



Teacher as an effective Communicator: Discussion

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Abstract: Teacher is not a machine to routine the aspect but teacher is a multidirectional reformer who refine and modifies the concept basing on the students' mood and their needs. Thus, a good teacher has to effective communication skills and teacher in the classroom brings successful modification of behavior of students as desired by the process. Communication has special significance in teaching process and the form and nature of communication vary from person to person, culture to culture and society to society. There is great difference in the subject-matters of science, mathematics, literature etc. Due to this reason different teaching skills are required for teaching different subjects.

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Introduction

Communication has special significance in teaching process and the form and nature of communication vary from person to person, culture to culture and society to society. For those looking to get more of the social classroom experience, a traditional education might be the better fit. For those looking for a more flexible option, online education is something to check out. Another option is to use online resources to supplement and enhance your traditional education. A campus-based education is the more traditional college experience, especially at the bachelor's degree level. Students may live on campus, participate in sports and extracurricular activities, attend events and get more hands-on experience in their chosen fields. Here is a list of possible advantages:

Teacher as an instructor

Social Interaction: Interacting with peers and teachers alike provides learning and

networking opportunities that aren't part of an online education. Additionally, a campus-based education provides the opportunity for students to participate in extracurricular activities or sports. Students may eat and live together, providing a more immersive environment.

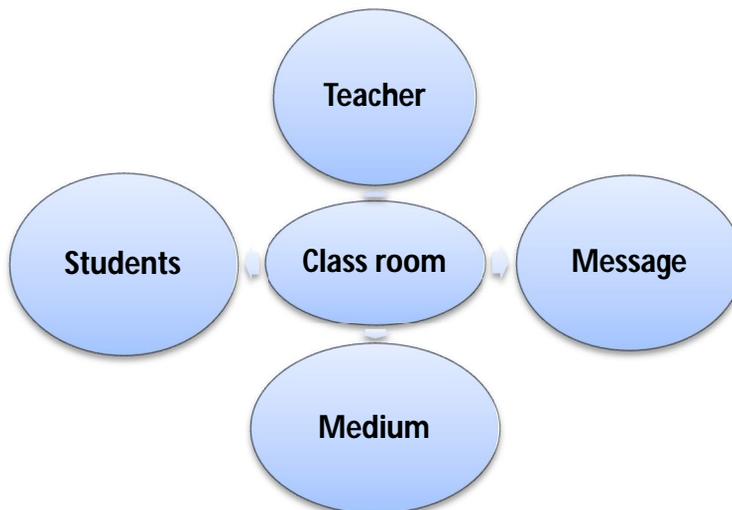
Instructors: Face-to-face instruction and interaction with professors offers a number of benefits for many students. Instructors may have office hours at a set time, allowing students to get one-on-one attention.

Degree Programs: There are a greater number of degree programs available for students who enroll in campus-based education programs. Degree programs in areas, such as science, engineering or health-related fields, may require the physical presence of students due to labs, which can't be accommodated in an online education program.

Structure: Many students may find the structure, regularity and scheduling found in a campus-based education beneficial, as opposed to the self-paced

curricula that generally make up online programs.

Figure: Class room teaching elements



Classroom elements

Classroom teaching involves four elements i.e., the Teacher, message, medium and students. So, good teaching involves the effective use of all these components. For making interaction more successful, the essential requirement is teacher effectiveness. He is the initiator, coordinator and director of the classroom interaction. There are some teachers who know more facts about their subject but they fail to communicate their thoughts, ideas and feeling to the students. On the contrary, there are also some teachers rated as average in terms of their educational or training background, but they acquired skills of communication effectively.

They make their teaching more effective and clear by using various effective teaching strategies. Lecture-

demonstration method is used by good science teachers for imparting science education in class room. By using this method it is possible to easily impart concrete experiences to students during the course of a lesson when the teacher wants to explain some abstract points. This method combines the instructional strategy of 'information imparting' and 'showing how. This method combines the advantages of both the lecture method and the demonstration method.

Science teachers should encourage more direct experimentation by children in order to help children broaden their range of fact finding skills beyond three T's- *Teacher, Textbooks, Television*. Classroom communication is not a mere one- sided presentation of facts; it requires inter communication between

student and the teacher. Good teachers communicate ideas effectively, so that



students also communicate their reactions by asking, participating, responding and behaving appropriately. Different teachers have different styles of teaching. Some teachers like to talk, and expect the students to write down what they say and to learn it (this style encourages superficial learning - and rapid forgetting!). Other teachers see their role as one of helping the students to learn at a deeper level - to understand new ideas and concepts so well that they can apply them in a work situation. Either way, these teachers will do a better job if they communicate well with their students.

An important element of communication in teaching is the use of teaching aids. We have all heard the saying: 'What I hear, I forget; what I see, I remember; what I do, I know'. Pictures, written posters and practical demonstrations improve communication and we should use them as much as possible. Most of us have access to paper, posters, a chalkboard, or an overhead projector. We can use these to prepare aids for our lessons: summaries of important facts, or pictures and diagrams. The overhead projector is particularly useful, because it allows us to face our students while using it.

How could we know whether we are communicating well as a teacher? Communication is a skill - and we improve our skills by getting feedback on the way we perform them. We can get such feedback by asking an experienced colleague to sit in on our teaching, and to give us feedback. We can also ask someone to record us on a videotape as

we teach which we then inspect critically afterwards. In either case the feedback will be better if we use a checklist to judge our performance. Teachers communicate by speaking, but also by writing.

Effective Communication Skills for Teachers

Following are some of the communication skills that a teacher must possess so that they interact properly with the students -

1. Positive Motivation -

This is one of the important things that a teacher must possess. In a class, students always have different kinds of taste and preferences over subjects. So it is the job of the teacher to create enthusiasm and interest in the minds of the students towards a subject. It is also a teacher's role to remove any fear and inhibitions that a student may have towards a subject.

2. Effective Body Language

This is the most powerful communication skill that a teacher must possess. Good presentation skills include a powerful body language supported by verbal skills. This can create a long lasting impression in the minds of the students. Thus, a teacher's lecture will inevitably become more interactive and interesting for the students. Besides, a teacher should maintain the volume, tone and rhythm of their voice during a lecture.

3. Sense of Humor -The importance of this factor has been regularly underestimated. A good sense of humor keeps the students active and interested in the teacher's class. Teachers who are dour and lack humor do not contribute to the overall wellbeing of the students.

4. Understanding the Students - Teachers should encourage students to



communicate openly. There should be emphasis on cultivating a dialogue rather than a monologue. So while solving any kind of problems in the classroom, it is always wise to hear the opinions of the students also.

5. Team Formation – This is a good method where you can divide the classroom into small teams and ask them to solve different problems or complete assignments. This practice will increase not only the interaction among the students but also among the teacher and students.

6. Technical Skills – It is also important that teachers should be up to date with all the latest teaching aids like computers, video conferencing and especially the use of internet. This will also help the students to keep up their interest in the learning process.

A communication can be said successful only if we are able to convince people for whatever we wanted to convey. Depending on the environment and circumstances the effectiveness of communication skills being affected by many variables. It is a basic social process required for the growth and development of individuals, groups, society and people. Knowing good communication skills are really important in every walk of life. So to make class room teaching effective, the teacher should acquire the different communication skill. It is also important that teachers should be up to date with all the latest teaching aids like computers, video conferencing and especially the use of internet. This will also help the students to keep up their interest in the learning process

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