

IMPROVING INTERACTIVE DIDACTICS IN ENGLISH TEACHERS EDUCATION

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- Interactive Didactics has been used for years as the methodological platform at the teachers Education College in Pinar del Río.
- A research has been carried out to improve interactive didactics at the English Teachers Education Training at the University of Pinar del Río.
- The communicative, interactive and intercultural goals were confirmed as final outcomes of learning a foreign language.
- Social interaction and reflection together with learning the language from inside the culture have been intensified and enriched.
- A diagnosis was carried out, then missing items were focused to improve the Interactive Didactics, among them digital learning in the modality of blended learning and flipped classroom.
- Other issues has been incorporated to interactive methodology as learning outside the classrrom, the culture of learning to learn the language and using technology for English learning.

Outcomes of the survey: this was applied to 12 professors, 68% is closer to the traditional teaching, while 47% is nearer Interactive Didactics.

Instrucción: Evaluate each pair of items from 1 to 5, belonging 4 and 5 to Interactive Didactics, and 2 and 3 part of Traditional Didactics.

Note: In the graph, the first number represents traditional teaching, and the second represents Interactive Didactics, so does the percentage.

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| 1. Direct teaching | 11-1 (91- 9%) | blended learning |
| 2. Traditional class | 12-0 (100- 0%) | flipped classroom |
| 3. Focused on language | 6-6 (50-50%) | Focused on speech |
| 4. Traditional grammar | 4-8 (33-67%) | Functional grammar |
| 5. Content reproduction | 5-7 (41-59%) | Meanings Exchange |
| 6. Focused in the text | 7-5 (58-42%) | Text-context travel (2-way) |
| 7.Focus on formal language | 7-5 (58-42%) | Formal and informal language |
| 8. Attention full forms | 6-6 (50-50%) | Complete and contractions |
| 9.Focus on language system | 7-5 (58-42%) | Language in social context |
| 10. Prevalence of practice | 7-5 (58-42%) | Practice and real English use |
| 11. Loyal to the traditional portfolio | 8-4 (66-34%) | Creative portfolio and class |
| 12. Poor use of technology | 7-5 (58-42%) | Technology-rich class |
| 13. Errors corrections | 5-7 (42-58%) | Languague correction and usage |
| 14. Language learning | 7-5 (58-42%) | learn and teach |
| 15. Predominance of bookish English | 6-6 (50-50%) | Mainly real English |
| 16. Instructional process | 2-10 (16-84%) | Instructional and educational |
| 17. Inactive and boring class | 10-2 (83-27%) | Energetic and interesting |
| 18. Partial analysis of the text | 9-2 (75-25%) | Comprehensive analysis of the text |
| 19. Conducted in Spanish | 1-11 (8-92%) | Essentially in English |
| 20. Traditional evaluation | 9-3 (75-25%) | Assessment for learning |
| Total: 68% teachers attached to Traditional Teaching, 47% to Interactive Teaching. | | |

| CLASES OBSERVADA | PTS | PROM. |
|------------------|-----|-------|
| Interaction | 42 | 3.5 |
| Reflection | 43 | 3.5 |
| General culture | 31 | 2.5 |
| Learning culture | 32 | 2.6 |
| Motivation | 39 | 3.2 |
| Dinamic | 36 | 3 |
| Creativity | 29 | 2.4 |
| Text Analisis | 34 | 2.8 |
| Real use | 34 | 2.8 |
| Text-context | 32 | 2.6 |
| Digitalization | 30 | 2.5 |
| Pedagogization | 34 | 2.8 |

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| Estimulation | 35 | 2.9 |
| Evaluation | 35 | 2.9 |
| B in tasks | 38 | 3.1 |
| Storytelling | 24 | 2 |
| Pronunciation | 38 | 3.1 |
| Vocabulary | 35 | 2.9 |
| Grammar | 36 | 3 |
| Oral skills | 40 | 3.3 |
| Written skills | 36 | 3 |
| Error correction | 39 | 3.2 |
| Values | 37 | 3 |
| Contractions | 31 | 2.5 |
| Records | 32 | 2.6 |
| Language-speech | 42 | 3.5 |
| Blended learning and flipped classroom | 24 | 2 |

Qualitative Approach

STRONG ITEMS

Good Professor's level of English.

Good command of what to do in class.

WEAK ITEMS

Lack of creativity at the time of selection texts and tasks.

Not full use of the semantic-pragmatic text analysis.

Need to focus on informal language too.

Need of teaching real English use.

The use of technology to support English learning.

Urgent need to incorporate blended learnings and flipped classroom.

Some weak aspects in English teaching

- 1- Overuse of dialogue reproduction.
- 2- Use of old lesson plans.
- 3- Need to enrich how to teach English using digital devices.
- 4- Need to widen and enrich social and reflexive interaction.
- 5- Need to improve the teaching of English in cultural contexts.
- 6- to go from the text to the context and viceversa.
- 7- Lack of language focus on the board to contrast.
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