The Content-Based and Task-Based Approaches to Foreign Language Teaching

The way that foreign languages are taught has evolved over time. The function of language students was also well defined in the earlier era; they were expected to listen, take notes, study, and eventually learn. Teachers would enter the classroom and start the transfer of information. However, we found that in fact, language education is more complicated through observation, research, and experimenting. It demands the teacher to pay attention to the ways in which new knowledge is presented while also creating the ideal conditions for the development of the students' competences, skills, and talents. The ensuing series will look at the various tools that teachers and students employ, as well as some of the technique and elements of language education.

Leaver and Stryker (1989) defined the content-based approach, also known as content-based instruction (CBI), as a philosophy, a methodology, a course syllabus design, and a curricular structure. Simply said, it is the "jack of all trades" of language instruction. However, its primary feature is the way language is taught—through content. In other words, students study a subject like biology while receiving resources and instruction in the language of their choice. The concepts of the communicative approach, which contends that language should be taught through communication, are the basis of CBI. The successful exchange of information is language's primary purpose, according to the communicative approach. In CBI, communication is crucial, yet there are a few minor variations.

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