

## ENHANCING COMMUNICATIVE COMPETENCIES IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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### Abstract:

This article examines the importance of developing communicative competence in English lessons. The author analyzes the structure of lessons and methods that contribute to the effective development of this key skill. The main idea of the article is that an emphasis on communicative skills from the very beginning of learning contributes to the rapid and high-quality acquisition of a foreign language. In the context of modern education, the article emphasizes the importance of actively involving students in communication in English with the help of various games and modern technologies, which contributes not only to the improvement of language skills, but also to the development of general communicative skills.

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### Introduction

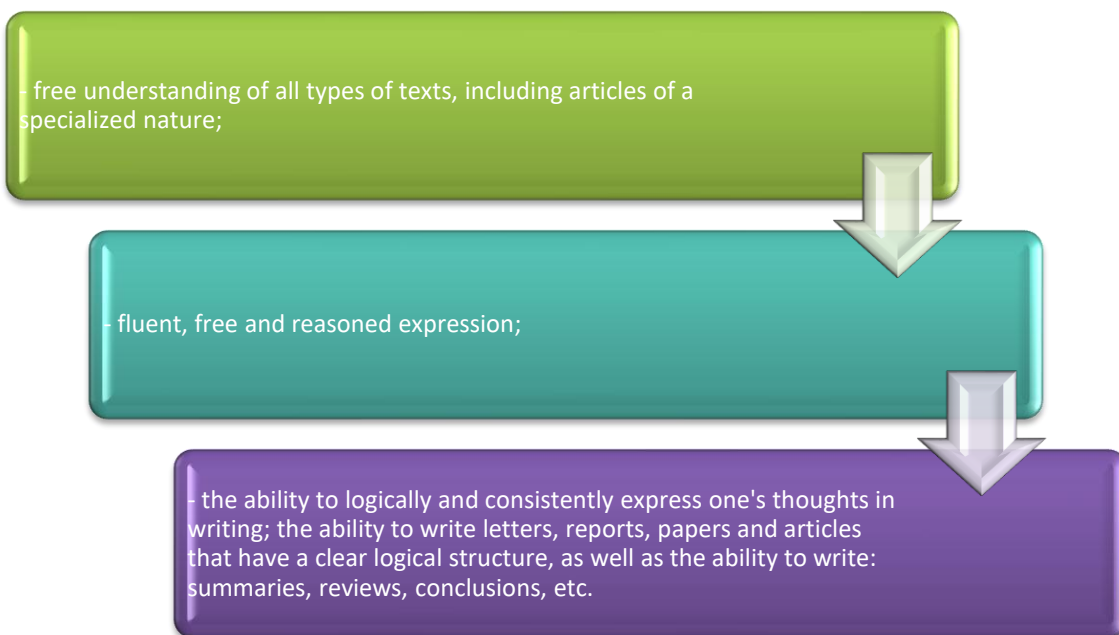
Communicative competence is like a key to a locked door. And if you are a foreigner just starting to learn English, then this key is especially important. In English lessons for beginners, the formation of communicative competence plays a decisive role. Let's figure out what it is and what methods will help you develop it at the beginning of your studies.

Communicative competence is the ability to use language to communicate and interact with the outside world. It includes the ability to not only speak the language, but also to understand the speech of the interlocutor, ask questions, express your thoughts and ideas. The point is not just to repeat phrases after the teacher, but to be able to apply them in practice in real situations [4].

One of the key aspects of developing communicative competence is listening. At the initial stage of learning English, it is necessary to focus on listening to various audio materials. This will help not only improve listening comprehension, but also enrich your vocabulary. Try listening to audiobooks, podcasts, interviews in English [1-3]. However, the orientation of modern foreign language teaching in higher education institutions towards developing various types of foreign language communication in students raises the need to address a number of issues related to the problem of developing the skill and ability to communicate in a foreign language both in ordinary specific conditions and in professional spheres and situations. At the same time, the level of training should correspond to the standards developed by experts from the Council of Europe countries.

