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THE IMPORTANCE OF THE 4K MODEL IN LANGUAGE EDUCATION

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Annotation. *In this article, methods of using 4K principles, newly introduced to Uzbekistan, in teaching the subject of the mother tongue, improving the quality of education, modern education, how a modern teacher should teach a student today, 4K skills, the issues of efficient use of modern methods were considered in classes.*

Key words: *Modern education, principles of 4K, modern trend, modern teacher, innovative methods, methods, forms of educational organization.*

The 21st Century – The Era of Developing Technologies and Continuous Education System in Uzbekistan

In the 21st century, the era of rapidly developing technologies, the continuous education system in our country is steadily improving day by day. In particular, the effective organization of continuous education and the introduction of modern approaches have a highly positive impact on the quality and efficiency of mastering educational materials by primary school students in general secondary schools. Modern education aims not only to transfer knowledge fully to students but also to ensure its comprehensive implementation. The future of Uzbekistan rests on the younger generation entrusted to the teachers. Therefore, every teacher must justify this great trust with a pure conscience and a strong sense of responsibility. To achieve this, the teacher must constantly engage in research, stay informed about ongoing innovations in society, and consistently apply new pedagogical technologies in their work. The main goal of modern education is not simply to equip students with knowledge but to teach them how to think critically.[1]

Currently, innovations and changes in the education sector have gained significant importance. At the same time, the introduction and utilization of foreign education systems in Uzbekistan are highly valued. One of these is the "4K" model. By applying the 4K model, students can develop critical thinking, creative thinking, communication, and cooperation skills.

The 4K model encompasses the concepts of critical thinking, creative thinking, communication, and collaboration:

Critical thinking – having an independent opinion and expressing it, approaching issues critically;

Creative thinking – an innovative approach aimed at achieving goals through novel solutions, unconventional decisions, and fostering inventive skills;

Communication – developing the ability to interact effectively with others;

Cooperation – forming the ability to work collaboratively within a team.[2]

Developing 4K skills in primary school students supports the formation of their foundational and subject-specific competencies, enhances their interest in various subjects, helps nurture a morally mature and healthy generation, and assists them in choosing professions. The recommended methods and techniques help clarify lesson content, increase student engagement, and improve lesson effectiveness. Before implementing this new innovative approach in Uzbekistan's schools, foreign experiences have been studied. Advanced educational countries such as Singapore, China, England, Finland, and Estonia incorporate the 4K principles into their curricula. These countries, which rank highly in international assessments like PISA and PIRLS, place special emphasis on communication, research, and creativity skills encompassed by the 4K model, which contributes to their success in international rankings.

In the teaching of the native language, the 4K principles can be applied through methods such as the “Cluster” method—which activates learners, encourages independent thinking, and involves both teacher and students actively in the educational process. During this process, students actively participate in learning, enhancing their initiative and responsibility in aligning acquired knowledge with their goals and needs, while developing reasoning skills through practice and support. The class is divided into three groups, each receiving a cluster to fill with vocabulary related to the topic. Groups must work collaboratively, utilizing their communicative and creative thinking skills. Upon completion, groups evaluate each other, which requires critical thinking.

Conscious reading cannot be separated from expressive reading. However, expressive reading is not possible in the first stage of analytical reading because children are unable to distinguish stressed syllables, intonation, questioning tones, or even correct pronunciation. Therefore, during the analytical reading stage, it is recommended to read words in a holistic, phonetically correct manner. Such reading not only trains proper intonation and expressiveness but also supports conscious reading.[3;4]

In conclusion, through the 4K model in native language education, students not only learn the language but also develop skills to express their thoughts clearly, fluently, and creatively, communicate effectively, and apply their knowledge practically. This approach makes the educational process more effective and engaging. Additionally, applying foreign education system methods benefits students, helping them adapt to modern approaches and fostering creative thinking. Keeping pace with developed countries is crucial for the development of our nation.

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