



The Importance Of Teaching Phonetics For Developing Communication Skills

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ABSTRACT

Speech is the most important means or medium of human communication. The significance of speech is self-evident in that it is hard to imagine life without speech. Unfortunately, the moments when we become aware of speech often relate to problems and disorders in speech communication: we may experience voice problems and, occasionally, difficulties even in the production of certain speech sounds and also hearing problems may have an effect on our ability to understand speech. Phonetics is the science where all aspects of speech are considered and investigated: how speech is produced using our speech organs, what are the properties of speech sounds in the air as they travel from the speaker's mouth to the ear of the listener, and, finally, how we perceive speech and recognise its structural elements as certain linguistic symbols or signs.

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INTRODUCTION

Phonetics yields useful theoretical and practical information for everyone working with spoken language, including students of languages and logopedics. Areas of application of phonetic knowledge include teaching of pronunciation in foreign language didactics, disorders of speech and language that are manifested in the speaking voice, clinical speech therapy in logopedics, and in technical subjects, speech signal processing.



Phonetics has many interfaces with other disciplines investigating speech and linguistic behaviour, including general linguistics, the study of individual languages, logopedics, psychology, cognitive science, language technology (automatic speech recognition, speech synthesis), anatomy, physiology, forensic phonetics (speaker identification), etc.

If you are interested in languages – native or foreign – and you are leaning towards a research oriented profession or work, Phonetics presents itself as an extremely useful linguistic subject. Of course, studies in Phonetics in no way prevent you from entering a more teaching oriented work, since the focus of Phonetics is very much present and meaningful in almost all areas of teaching.

Phonetic research offers several possible areas of specialization in that the research motives can be as varied as linguistic (linguistic theory and language teaching), logopedic (disorders of speech communication), medical (physiology of speech and hearing) and psychological (speech perception) as well as technical (speech signal processing).

FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION

Phonics is a method of teaching in the development of communication skills that has a connection with sounds and groups of letters. Phonics helps students in the process of learning and enhances their communication skills.

In some of the non-English languages, pictographs are used to represent meanings of sounds, while the English alphabet represents sounds. To read English well and have strong communication skills, students must learn the sounds of English letters and understand how they work together. When phonics is introduced as a way to teach English, language learners can learn correct pronunciation and grammar to avoid mistakes that will result in the development of student's communication skills.

Furthermore, phonics provides a foundation of learning meant to help make communication easier. It builds a foundation used to help students learn to speak and read by breaking down words into sounds and building letter and word



recognition. This can enhance a student's ability to use unknown words in the future. It enables students to blend words and teach them how to dissect words, while improving spelling ability and increasing their pronunciation.

When students learn phonics it can build their self-confidence, so they begin to speak up more often. Pronunciation exercises can be difficult, of course, but if they eliminate everything difficult from language learning, they may end up doing very little beyond getting to play simple communication games.

Phonetics is important not only for the scientist, but also for anyone who either teaches or learners a foreign language. One of the most important appreciations of phonetics is in the teaching foreign language. It allows teachers to examine the differences between the sounds of sources and target language and explain the difference to learners. It also enables learners to better understand and communicate the language they are learning.

Phonetics is an important foundation to many areas of linguistics such clinical phonetics in this it help people with their speech and hearing, they need to understand how things work normally. Thus, knowing how speech sounds are produced and how they are perceived they can communicate properly. By knowing what is right, we can recognize what is going wrong and can finally help the person with their speech or hearing disorder.

In the area of phonetic research being applied to child language acquisition, they know exactly how proficient a child's perception of speech sounds is. Knowing more about the way speech sounds are produced also means they can devise better ways of teaching and learning the oral aspects of foreign languages, in second language acquisition.

It is also important to mention the speech recognition which offers a huge benefit in the field phonetics, such as healthcare and the military. It can also be found applied to things like video games, robotics, in court and even aerospace, phonetics research and analysis of speech for the court of law.

SUMMARY



Phonics is a branch of linguistics where the sounds and physical properties of human speech sounds are studied. Phonics reading is highly essential in every child education. It is not uncommon to find parents who question the importance of phonics reading in the education of their children. Such parents believe that children will naturally master the different sounds of human speech since the ability to use language is innate in every human being. Their view may look plausible but they are not actually correct.

Indeed, phonics reading is very important in the education of children. The report of National Reading Panel indicates that teaching children phonics will help them in many ways in life. In the first instance, phonics reading is very important in helping children to learn how to spell words. It will be impossible for a person to spell any word correctly if the person is not able to recognize the sounds of the letters used in forming the words. When a child is taught phonics, the child will be able to recognize sounds in words and will be able to spell them correctly.

Children have problem in reading because they are not able to recognize the sounds of the letters of the alphabet in the words they read. Phonics reading will help children to recognize and associate sounds of the letters of the alphabet in the word they read. This will help them to improve in their reading skills and efficiency. In other words, it will be difficult for a child to improve in his reading skills if the teaching of phonics is removed from their curriculum.

Phonics reading helps also to increase a child's fluency in reading. Fluency in this context is not limited to reading fast. It also means reading text accurately. When a child is taught phonics properly, the child will find reading easy. The child will not only read accurately but also quickly. Reading quick and correctly is another benefits of phonics reading.

Phonics reading is also necessary for the improvement of a child's reading comprehension. It is impossible for somebody to understand a word that is not properly pronounced. When a child learns how to pronounce a word very well, the child will be able to comprehend what he or she reads. Reading comprehension is another benefit that can be derived from phonics reading.



Phonics reading will also help a child in acquiring more vocabulary on daily basis. When a child is able to pronounce a word correctly, the child will be able to understand the word. Children normally use in their words that they understand in their daily speech.

Children have to develop more confidence in themselves before they begin to vocalize more. This begins the moment they realize that they can pronounce words correctly like older people. It is only through phonics reading that children will develop the ability to pronounce words very well. So, if you want your child to develop confidence and become more vocal in the future, you need to teach him or her phonics.

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