Grammar & Composition* by S. C. Gupta

Watching English News and movie channels is one of the most *useful yet the least used methods to learn English*. *Watching* people interacting in a certain language can be the most basic way to learn it. That is the way all of us learn our mother tongue.

Students can watch any of the prime time shows of main stream English news channels like Times now, NDTV 24x7, CNN, IBN, BBC World news, India Today etc. Just like news papers, these programmes may improve their general awareness along with improving general English level. Another useful thing would be watching English movies on main stream movie channels like Star Movies, HBO, Sony PIX etc. Anyone can understand the accent and usage of English language easily by watching movies to add versatility. Watching movies from different genres like action, love stories, comedies, and war movies etc. would help polishing their overall personality along with the English language.

"Reading maketh a full man; conference a ready man; and writing an exact man". This quotation of Bacon is still quite relevant for present day's generation. As English has developed into a universal language, its presence and importance in the world has expanded enormously in the past decades. Many money-earning activities such as BPO, Medical Transcription and Information Technology, E-Commerce, and Internet banking etc. add to the importance and relevance of English in every sphere of life at present global world. Thus it can be concluded that by making regular practice, every student can get a good command over English language and can achieve a prestigious position in his career.

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