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Abstract

Language learning in the recent era of express and intensive exchanges of information and influence of thoughts and ideas is definitely distinctive. This requires a great interest in the interaction skills rather than separate systematic memorization of some language structures and formal exchanges. Results of a questionnaire in addition to the practical observation of the researcher of the present study revealed aspects of shortage in these vital skills. Therefore the present study intended to improve the interaction skills either orally or via writing among the first-year secondary stage students.

The main aim of the present study is to investigate the effectiveness of an advanced interactive technique named as simulation in improving the oral interaction and writing skills of the first-year secondary students. The research specified the superior students to be the sample of the study to cope with the advanced technique's regulation and simultaneously to invest their superior abilities through an advanced programme specially designed for them.

The researcher of the present study hypothesized that the use of a simulation-based programme would enhance the students' oral interaction and writing skills. To investigate this hypothesis the researcher designed oral interaction and writing tests as well as a simulation-based programme. Both tests were administered to the study sample which included sixty first-year students, thirty of them served as the control group while the other thirty served as the experimental group. Pre-testing emphasized that both groups are homogeneous in the target skills.

The experimental group went through the suggested programme while the control group were taught the regular prescribed course. Post-testing confirmed the hypotheses of the study. Thus, the simulation-based programme enhanced the oral interaction and the writing skills of the experimental group. This enhancement proved to be statistically and educationally significant.

Findings revealed that:

• There is a severe shortage in the process of identification, selection, and placement of superior students in our secondary school.

- The poor scores of the subjects on the oral interaction and writing pre-tests reflect the severe negligence of such important skills from the side of the curriculum, the teacher, and the learners themselves.
- Implementing a simulation-based programme can result in improving crucial skills in learning a language such as oral interaction and writing.

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