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Abstract: *This article analyzes the theoretical foundations, principles, and practical significance of teaching English using the communicative approach. The main goal of the communicative approach is to develop learners' ability to use the language freely and appropriately in real-life situations. The article discusses the historical development of the method, its core principles, differences from traditional approaches, classroom techniques, as well as its advantages and limitations, based on scholarly sources. Additionally, the impact of this approach on learners' communicative competence, independent thinking, and motivation is examined.*

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INTRODUCTION

The acceleration of globalization, the expansion of international cooperation, and the intensification of information exchange have significantly increased the need to learn foreign languages, especially English. Today, English serves as a key medium for international communication, science, technology, and business. Therefore, effective teaching of English in the education system is of crucial importance.

Traditional approaches primarily focus on grammar and translation, whereas modern methodology prioritizes teaching the language as a means of communication. Language proficiency is not only the mastery of grammatical rules but also the ability to express ideas freely, engage in conversations, and understand interlocutors in real-life contexts. This need laid the foundation for the development of the communicative approach.

The communicative approach emerged in the second half of the 20th century within European linguistics and language teaching methodology. It views language as a social phenomenon and a tool for communication. The concept of communicative competence forms the theoretical basis of this approach, encompassing not only linguistic knowledge but also the ability to use it purposefully in communication.

Modern education standards emphasize the development of learners' communicative competence as a primary goal. Therefore, studying the theoretical and practical aspects of teaching English using the communicative approach is a significant scientific and pedagogical task.

Theoretical foundations of the communicative approach

The communicative approach (Communicative Language Teaching – CLT) links language learning closely with communicative activity. Language is considered primarily as a tool for communication. Therefore, learners must actively participate in communication during the learning process.



Communicative competence is understood to include the following components:

- Linguistic knowledge – mastery of vocabulary and grammar;
- Sociolinguistic competence – ability to adapt language to the context;
- Discourse competence – ability to express ideas coherently and logically;
- Strategic competence – ability to overcome difficulties during communication.

Hence, the communicative approach focuses not only on grammatical accuracy but also on meaningful and purposeful speech.

Core principles of the communicative approach

Focus on communication – lessons are designed to simulate real-life situations.

Learner-centeredness – the teacher acts as a facilitator and organizer.

Interactivity – pair and group work are prioritized.

Content relevance – emphasis is placed on meaning rather than form.

Integration of language skills – speaking, listening, reading, and writing are developed together.

These principles ensure active learner participation and foster independent thinking.

Classroom techniques

The communicative approach commonly uses the following activities:

- Role-playing
- Problem-solving tasks
- Discussions and debates
- Interviews and surveys
- Information gap activities
- Project-based work

For example, role-playing “At the shop” or “Planning a trip” allows learners to gain real communicative experience. Through these activities, learners actively use the language in context.

Advantages of the communicative approach

- Encourages free expression and speech development.
- Reduces fear of communication.
- Increases motivation and engagement.
- Fosters independent and critical thinking.
- Makes lessons lively and engaging.

It creates conditions close to natural language acquisition.

Limitations

- Difficult to implement in large classes.
- Requires a high level of teacher preparedness.
- Careful time management is essential.
- Grammar accuracy may not develop sufficiently at early stages.

Therefore, integrating the communicative approach with other methods is recommended for optimal results.

Communicative approach and motivation

From a psychological perspective, active learner engagement increases interest in learning. The communicative approach transforms learners from passive listeners into



active participants. In communication, learners have opportunities to express their ideas freely, which strengthens intrinsic motivation.

Conclusion

Teaching English using the communicative approach is one of the most effective modern methods in language education. This approach places the learner at the center of the process, ensuring that language learning is natural and purposeful. The communicative approach develops not only linguistic knowledge but also real-life communication skills.

The article demonstrates that the main advantages of the communicative approach include:

- Development of free speech – learners practice using language in real-life situations;
- Increased motivation – interactive exercises, role-plays, and projects engage learners;
- Independent and creative thinking – learners are encouraged to solve problems and express opinions;
- Social skills development – pair and group work teach proper communication etiquette.

However, the method also has limitations, such as difficulty in large classes, high teacher preparation requirements, and potential challenges in ensuring grammar accuracy at early stages. Therefore, combining the communicative approach with traditional or other modern methods is advisable.

In the future, integrating the communicative approach with modern information and communication technologies, distance learning, and online platforms can make the learning process even more effective. This will enable learners to not only acquire the language but also develop competencies necessary for effective participation in a global communication environment.

Overall, the communicative approach is a scientifically grounded and modern method that simultaneously develops learners' linguistic, communicative, and social skills, making it a leading approach in English language teaching methodology.

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