



THE IMPORTANCE OF TEACHING IN MODERN SOCIETY EFL CLASSROOMS



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Abstract: *Teaching has always played a central role in the development of society and human civilization. In modern educational systems, teachers are not only responsible for transferring knowledge but also for developing students' critical thinking, creativity, communication skills, and moral values. This article explores the significance of teaching in modern society, with particular attention to its influence on educational development, technological progress, and social stability. Drawing on theoretical perspectives from educational scholars such as John Hattie, Lev Vygotsky, and Paulo Freire, the study highlights how effective teaching contributes to academic achievement and lifelong learning. Furthermore, the article examines the integration of modern technologies into teaching practices and discusses the continuing importance of teachers in the digital age. The findings demonstrate that teaching remains one of the most valuable professions for national development and social progress.*

Keywords: *teaching, education, pedagogy, technology, learning, teachers, student achievement, innovation, modern society, educational development.*

Annotatsiya: *Ta'lim jamiyat va insoniyat taraqqiyotining eng muhim omillaridan biri hisoblanadi. Zamonaviy ta'lim tizimida o'qituvchilar nafaqat bilim berish, balki o'quvchilarning tanqidiy fikrlashi, ijodkorligi, muloqot ko'nikmalari va axloqiy qadriyatlarini rivojlantirishda ham muhim rol o'ynaydi. Ushbu maqolada teachingning zamonaviy jamiyatdagi ahamiyati, xususan uning ta'lim taraqqiyoti, texnologik rivojlanish va ijtimoiy barqarorlikka ta'siri tadqiq qilinadi. John Hattie, Lev Vygotsky va Paulo Freire kabi olimlarning nazariy qarashlariga tayangan holda, samarali teachingning akademik muvaffaqiyat va umrbod ta'limga qo'shadigan hissasi yoritiladi. Shuningdek, maqolada zamonaviy texnologiyalarning teaching jarayoniga integratsiyasi va raqamli davrda o'qituvchilarning o'rni tahlil qilinadi. Tadqiqot natijalari teaching jamiyat taraqqiyoti va milliy rivojlanishning muhim omili ekanligini ko'rsatadi.*

Kalit so'zlar: *teaching, ta'lim, pedagogika, texnologiya, o'rganish, o'qituvchilar, innovatsiya, zamonaviy jamiyat.*

Аннотация: *Преподавание всегда играло важную роль в развитии общества и человеческой цивилизации. В современной образовательной системе преподаватели несут ответственность не только за передачу знаний, но и за развитие критического мышления, творческих способностей, коммуникативных навыков и моральных ценностей учащихся. В данной статье рассматривается значение*





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преподавания в современном обществе, особенно его влияние на развитие образования, технологический прогресс и социальную стабильность. Опираясь на теоретические взгляды таких ученых, как Джон Хэтти, Лев Выготский и Пауло Фрейре, исследование подчеркивает, как эффективное преподавание способствует академическим достижениям и непрерывному обучению. Кроме того, статья рассматривает интеграцию современных технологий в образовательный процесс и важность роли преподавателей в цифровую эпоху.

Ключевые слова: преподавание, образование, педагогика, технологии, обучение, учителя, инновации, современное общество.

Introduction

In recent decades, the importance of education has increased significantly due to rapid scientific, technological, and social changes. Modern societies require individuals who possess not only theoretical knowledge but also critical thinking, creativity, communication skills, and adaptability. In this context, teaching has become one of the most essential components of educational development and social progress. Teachers play a crucial role in preparing future generations for professional and personal success.

According to John Hattie [5,12], effective teaching has one of the strongest influences on student achievement and learning outcomes. Similarly, Lev Vygotsky [14,10] emphasizes that learning occurs through interaction, guidance, and social communication within the learner's Zone of Proximal Development (ZPD). These theoretical perspectives demonstrate that teachers are not simply providers of information but facilitators of intellectual and social development.

Furthermore, the President of Uzbekistan, Shavkat Mirziyoyev [9,11], has repeatedly highlighted the importance of education, science, and innovation for national development. This reflects the growing recognition that qualified teachers and modern educational systems are essential for economic growth and social stability. Therefore, understanding the role of teaching in modern society is highly relevant in contemporary educational research.

Additionally, modern research in pedagogy suggests that effective teaching is closely linked with inclusive education, student-centered learning, and the integration of digital technologies. Teachers today are expected to adapt their methods to diverse learning styles and create supportive environments where all students can succeed. Therefore, understanding the role of teaching in modern society is highly relevant in contemporary educational research, as it continues to evolve in response to global changes in education systems.

