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THE ROLE OF CLASSROOM ENVIRONMENT IN DEVELOPING COMMUNICATIVE COMPETENCE

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Аннотация. Эта статья посвящена критическому анализу того, как классная среда влияет на развитие коммуникативной компетентности у старшеклассников. Коммуникативная компетентность, включающая лингвистическую, социолингвистическую, дискурсивную и стратегическую компетенции, имеет решающее значение для эффективного общения в различных контекстах. С помощью метода ситуационного анализа в этом исследовании исследуется взаимосвязь между физическими, социальными и эмоциональными аспектами обстановки в классе и коммуникативными способностями учащихся. В ней исследуются такие факторы, как планировка класса, взаимодействие учителя и ученика, динамика сверстников и культурное разнообразие, подчеркивая их влияние на приобретение навыков общения. Опираясь на существующие исследования и теоретические основы, в этой статье предлагается понимание практических стратегий для педагогов по созданию благоприятной и инклюзивной среды в классе, способствующей развитию коммуникативной компетентности. Понимая и используя динамику классной среды, преподаватели могут помочь учащимся преуспеть в качестве эффективных коммуникаторов в академической, личной и профессиональной областях.

Ключевые слова: Классная среда, коммуникативная компетентность, старшеклассники, лингвистическая компетентность, социолингвистическая компетентность, дискурсивная компетентность, стратегическая компетентность, приобретение коммуникативных навыков, инклюзивная среда обучения.

Abstract. This article delves into the critical examination of how the classroom environment influences the development of communicative competence among high school students. Communicative competence, comprising linguistic, sociolinguistic, discourse, and strategic competencies, is pivotal for effective communication in various contexts. Through a situational analysis framework, this study explores the interplay between the physical, social, and emotional dimensions of the classroom setting and students' communicative abilities. It investigates factors such as classroom layout, teacher-student interactions, peer dynamics, and cultural diversity, highlighting their impact on communication skill acquisition. Drawing on existing research and theoretical frameworks, this article offers insights into practical strategies for educators to create supportive and inclusive classroom environments that foster communicative competence development. By understanding and leveraging the dynamics of the classroom environment, educators can empower students to thrive as effective communicators across academic, personal, and professional domains.

Key words: Classroom environment, communicative competence, high school students, linguistic competence, sociolinguistic competence, discourse competence, strategic competence, communication skill acquisition, inclusive learning environments.

The investigation of the classroom environment's impact on the development of communicative abilities is a significant area of study in the realm of language

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education. The subject matter holds major importance as educators try to establish educational settings that develop proficient communication talents in students throughout various age groups and skill levels. In order to enhance students' language acquisition and refinement, educators can acquire a deeper understanding of the various factors that contribute to the creation of an optimal learning environment. This study aims to analyze the theoretical framework pertaining to communicative competence and investigate the potential impact of the physical, social, and emotional dimensions of the classroom setting on the acquisition and refinement of these fundamental abilities. The primary aim of this situational analysis is to provide educators with pragmatic approaches for establishing a classroom atmosphere that fosters effective communication, hence augmenting student learning and facilitating successful communication.

It is crucial to understand communicative skills in order to communicate effectively in both personal and professional contexts. Communicative competence encompasses an ability to employ language in a suitable and efficient manner across diverse communication settings. According to Smith, A., Johnson, B., & Williams, C. [1], the scope of competence include not only language proficiency but also sociolinguistic, discourse, and strategic competencies. Linguistic competence encompasses the mastery of a language's grammar, vocabulary, and pronunciation, whereas sociolinguistic competence entails comprehension of the social norms and cultural circumstances that influence communication. Discourse competence refers to the aptitude to effectively arrange and structure messages in a cohesive manner, whereas strategic competence encompasses the knowledge and skills required to surmount communication obstacles and accomplish communication objectives. The acquisition of communicative competence necessitates continuous exposure to a wide range of communication scenarios and the receipt of feedback regarding one's communication proficiency. Individuals can enhance their ability to traverse complicated communication contexts with confidence and efficacy by acquiring a comprehensive awareness of the various components of communicative competence.

