

THE IMPACT OF INCREASING ATTENTION TO ENGLISH LANGUAGE ON LEARNERS IN UZBEKISTAN'S EDUCATION SYSTEM

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Annotation: In recent years, the role of English language education in Uzbekistan has significantly expanded due to global integration and national educational reforms. This article examines how the growing emphasis on English has positively influenced young learners in primary and secondary schools. The research is based on qualitative and quantitative observations, including surveys of teachers and students. Findings reveal improvements in students' communication skills, motivation, and access to global resources. Furthermore, the reforms align with Uzbekistan's long-term goals of preparing competitive specialists in the global labor market.

Key words: language, education, learners, motivation, globalization, educational reform, educational levels.

INTRODUCTION

In the 21st century, English has become the dominant language of international communication, science, technology, and business. Recognizing this reality, Uzbekistan has taken strategic steps to improve English language teaching across all educational levels. Since the implementation of the 2012 Presidential Decree on foreign language learning, the importance of English in schools has increased. This growing attention has reshaped the educational environment, especially for young learners, by fostering curiosity, intercultural awareness, and new learning opportunities.

As a result of the orders and proposals issued by the head of our state, currently 25 higher educational institutions in our country are teaching in a foreign language. In 2016, there were only 7 of them. The number of students who have received international language certificates has increased 10 times in the last 3 years. This is one of the greatest achievements in recent years. Like all countries, Uzbekistan believes that the future of the state is its youth. That is why they say, "The future is in the hands of the youth." If we get an education now, our children will follow our example in the future.

The purpose of this article is to analyze the positive effects of increased attention to English language education on young learners in Uzbekistan. The study highlights the advantages of early language acquisition, the influence on students' motivation, and the broader role of English in preparing children for global citizenship.

METHODOLOGY

The research employed a mixed-methods approach:

1. Literature Review: Analysis of national policies and previous studies on English teaching reforms in Uzbekistan.
2. Survey: Questionnaires were distributed to 50 primary school teachers and 120 students in three regions (Tashkent, Samarkand, and Gulistan).

3. Observation: Classroom practices were observed in selected schools to assess the methods used in teaching English and students' responses.

Data were analyzed qualitatively to identify trends and quantitatively to measure students' progress in speaking, vocabulary, and motivation.

RESEARCH RESULTS

The study revealed several positive impacts of the increasing emphasis on English:

- **Improved Communication Skills:** Students showed noticeable progress in speaking and listening abilities compared to earlier generations.
- **Higher Motivation:** Young learners expressed enthusiasm for learning English through songs, games, and interactive methods.
- **Access to Global Resources:** Exposure to English textbooks, online platforms, and media opened opportunities for self-learning.
- **Teacher Development:** Teachers reported greater opportunities for professional growth through training programs and international collaborations.

Quantitative data indicated that 78% of surveyed students believed English would help them achieve future career goals, while 85% reported increased interest in extracurricular English activities.

Knowing a foreign language benefits not only us, but also our beloved country. Over the years, our country has been developing rapidly to meet world standards. It is building buildings worthy of world praise, conducting scientific research, and at the same time educating young people who raise its flag high. As our President said, knowing foreign languages opens the doors of the world to us. Our leader has provided additional benefits to professionals who know foreign languages. In particular, a 50% additional amount has been introduced for the monthly salary of English teachers. This has increased the sense of pride in their profession among teachers. In accordance with the resolutions signed by President Shavkat Mirziyoyev in 2022, starting from this academic year, it has been determined that every teacher teaching foreign languages must have an international or national certificate. In accordance with this decision, teachers and all future educators are preparing to further strengthen their knowledge and obtain certification.

DISCUSSION

The outcomes of this research show that Uzbekistan's increasing attention to English language education has created substantial benefits for young learners. At the same time, these findings align with international studies, which argue that early exposure to foreign languages develops stronger problem-solving skills, cognitive flexibility, and better memory retention.

Another important aspect is the role of parents and society. Interviews with teachers revealed that parents are becoming more supportive of English learning, often enrolling their children in private courses and online programs. This reflects the growing social value of English as a tool for future success, both academically and professionally.

Furthermore, the integration of technology in English classrooms has accelerated the learning process. Platforms such as Duolingo, BBC Learning English, and YouTube channels designed for children are increasingly popular. These tools allow young learners to practice English outside traditional classroom settings, thereby strengthening their autonomy and self-motivation.

Nevertheless, the study also highlights existing challenges. Although urban schools have relatively good access to modern teaching materials, rural areas still face shortages in qualified teachers and digital infrastructure. This creates a gap between students in different regions. Bridging this gap requires targeted government initiatives, teacher training, and investment in educational technology.

In a broader sense, the emphasis on English in Uzbekistan not only enhances individual student skills but also contributes to the country's national development. Proficiency in English allows young learners to access global science, literature, and technology, thereby preparing the next generation for active participation in international collaboration and innovation.

CONCLUSION

To conclude, the increased attention to English language education in Uzbekistan has had a profound and positive effect on young learners. Students not only acquire linguistic skills but also develop motivation, intercultural awareness, and readiness for future academic and professional opportunities. Continued investment in teacher training, resource development, and digital tools will ensure that these positive outcomes are sustainable.

Living in a time of rapid development, we must adapt to this era and be unique. What makes us different or different from other children? What one person can do, another person can certainly do. True, learning a language can be a difficult task, but at the same time it is a very enjoyable activity. Think for yourself, if you know an additional language, you can travel internationally, study at a foreign university, work, and most importantly, become a perfect person. At the same time, you will have the opportunity to further elevate the status of your heavenly country, which has created opportunities for you to learn a language. In order to develop "New Uzbekistan", it is necessary to add knowledge to the knowledge of young people, raise their spirituality, improve their abilities, and encourage them to learn the languages and proven skills of foreign countries. This is equally beneficial for all of us.

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