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OVERWIEV OF TEACHING ENGLISH TO TEENAGERS IN UZBEKISTAN SECONDARY SCHOOLS

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Abstract: This article discusses the development of the Uzbekistan education system, the goal of teaching English to young learners, and the acquisition and learning of foreign languages by young children within the very early stages of the school system. Although there are many disorganized theories, opinions, models, and proposals about how to teach modern languages to young children, we will be focusing on the following. Teaching English to teenagers in Uzbekistan secondary schools has become a challenging task due to the increasing demands and expectations placed on educators. The overwork of teachers in this context is a pressing issue that impacts the quality of education provided to students. This study aims to explore the factors contributing to the overwork of teachers in teaching English to teenagers in Uzbekistan secondary schools, including heavy workloads, limited resources, and high student-to-teacher ratios. Additionally, the study will examine the impact of overwork on teacher well-being and job satisfaction, as well as its implications for student learning outcomes. By highlighting the challenges faced by teachers in this context, this research seeks to inform policy and practice initiatives aimed at improving the working conditions of educators and enhancing the quality of English language education in Uzbekistan secondary schools.

Keywords: foreign language; language teaching; early foreign language education, young learners, secondary school.

Introduction. Teaching English to teenagers in Uzbekistan secondary schools is an important aspect of the education system. English is typically introduced as a foreign language in secondary schools, usually from the 1th or 5th grade onwards. Here is an overview of the general practices and challenges faced: Curriculum: The English curriculum in Uzbekistan secondary schools follows a structured approach that includes grammar, vocabulary, reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills. There is an emphasis on the development of basic language skills to enable communication in English. [1]

Teachers in Uzbekistan generally use a combination of traditional methods, such as grammar-translation and direct instruction, along with more communicative approaches. However, there has been a growing shift towards implementing communicative language teaching methods to enhance students' speaking and listening skills.

Challenges: Some challenges teachers may face include limited resources, large class sizes, and a focus on exam preparation which can hinder the development of communicative skills. There might also be a lack of professional development opportunities for teachers to enhance their teaching methods.

Opportunities: With the increasing importance of English as a global language, there are opportunities to incorporate more interactive and communicative activities in the classroom. Integrating technology and creating more student-centered learning environments can further enhance the learning experience for teenagers. [2]



Methodology and empiric analysis. While there are challenges in teaching English to teenagers in Uzbekistan secondary schools, there are also opportunities for improvement through the adoption of more communicative approaches, use of diverse materials, and ongoing professional development for teachers. Any nation's ability to flourish and continue growing depends heavily on its educational system. The Uzbek government places a high priority on youth education, which is provided free of charge to kids enrolled in private schools. Despite the steps being taken to internationalize and rapidly develop education in Uzbekistan, remnants of the previous educational system still exist. These include elements of Islamic education, secular education brought in by Soviet education, and the significant influence of Soviet education, which persisted in the nation for seven decades. Early childhood foreign language instruction has a sufficiently long history in Uzbekistan. Evidence for the theory extends back to the "Great Silk Road" era, when Uzbekistan's current region served as a hub for international trade, science, and culture. Because learning a second language was always a realistic concern for business, education, and cross-cultural communication, Uzbek merchants were proficient in languages like Persian, Arabic, or Chinese¹.[3]

Discussion. According to recent studies, the official introduction of the English language into Uzbekistan's educational system began in 1932, when the Soviet government issued a decree emphasizing the need for FL education to be included in secondary school curricula. Despite its awareness of the value of foreign languages, the Soviet authorities gave little consideration to teaching foreign languages, particularly English. Prior to independence, the majority of the time spent in foreign language studies was spent on comprehension exercises, translation practice, analytical readings, and sentence analysis. Students had to use their knowledge of grammar rules to build sentences in the target language.2 [2.456] The 1990s came to an end and the 2000s brought in a new era for foreign language instruction in Uzbekistan, as educators, learners, schools, colleges, and universities began to feel prepared for a shift in the way foreign languages were taught and acquired. Following the Republic of Uzbekistan's separation from the Soviet Union in 1991, the administration has been closely examining education reforms to ensure that the country has a suitable role in the international community. The Uzbek language was designated as the sole official language of the nation following independence and educational reforms. Rebuilding the educational system was in fact necessary to ensure the nation's independence, social and political stability, and the growth of its intellectual and spiritual potential.³[4]

The Republic of Uzbekistan's National State Standard and Core Curriculum for Foreign Languages, which have been authorized by Cabinet Ministers, as well as the Core Syllabus of Foreign Languages for Basic Education (grades 1–9).

