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LANGUAGE – LABORATORY – A GRANDLY ROLE AMONG ENGLISH
LANGUAGE LEARNERS

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ABSTRACT

The language lab is an exclusive result oriented and efficient one to enrich the English language learning process. The significance of its usage could be seen in different fields. By using its technology, one could communicate well and teach a number of languages effectively. Language laboratory plays a vital role in 21st century language learning, and bears little similarity to the ancient labs. This paper examines the role of the language laboratory in language teaching as it is helpful tool for learners in certain areas, in which they are experiencing some barriers such as the correct use of grammatical structure, pronunciation and listening comprehension. The aim of this paper is also examines how language laboratories assist the learners in the acquisition and maintenance of aural comprehension, oral and written proficiency and cultural awareness.

Keywords- *Language laboratory, acquisition and maintenance.*

INTRODUCTION

Most of the population of the world is bilingual. If we observe closely all the students of the world, they are being taught English as a second language in their academic subject and English is the most common of it. The English language is generally acknowledged as a global language, in view of its numerous functions and preference over several other language around the globe. Richards (2001) explored that to acquire a sensibility for the sounds and rhythm of a language, one has to hear the best sample of a spoken language. It is also proved that one can learn all aspects of phonetics of a language such as pronunciation, accent, stress etc. Today's era is an era of competition, everybody needs to take some courses and classes, AS IELTS, TOFEL and other competitive examinations could be organized. Moreover for creating and editing scientific and technical materials, for teaching language, the language lab could be utilized. Hence language lab

Language Lab:-

Language laboratory is an audio – visual installation used in modern teaching methods to learn the foreign languages. Perhaps the first lab was at the University of Grenoble. In the 1950s until the 1990s, they were tape based systems using reel to reel or cassette. The multimedia based language lab helps to learn and enhance the language proficiency by sharing the course materials with in a second, where the teacher and the students involved effortlessly. The language Lab is developed on the methodology of LSRW skill.

Significance of language laboratory

The language laboratory is very useful to enrich the English language learning process. In the present education system in India, only those who study science subjects have practical work in a laboratory, whereas those students who study arts subjects do not have a laboratory session. Hence, a laboratory for language learning to our students, which is very common in western countries to train children for the need of an hour. Though the language lab is believed as self-learning obtainable, we need an expert to handle the classes. They are trained experts who teach the faculties and the students to know how to equip and use the language lab need to be appointed. A part from this, effective communication training programmes could be offered for the other general public and private sectors.

Language Laboratory in Enriching Communication skills

We can, however, describe what language is, language is a medium of communication. Communication implies carrying of message or receiving of message. The language lab is a technological break for imparting skills in English. The importance of English is not because of its more users but what it is used for. In the present century English has gained a position. It is commonly used in many fields. The language lab offers an exclusive result oriented and efficient

to enrich the English language learning process. Break through the traditional teaching method with the rich teaching material contents, the digital language lab motivates students learning attitude, providing an interactive learning environment.

ADVANTAGES AND BENEFITS OF LANGUAGE LAB

- Comprehensive quickly: It is purely based on the level of study, which increase the pace of comprehension.
- Effective learning: It provides to learn the foreign language practice and improve the feeling of self-consciousness.
- Independent learning one of the best advantage of language lab is independent learning, which make the learner more confident to represent oneself.
 - Improved Discipline – The instructor can improve the discipline of the class by privately conversing with individual students who are being objectionable.
 - Oral Testing – Oral test features allow instructors to test students with a question or stimulus and only record to the student's answer. Instructors can then play back the recorded answers at a later for grading, without having to listen to the questions.
- Native Speaker / Different voice-
Language Lab provides a variety of model voices to the students, which helps the native speakers to understand the accent of the second language.
- Excitement – Students show excitement in using learning lab system. It is a big advantage for those students, who has lack of interest in language learning, moreover students will complain, if the lab lesson is canceled due to public holiday.
- Developing listening skills-
Listening skills are an essential element in becoming linguistically fluent students hear the correct language patterns all the time through their headsets instead of mimicking other students who may be pronouncing incorrectly.
- Role playing exercise –
Student can be paired or grouped together a small numbers and hold conversational practice with ` one other, that make their more confident in learning process.

CONCLUSION

A language teacher who plays an important role among the student acts as a mentor and trainer because his/her primary goal is to train students. The vast majority of the students liked to have lessons in the multimedia language laboratory as shown in the final questionnaire. They were more behaved and were more keen on doing the task. Hough the lab presents lot of advantages like independent learning, joyful learning, better attentions and interaction, it is still an expensive proposition. Only a small percentage of public schools have it, Moreover scarcity of availability of trained experts is one more problem to the institution. Thus a Trained expert who teaches the faculties and the students to know how to equip and use the language lab need to be appointed. In other words a language lab acts as a platform for learner through interactive lessons and communication of teaching.

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