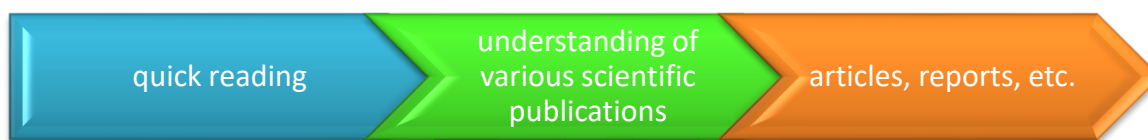
According to the above standards, the highest level of pan-European competence in foreign language proficiency should include:



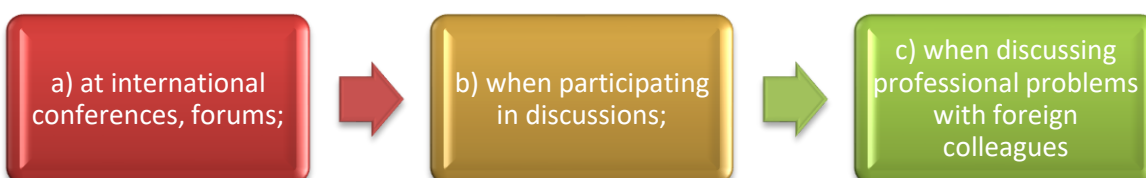


As can be seen, all the competencies specified in the standards are characteristic of the professional foreign language activities of all employees, including:

- working with printed sources of information:



- writing articles with a brief summary of their content in a foreign language;
- writing letters, reviews, conclusions, responses to various publications, etc.;
- professional oral communication in a foreign language:



Thus, communicative language competences enable a person to act using linguistic means. The language activity necessary for the performance of communicative actions always takes place in a context that imposes various conditions and restrictions, also called domains of language use: social, personal, educational and professional. Based on this, it can be said that for communicative purposes, language learners use their general abilities together with more specific language competence related to language. Communicative competence in this narrower sense has the following components: linguistic, sociolinguistic and pragmatic. Each of these components requires knowledge, skills and abilities.

### Results and Discussion

To become a true master of English communication, you need to actively develop your speaking skills. Try to have dialogues with yourself, talking about your day, plans for the future, about anything. Even if it seems strange, this is a great way to practice speaking. And, of course, do not



hesitate to practice spoken English with your friends or in class.

Games and role-playing exercises are a great way to develop communicative competence in English lessons. They help not only to improve oral speech, but also to diversify the learning process, making it more exciting and interesting. Forget for a while that you are studying and immerse yourself in the role of the character - this will make learning much more exciting [5].

Games and role-playing exercises in English are like a fun workout for your speaking skills. Thanks to them, you can not only improve your communicative competence, but also diversify the process of learning a new language, making it exciting and interesting. Let's figure out which games and exercises will help you learn English most effectively. Games and role-playing exercises in learning English not only help make lessons more interesting and exciting, but also contribute to a deeper assimilation of the material. After all, when you are involved in a game or role-playing exercise, your brain works at full capacity, memorizing new words, phrases and rules much better than in the usual learning process [4].

Sketches and dialogues. One of the classic ways to use role-playing exercises is to conduct sketches and dialogues. Divide the group into pairs and give each pair the task of creating a short scene or dialogue on a given topic. This will not only help improve oral speech, but also develop imagination and creativity.

Game of "Mafia". "Mafia" is a great game for training perception and comprehension in English. Participants in the game must communicate and analyze information in order to identify the mafia. Such a game is not only entertaining, but also develops communication in the language, improves vocabulary and contributes to a better understanding of the speech of interlocutors.

Crosswords and puzzles. Crosswords and puzzles in English will help you develop vocabulary, logical thinking, and memory. By solving problems, you not only learn to use new words in context, but also train your brain in English. Be creative and create your own crosswords to learn new vocabulary.

Game "20 Questions". "20 Questions" is a game that will help you not only improve your questioning skills in English, but also develop your logical thinking skills. One participant thinks of an object, and the others ask him up to 20 questions in order to guess what this object is. This is an excellent training for developing communication skills.

Role-playing games. Role-playing games will help you immerse yourself in an English-speaking environment and go through various life situations using English. You can play the role of a buyer and a seller, a tourist and a guide, a doctor and a patient, etc. This not only develops conversational skills, but also helps you understand the cultural features of communication in English.

Game "What's in my bag?" This game is great for learning new vocabulary in English. Each participant introduces themselves as if they have just returned from a trip and describes the items they have purchased. The other players must guess what is in each participant's "bag" by asking questions and making guesses in English.