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¹ Education Sector Plan (ESP) of Uzbekistan 2019-2023

² D. Hasanova. "Functional Allocations Of English In Post-Soviet Uzbekistan: Pedagogical Implications For Englishl Language Teacher". West Lafayette, Indiana: Purdue University. 2007

³ G.Tajibev, SH. Nematjonov, K, Valiyev. (2019). Teaching modern foreign languages in primary classrooms in Uzbekistan: an overview. International Journal on Integrated Education, 225



In 2013, the Ministry of Public Education housed the Republican Center for Education. The Core Curriculum and Syllabus serve as normative principles for instruction and educational activities. They outline the objectives, practical aspects of general education, developmental goals, and the primary subject matter of foreign language courses. The foundation for future lifetime language acquisition, both formal and informal, is laid by primary foreign language study. [5.]

Despite the fact that government policies and curriculum generally support communicative teaching, this method is frequently at odds with the requirements of national exams, which are still grammar-based. Due to pressure to finish the syllabus and get ready for grammar-based exams, many teachers still employ traditional formal grammar-focused methods because they: a) lack the necessary competency in the methodology of teaching foreign languages to young learners and high proficiency; b) make up for their lack of communicative competence by trying to maintain order in the classroom; and c)Teaching children is not viewed as an intellectual endeavor but rather as an extension of mothering in many communities. In comparison to their colleagues in the same educational system who teach teenagers or adults, elementary school teachers frequently receive less training, a lesser status, and a lower salary [L. Cameron; 2005. P.XII]. Primary school teachers in Uzbekistan enjoy privileges. Due to the fact that teaching children is seen as a challenging and time-consuming profession that requires a highly special individual with knowledge of the language, teaching, and language learning, as well as an understanding of how children make sense of the world and learn. [6.]

For many years, secondary school teachers with a focus on teaching two foreign languages have been the standard. Uzbekistan was experiencing a severe teacher shortage for primary school students at the same time that it was decreasing the age at which students should foreignlanguages. begin learning As a result, the nation began to develop specialists for this level who, in addition to being experts in language, also understood the best practices in educating children in the relevant age range. There is currently no set curriculum for becoming a basic MFL teacher in Uzbekistan, and the country is still inexperienced in preparing primary foreign language instructors. All primary school subjects are taught by class teachers in accordance with the "Law about Education," however foreign languages are taught by language instructors who hold a bachelor's degree in philology and language teaching or foreign languages and literature. The government is equipping schools with interactive whiteboards and CD-ROMS, as well as other multimedia-based current technology, to ensure that foreign language instruction meets high standards. This could be seen as a means of making up for inexperienced or underqualified teachers. [7]

Results. As per Hasanova, the designation of Uzbek as the sole official language of the nation was among the initial modifications incorporated into the educational system after to independence and educational reforms. Rebuilding the educational system was in fact necessary to ensure the nation's independence, social and political stability, and the growth of its intellectual and spiritual potential. 56 "Oliy Majlis" (Parliament)



approved the "National Program for Specialist Training" in 1997 after it was designed. This program's main goal is to produce morally and spiritually mature citizens who can think critically on their own and act civilly. Put another way, these individuals are specialists who can think independently and deliberate over decisions; put another way, they are a harmoniously developed generation that can lead Uzbekistan into a prosperous and progressive new era. Young children differ from other pupils in several ways. Teachers need to understand that each student has different demands. It's critical to recognize that your child's teacher may be among the first people they have ever engaged with outside of their immediate family. It might be challenging for children to first be apart from their parents, thus a teacher has to support them during this change. As a "substitute" for their parents, a youngster may get rather attached to you or they may reject you entirely. Excellent educators can adjust to their pupils' emotional states. Furthermore, in terms of your pupils' interactions with other kids, this may be their first experience with kids their own age. When kids struggle to share or learn how to get along, a teacher's job often shifts to that of a mediator. [8]

Early education instructors also need to be flexible and innovative. They need to be able to put themselves in their pupils' shoes and think beyond their own mature viewpoint. Early education courses include a lot of hands-on learning. They include exercise, educational activities, storytelling, arts, crafts, and more. [9]

Children are naturally creative in a variety of communication contexts; they may learn indirectly; and they have vivid imaginations. Children love to talk, and they can understand the main points of a message. David Singleton states that in learning a foreign language, "younger - better in the long run," but points out that there are many exceptions, noting that five percent of adult bilinguals master a foreign language even though they begin learning it when they are well into adulthood, but it is generally agreed that younger people learning a foreign language typically achieve fluency more often than older learners. Older learners may be able to speak the language but will lack the native fluidity of younger learners. Additionally, they listen to a lot of contemporary English and international music, and since many dancing tunes these days include English lyrics, they are often curious about what they mean. Furthermore, the majority of students in this class have access to personal computers and the Internet at home. As a result, they are exposed to a lot of English-language content or games. [10]

Conclusion. People may now easily communicate with people worldwide, learn about current events, and interact with foreign languages through various mediums such as social media, gaming, and television. These advancements in technology have made it easier than ever for people to learn foreign languages.

I could say, that I think of my work with the children as a continuous challenge, but their enthusiastic, inventive and playful nature has won me over. Therefore, I try to make their experience with English as pleasant as possible, even if I am aware of the fact there is always room for improvement.



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