ENGLISH FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES

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LECTURE NOTE

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INTRODUCTION

English for specific purposes is a subcategory of English as a second language and is usually taught to L2 speaker or learners of the English language. ESP therefore prepares students for employment in various fields of human endeavor. It is pivotal to note that ESP tends to focus on some professions such as English for tourism, English for journalism, English for medical professionals, English for customer care representatives and many other professions.

TYPES OF ESP

There are numerous types of ESP and they include the follow below:

English as a constrained language, for instance pilots used the language only for specific interaction as a result of the fact that the language many not be useful in communicating effectively in another environment.

English for academic and occupational purposes, this entails the use of English by academics or researchers and medical studies.

English for occupational purposes may include English for technicians, scientists or postgraduate studies.

MEANING OF ESP

English for specific purposes could be said to be the teaching of English for obviously functional purpose. What it entails is that English should be taught to L2 learners with the aim of actualizing specific language skills.

CHARACTERISTICS OF ESP

1. ESP is designed to meet specific needs of the learners.
2. ESP makes lucid use of fundamental approach and activities of a specific discipline.
3. ESP is revolved around the language grammar, texts, syntax, lexicon and discourse.
4. ESP may sometimes be designed for specific subjects.
5. ESP is used for particular teaching circumstances.
6. ESP is usually designed for undergraduate and postgraduate students.

OBJECTIVES IN TEACHING ESP

The major motive of the teaching of ESP is to ensure that learners acquire new knowledge, specific teaching is meant to be achieved.

-It helps to make known specific language usage.

-It also helps to develop specific performance abilities.

-It helps to inculcate new knowledge.

-It helps to develop competence in a particular area.