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The significance of using children oriented material in improving the pronunciation skill and vocabulary in freshmen of the preparation year for medical specialties at Dammam university

Description:

Although many adults feel ashamed of using children dedicated stuff as language learning material, this material has considerable significance in teaching language to non-native beginner learners because of its emphasis on basic skills of language and the easiness of tackling these skills. Children literature, for example, uses easy terms and simple ideas in the novel or short story or poetry, etc. Also, nursery rhymes show clear system of syllable stress and basic vocabulary. Adults usually shun this method of learning because they look at it as underestimating for them, and this is the main obstacle.

Tools & Methodology:

I am going to use nursery rhymes' CDs and some printed short stories as gifts to a sample of 20 volunteer students to use it as extracurricular activity. The volunteer should show full willingness for enrolling in the experiment, and inform me when he changes his mind. After one month I will start a structured interview with students one by one to estimate the benefit they have got in terms of vocabulary and pronunciation, and what problems they faced in using this material. At the end of each interview a small gift, a pen and a cup, will be given to the student as appreciation. The interview will take place in the lobby of the medical complex at the University of Dammam.