



DTE - DC - INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES

FURTHER READING

STRATEGIES FOR FACILITATING A LESSON ON LANGUAGE PATTERNS

The following are some of the strategies that you can use during the teaching and learning of sentence patterns.

1. Language games

Language games help and encourage many learners to sustain their interest and work. They also help you to create contexts in which the language is useful and meaningful.

Some of the games that can be used when teaching sentence patterns are: chain story telling, word puzzles, word searches, disappearing sentences among others.

2. Question and answer drills

This is a common method in language learning. You are expected to ask learners a series of questions based on the sentence pattern being learnt, visual aid or context in order to enhance the meaning of the sentence pattern.

3. Sentence drills

A sentence drill is a technique in which the teacher models a sentence and the learners repeat after him or her. Through drills, learners internalise the target sentence patterns and are more likely to produce them independently in the future, both in speech and writing.

4. Use of substitution drills

This refers to the construction of additional sentences using a particular given pattern. You can guide learners to make sentence patterns similar to the ones you have exposed them to.

5. Imitation drills - Imitation drills should be used for learners to become confident with newly taught sentence patterns. Drills reinforce the target structures through exposure and repetition. They are great for group classes, especially at lower levels or when a particular sentence pattern has just been introduced and the students need to get more familiar with the structure. Always start with your own example and ask the learners to apply the same structure and complete the sentence with their own ideas.