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## IMPORTANCE OF AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS IN TEACHING OF ENGLISH

Teaching aids are imperative in the teaching and learning of English Language. This is more important because English Language is not an indigenous language and there involves complicated concepts. The use of teaching aids simplifies these concepts and therefore, teaching and learning become pleasant and a worth while venture.

However, visual aids are those materials that appeal only to the sense of sight. Visual aids are different from audio aids because, audio aids are those ones that appeal only to the sense of hearing. Audio visual aids are those materials that appeal to the sense of hearing and sight at the same time. They are used to complement and supplement teachers' verbal effort in teaching and learning. Some of these audio visual aids include radio cassette, tape recorders, televisions, slides, transparent films, film strips, opaque projectors, microscopes, globes, atlases and so on. They make important contributions in teaching and learning process.

The use of audio visual aid in teaching and learning comes into the branch of knowledge known as Educational Technology. They aid learning and help in realization of educational objectives. The application of audio visual aids in the field of education started in the past (1973) in Vienna. During the time, an exhibit from an American school with maps, charts, textbooks and other equipment won the admiration of the people. Subsequent exhibitions at Paris in 1878 and Melbourne in 1880 marked the initiation. Education technology today tends to be a system rather than simply a package of instructional materials. Teachers of today use a variety of visual aids such as overhead, films, film loops. They also use audio aids like tape recorders, radio and language laboratory. Teachers now use instructional materials in a more scientific way. Teachers use them to the structure and evaluating their teaching.

In view of this, psychologists said that "human beings learn audio visual in their senses" because of the audio visual aids in education. John Lock, an empiric, talked on the "sensitivity of human wants from the external world through the sense of audio-visual." Pestalozzi also mentioned that "sense impression is the one condition of human learning". In this case, children learn better when teachers appeal to more than one of their senses during instructions, that is they understand better when they hear and see what the teacher talks about John lock (1997)

The aims for setting up audio visual centres is to reduce teaching deficiencies in certain syllabus courses such as sciences, to provide an examples of good teaching which can help upgrade the general ability of classroom instruction, to provide ideal materials that are not generally available in the classroom (UNESCO, 1969: 116)

Government made efforts to establish various audio visual aids centres in different states because of the aims mentioned above. Despite the government efforts, several factors are seen as problems to achieve the audio visual programme. Some of these factors include, "lack of fund appropriate man power, technical knowhow" etc.

Audio ó visual equipments are lying unused in shelves and cupboards in many schools due to not having technical or knowing knowledge applying the operations. The problem is therefore, even when government and schools are able to obtain the expensive audio ó visual aids, the ability required for the effective usage is lacking.

The study of languages involved wide range of concepts. Language is a significant culture of a people and because of its human quality; it is dynamic and gives problems and difficulties to learners.

English language is a second language to Indians and thus learning it becomes problematic. The use of teaching aids becomes imperative in this regard. For instance, spelling, punctuation and others need a wide range of teaching aids in form of radio, television, dramatized lessons and the likes. The essence of these teachings aids is to facilitate learning and ensure remembrance.

The development of the human brain makes it imperative that teaching aids should be necessary in the teaching of languages. Languages are abstract in order to enhance assimilation. For example, teaching aids enable a student to consciously apply grammatical rules and to identify error in usage immediately it occurs.

Unfortunately, teachers do not make use of aids in the teaching and learning of English language. The teaching aid to be used depends on the academic ability of the students. However, the use of audio materials has assisted in the teaching of English language. Radio enables students to listen to pre órecorded lessons at their convenient times and the teacher can adjust lessons to qualities and visual qualities students can appreciate harder concepts through the use of the television than the radio. Furthermore, teachers should apply audio ó visual materials in terms of helping themselves and their students. On the other hand, the government should know the importance of audio ó visual aids and put their efforts in providing audio ó visual aids more especially for schools, where it is not adequately provided. The purpose of this study is to apply or find out the uses of audio ó visual aids in teaching senior secondary schools.

English language is a very important subject in the nation's educational system. This is why it is made compulsory in our educational system. This present study serves to focus attention on this vital subject.

Moreover, the findings of the study would add a new knowledge in this area of study. Again, through this study, the importance of teaching aids will be emphasized and teachers will make use of teaching aids while teaching. Teachers should also apply for more teaching aids materials.

### **How to use audio - visual aids?**

Audio visual aids can be used in any of the following ways:

1. To reinforce stated facts.
2. To aid the understanding of ideas.
3. To clarify relationships or physical layouts.
4. To introduce the audience to a new topic area.



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Audio visual ads are really so effective in teaching English. When taught the English to any small children then showed him a picture about that word. It is very panacea way to learn about anything. Audio is an effective thing. Audios are recognized in every field. Audio songs are very fabulous example of audios. We hear the songs without see them. We enjoy them very much. So is a very unique step in Songs field. We can record any type of interactions in audio file. We can hear the voice very clearly by audios of any person or persons. So audio is very effective step of science. Many types of audio about mythology, study and for that subject which is very useful for you. Radio is also very good example of audio. We can hear the radio but not can see because radio is not able to see. We hear the songs, aids of many companies and many public interest related things. So audio is also very helpful technique. When we go at any place for travel then we play the songs in the car on the way. So audio is also very important source for entertainment.