The classroom environment plays a crucial role in the development of communicative competence among students. One key aspect is the physical layout of the classroom, which can either facilitate or hinder communication. For instance, a classroom with small desks arranged in rows may limit interactions between students and impede group work activities. On the other hand, a classroom with round tables encourages collaboration and discussion among peers, thereby enhancing students' communicative skills. Furthermore, the atmosphere created by the teacher, including

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their demeanor, language use, and responsiveness to student input significantly impacts students' communicative development. A positive and supportive classroom environment fosters a sense of psychological safety for students to experiment with language and take risks in their communication efforts. Overall, the classroom environment serves as a powerful catalyst for the acquisition and refinement of communicative competence in students [2]

Factors influencing the classroom environment play a crucial role in the development of communicative competence among students. One such factor is the physical layout of the classroom, including seating arrangements and availability of resources like technology and learning materials. The arrangement of desks in a circular or horseshoe shape, for example, can facilitate peer interaction and collaboration. Another influential factor is the teacher's communication style and the level of encouragement provided to students to participate actively in discussions and activities [3]. A supportive and inclusive classroom environment, where students feel comfortable expressing their thoughts and opinions, can enhance their communicative skills. Additionally, the cultural diversity present in the classroom can significantly affect the communication dynamics among students, as it exposes them to different perspectives and communication styles. Overall, these factors interact with each other to shape the classroom environment and ultimately contribute to the development of communicative competence among students [4].

One strategy for enhancing the classroom environment for communicative competence is to create opportunities for authentic communication. This can be achieved by incorporating real-life tasks and scenarios into the lesson plans, such as role-plays, debates, and discussions on current events [5]. By engaging students in meaningful interactions that mirror real-world communication, they can practice using the target language in a more natural and contextually relevant way. Additionally, providing opportunities for collaborative learning activities can encourage students to work together to solve problems, negotiate meaning, and express their ideas effectively. By creating a supportive and interactive classroom environment, students can feel more confident and motivated to participate in communicative tasks, ultimately enhancing their overall language proficiency and communicative competence [6].

In addition to incorporating authentic communication tasks, collaborative learning activities offer another effective strategy for enhancing communicative competence within the classroom environment. By working together in pairs or groups, students can engage in meaningful interactions, negotiate meaning, and co-

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construct knowledge. Collaborative tasks such as group projects, problem-solving activities, and peer-editing exercises not only foster communication skills but also promote critical thinking, teamwork, and interpersonal skills.

Furthermore, collaborative learning provides students with opportunities to receive feedback from their peers, which can be instrumental in refining their communication strategies and identifying areas for improvement. Through constructive peer feedback, students can gain valuable insights into their communication strengths and weaknesses, leading to enhanced self-awareness and growth [7].

Central to fostering communicative competence is the creation of a supportive and interactive classroom environment where students feel encouraged to take risks, express themselves, and engage actively in communicative tasks. Educators can cultivate such an environment by establishing a culture of respect, openness, and inclusivity, where all voices are valued and contributions are welcomed.

Moreover, integrating technology tools and multimedia resources can further enrich the classroom environment, providing students with additional avenues for communication and expression. Digital platforms, interactive whiteboards, and educational apps offer innovative ways to engage students in interactive learning experiences, fostering creativity, collaboration, and engagement.

By embracing these strategies and creating a supportive and interactive classroom environment, educators can empower students to develop the communicative competence necessary for success in today's globalized world.

In conclusion, the environment of the classroom acts as a crucible for the development of communicative competence among students who are studying in high school. The dynamic interactions that shape communication patterns inside learning spaces are analyzed through the perspective of situational analysis, which provides us with significant insights into these interactions. Students are able to flourish as effective communicators in academic, personal, and professional domains when educators construct environments that are inclusive and supportive. This understanding enables educators to design environments that empower students to thrive.

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