Theatrical performances. Staging short theatrical scenes in English is a great way to develop language skills and practice expressive reading. Choose a play or a scene from a film, act it out with your friends and enjoy the process of creativity and English communication. Games and role-playing exercises in English are not only a fun way to study, but also an effective method for developing communication skills. They help you not to get bored during lessons, make the learning process more interesting and help you remember the material better. Don't be afraid to



experiment, be creative and have fun while learning - this way you can make the process of learning English more productive and enjoyable. Good luck with your studies and don't forget that learning can be not only useful, but also fun!

How can you develop English communication skills if everyone around you speaks Russian? Try to surround yourself with an English-speaking environment: read books, watch films in English without subtitles, write a diary in English. This way, you will immerse yourself in the language environment and master communication skills faster. Communicating in English not only helps improve language skills, but also develops communication in general. You will learn to express your thoughts more clearly and concisely, listen to your interlocutor, ask clarifying questions, find compromises and resolve conflict situations. In addition, communicating in English helps to broaden your horizons, introduce new ideas, cultures and traditions.

Do not forget that independent language learning plays a key role in developing communicative competence. Constantly expand your vocabulary, learn new phrasal verbs, pay attention to the use of tenses and phrases. The more attention you pay to the language on your own, the faster you will improve your communication skills.

To learn how to apply knowledge in practice, it is important to involve yourself in real communication situations in English. For example, solve everyday problems, such as ordering food in a cafe in English, setting a route in an unfamiliar city, etc. Such practical experience will help you master communication skills in various areas of life.

Modern technologies offer wide opportunities for developing communicative competence. There are many applications and online platforms that will help you improve your listening, reading, writing and speaking skills. For example, language learning applications, online lessons with native speakers, interactive training and much more. Take advantage of all the possibilities of modern technologies to effectively learn English. And remember that practice is the best teacher. The more you practice your English communication skills, the faster they become automatic. Don't be afraid to make mistakes, because that's part of the learning process. The main thing is not to stop there and try to become better and better at communicating in English: "Teachers open the door, but you must enter by yourself."

### Conclusion

In learning English, students can develop the following skills based on communicative competencies that they will need for their future professional careers:

1. Learning to learn: the ability to observe and participate in new experiences, incorporate new knowledge into existing knowledge, modifying it where necessary, commitment to personal and professional development, keeping up to date with current professional knowledge and acquiring specialist knowledge.
2. Insight: understanding key words that affect performance and using sound methods to manage language and communication skills.
3. Communication: the ability to exchange ideas, thoughts, information and feelings effectively with a wide range of audiences to develop two-way understanding, including speaking, listening and writing skills. The ability to influence others and secure agreement to achieve common goals through effective negotiation.
4. Flexibility and Adaptability: students develop an openness and receptivity to appropriate



change, the ability to manage and change priorities as necessary and incorporate new approaches to support changing needs.

5. Intercultural awareness: as a member of society, each person forms relationships with an expanding number of overlapping social groups that together define identity. In an intercultural context, the primary goal of language teaching is to promote the beneficial development of the learner's personality and sense of identity in response to the enriching experience of analyzing differences in language and culture.

6. Language learning abilities: these enable students to solve new language learning problems more effectively and independently, to see what options exist, and to better exploit opportunities. Learning abilities in English have several components, such as general phonetic skills; study skills; language knowledge and communication skills; and heuristic skills.

7. Negotiation skills: the ability to lead a discussion between two or more disputants and to seek a solution to a common problem that meets the needs and interests of both parties is an essential aspect of almost every manager's job, yet most of them receive no formal training. Learning negotiation skills can help you close deals, solve problems, manage conflicts and maintain relationships.

8. Building productive relationships: the ability to identify, build and maintain formal and informal productive relationships with both internal and external stakeholders. This ability includes using contacts to achieve positive results for the organization.

9. Teamwork and effective team building skills: the ability to work together to achieve common goals, understanding team dynamics. The ability to make a tangible contribution to teams promotes cooperation and an atmosphere of mutual trust and respect, which leads to successful teamwork.

Thus, the formation of communicative competence at different stages of teaching English for various specialists is an integral part of the learning process. By combining various methods such as listening, speaking, games, role-playing exercises, communication in the language, independent study, practice in real situations and the use of modern technologies, it is possible to effectively develop communication skills and become a confident speaker of English.

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