

Which is the Most Appropriate Strategy for Very Young Language Learners?

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Abstract

It is important to know how youngsters acquire a foreign language, which activities and content should be chosen for their age. Hence, choosing the most appropriate activities, method or techniques which will help young learners learn languages better gains significance. This study aimed to obtain the strategies that language teachers use in very young learner classes. 34 language teachers participated in the study and they filled out a questionnaire that asked their opinions about the most frequently used strategies, the most effective ones and their easiness of preparation. Then a semi-structured interview was organized with volunteer 8 teachers. The data were analyzed by using SPSS 17.00 and descriptive statistics were conducted. The results showed that the most frequently used activities, methods or techniques were found effective by the language teachers and these were also easy to prepare.

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