Main part

Teaching has always been central to the progress of civilization. Throughout history, societies have relied on teachers to preserve knowledge, transmit cultural values, and develop intellectual potential. In modern society, however, the role of teaching has





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expanded significantly due to globalization, technological advancement, and changing educational needs.

One of the most important functions of teaching is the development of students' cognitive abilities. Effective teachers encourage learners to analyze information critically, solve problems independently, and express ideas confidently. According to Bloom's Taxonomy, educational processes should move beyond memorization and focus on higher-order thinking skills such as analysis, evaluation, and creativity. Teachers guide students toward these advanced levels of understanding through interactive learning activities and meaningful classroom communication.

From a sociocultural perspective, Lev Vygotsky [14,13] argues that interaction and collaboration are essential for learning. Teachers provide scaffolding that helps learners move beyond their current level of competence. In this sense, teaching becomes a process of support and guided participation rather than simple instruction. Modern educational practices increasingly reflect this learner-centered approach.

Another significant aspect of teaching is its contribution to social development and moral education. Teachers influence students' attitudes, behavior, and interpersonal skills. Educational institutions are not only places for academic learning but also environments where students develop discipline, responsibility, tolerance, and respect for diversity. Paulo Freire [7,15] emphasizes that education should empower individuals to think critically about society and contribute positively to social change.

In addition, teaching plays an essential role in economic and technological development. Countries with strong educational systems are more likely to achieve innovation and economic stability. Teachers prepare future specialists, engineers, scientists, and entrepreneurs who contribute to national progress. Modern economies require skilled workers who can adapt to rapidly changing technologies and global challenges.

The integration of technology into education has transformed teaching methods in recent years. Digital classrooms, online learning platforms, and artificial intelligence tools have created new opportunities for education. Researchers such as Mishra and Koehler [8,10] highlight the importance of Technological Pedagogical Content Knowledge (TPACK), which emphasizes the integration of technology, pedagogy, and subject knowledge in effective teaching.

However, despite technological advancements, teachers remain irreplaceable in the educational process. Technology can provide access to information, but it cannot fully replace human interaction, emotional support, and individualized guidance. Students still require motivation, encouragement, and meaningful communication from teachers. Therefore, the role of educators remains essential even in the digital age.

Moreover, modern teaching faces several challenges, including large classroom sizes, lack of educational resources, teacher burnout, and rapid technological changes. In many countries, teachers experience high workloads and insufficient professional support.





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Educational researchers argue that improving teacher training and professional development programs is necessary for maintaining educational quality.

In the Uzbek educational context, educational reforms increasingly emphasize innovation, foreign language learning, and digital literacy. Local scholars such as Tursunova [13,9] and Alimuhamedova [1,6] stress the importance of integrating modern pedagogical technologies into teaching practices. These reforms aim to improve both educational quality and international competitiveness.

The findings of educational research clearly demonstrate that teaching has a direct impact on student achievement, motivation, and personal development. Students who learn in supportive and interactive environments are more likely to achieve academic success and develop lifelong learning habits. Effective teaching also contributes to reducing educational inequality by providing opportunities for students from diverse backgrounds.

Conclusion

In conclusion, teaching remains one of the most influential and valuable professions in modern society, playing a crucial role in shaping individuals and strengthening communities. Its impact goes far beyond the classroom, as it contributes not only to academic achievement but also to social stability, economic development, and cultural progress. Through effective teaching, students are guided to develop critical thinking skills, intellectual abilities, moral values, and practical competencies that are essential for success in today's rapidly changing world.

Moreover, teaching is a key factor in building a well-educated and responsible society. Educators do not only transfer knowledge but also inspire curiosity, creativity, and a lifelong love of learning. They help students understand their roles in society and encourage them to become active, informed, and productive citizens. In this sense, teachers act as mentors and role models who influence the personal and social development of younger generations.

Although modern technologies continue to transform educational practices and provide new learning opportunities, teachers remain central to the learning process. Digital tools can support education, but they cannot fully replace the human interaction, emotional support, and pedagogical guidance that teachers provide. The presence of a skilled teacher ensures that learning is meaningful, structured, and adapted to individual student needs.

Therefore, societies must continue investing in teacher education, professional development, and educational innovation in order to improve the quality of learning systems. Supporting teachers not only improves education but also strengthens the foundation of future economic and social progress. The study ultimately demonstrates that teaching is not merely the transmission of knowledge, but a complex social and intellectual process that shapes future generations. A society that values teachers and prioritizes education is more likely to achieve long-term progress, innovation, and stability, ensuring a brighter and more sustainable future for all.





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