

Traditional vs Modern Teaching Methods. Advantages and Disadvantages

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ABSTRACT

Which methods of teaching have our teachers used, and we grew up with? Which methods do we use nowadays? Has something changed? Can we, today, talk about "those traditional" and "these modern" approaches of teaching? What, in fact, we can name as "traditional" and "modern"? Is there a border where we can distinguish or separate one from another? All these questions show the big importance of knowing the terms: methodology, traditional, modern... Traditional method of teaching is "teacher-dominated interaction". Teaching is deeply teacher centred and teachers are the source of the knowledge, while learners are passive receivers that must memorize things. Modern method is "student centred" method based on "help learning to happen"-role, communication, interaction, helping students to explore method. These days, especially at private schools, we have great possibilities in what a teacher can do with the students, in terms of teaching methods and usage of all optional aids in the classroom. With this freedom in teaching we also have an enormous number of ideas to use. Since the time we spent with our students is very precious, teachers' crucial task should be: comparing, analysing and evaluating the methods they use to motivate the students and to make learning as effective as possible. A teacher must be aware of all advantages and disadvantages in using all types of methodologies. There is no one best or worst method, or one method simply the best for everything and everybody. The central factor in the choice of methods is the learner's need and character. A teacher must be a good pedagogue to see and understand all the students' individual abilities. Some methods work for one person well, but the same one might not work for another person at all. Understanding the student help you choose the way of teaching