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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ESL – English as a Second Language

CCQs – concept checking questions

CLT – Communicative Language Teaching

PPP – Presentation, Production and Practice

TBL – Task-Based Learning

INTRODUCTION

The teaching of English as a Second Language (ESL) has undergone great evolution, driven by growing demand for effective communication in a globalized world. A key aspect of ESL teaching is the methodology used to develop communicative and cognitive skills particularly while learning grammar. Grammar is not separate study anymore; it is the tool for deeper and insightful communication. The need of mastering grammar in the context for better understanding how it works changed the traditional methodology.

Nowadays the inductive approach of teaching grammar predominates and spreads into teaching. Our study focuses on the theoretical and practical aspects of inductive and deductive approaches to grammar instruction, comparing their strengths, limitations and application in modern classrooms,

The relevance of the research is defined by the need for innovative teaching strategies that provide more effective language acquisition. The shift from teacher-centered methods to student-centered has placed a greater emphasis on inductive reasoning, which promotes active learning and critical thinking. Meanwhile, the deductive approach, with its structured and rule-based focus, remains widely utilized. The balance between these methods, as well as their integration into modern classroom practices, form the core of this study.

The aim of the research is to analyze the evolution of grammar teaching methods, compare inductive and deductive approaches, and explore the practical implementation of teaching grammar inductively in ESL classrooms.

This objective is accomplished through several key tasks:

- to examine the theoretical foundations of inductive and deductive approaches in ESL teaching;
- to investigate the challenges and current trends in teaching grammar;
- to demonstrate the practical application of inductive methods, including strategies like lead-in activities, guided discovery, and the use of multimedia tools.

The **object** of the research covers the study of the general state of modern grammar teaching in ESL classes in Ukrainian state and private schools and concerns how modern approaches, in particular the inductive method, is implemented this process.

The **subject** of the research is methods and tools for teaching grammar in ESL classes, in particular the inductive approach and its practical application for developing students' language acquisition.

The **research material** was theoretical works by methodologists and linguists observations of English lessons in state and private schools, surveys of practicing teachers.

The following **methods** were used in my research: theoretical analysis, which included the study of scientific works to define the foundations of deductive and inductive approaches to teaching grammar; a comparative method to analyze the advantages and disadvantages of these approaches; an empirical method, which included the observation of lessons in public and private schools, as well as surveys of teachers about their methods; a systematization method to classify inductive teaching strategies (lead-in activities, guided discovery, multimedia, etc.); and a modeling method, which was used to develop examples of the practical application of the inductive approach. The main techniques were observation, which allowed to assess the real use of different methods, surveys of teachers about their experience of using the inductive approach, and analysis of teaching materials to assess the effectiveness of teaching. The use of these methods and techniques allowed to investigate current trends in grammar teaching, evaluate the effectiveness of the inductive approach, and provide recommendations for its implementation in ESL classes.

The novelty of the study is in the development of specific strategies and techniques for applying the inductive approach to teaching grammar in ESL classes.

The **theoretical significance** of this study lies in its contribution to the understanding and development of effective grammar teaching methods in ESL

classrooms. The study enriches the theoretical framework of the inductive approach to grammar teaching by offering a detailed comparative analysis with the deductive approach and highlighting their cognitive and pedagogical advantages. It also systematises and extends existing knowledge by suggesting strategies and tools for the practical implementation of inductive methods. Furthermore, the study fills a gap in the literature on current approaches to grammar teaching by providing findings that can be applied to related fields such as linguodidactics, cognitive linguistics and educational psychology. The results obtained can serve as a basis for further research and theoretical developments in English language teaching methods.

The **practical significance** of the study: the findings can be used by teachers to create interactive and effective lessons, as well as in the development of teaching materials and teacher training programmes. The recommendations of the study contribute to improving the practice of teaching English.

Approbation of the research results: The results of the master's thesis were presented at three student conferences: The Twelveth Regional Scientific and Practical Conference “Methodology of teaching philological disciplines in general secondary and higher education institutions” (December 7, 2023) The Twelfth International Student Internet Conference “Language in Interdisciplinary Context of Life-Long Education” (April 2–4, 2024), Annual Student conference at Kamianets-Podilskyi Ivan Ohienko national university (April 9–10, 2024).

Publications. The main provisions and results of the research are covered in three articles: “Teaching grammar through films and animations”; Representational and interpersonal function of language in grammar teaching discourse”; “Approaches in English Grammar learning and teaching” [82-84].

The diploma paper (96 pages) consists of the introduction, three chapters, conclusions to each of them, general conclusions, references (82 sources) and appendices.

CONCLUSIONS

The findings of this research emphasize the transformative shift in grammar teaching methodologies within ESL education, highlighting the growing prominence of learner-centered, inductive approaches. The evolution of English language teaching methods demonstrates the increasing emphasis on learner-centered, inductive approaches in grammar instruction. Across various methodologies – from the Direct Method to Communicative Language Teaching (CLT), and Content-Based Instruction (CBI) and Task-Based Learning (TBL) – the inductive approach has been instrumental in fostering an interactive and contextualized learning environment. This approach shifts the focus from direct rule instruction to student-led discovery, where learners observe patterns within authentic language use and infer grammatical structures from context. Historically, the inductive approach marked a departure from the traditional Grammar-Translation Method, promoting active engagement over passive memorization. In the Direct Method, for instance, grammar was taught inductively within the target language to develop intuitive language comprehension. This transition underscores the value of grammar as a tool for meaningful communication, moving beyond abstract rule memorization to a focus on functional, real-world usage.

The inductive approach, characterized by its emphasis on discovery learning and contextual grammar teaching, is a cornerstone of contemporary ESL instruction. By allowing students to infer grammatical rules through meaningful interactions and authentic language use, this method fosters deeper understanding, critical thinking, and long-term retention. At the same time, the deductive approach retains its importance in addressing specific instructional needs, such as teaching complex rules efficiently or meeting time constraints. Together, these approaches complement one another, offering educators the flexibility to tailor grammar instruction to diverse classroom contexts.

As educators increasingly adopt a flexible, principled eclecticism, the inductive method remains a foundational strategy, particularly in methodologies

that prioritize authentic, communicative, and task-based learning. The inductive approach's role in ESL methodologies highlights the ongoing commitment to developing language skills that are relevant, engaging, and applicable to real-life situations, supporting learners' ability to use language confidently and naturally. The teaching of grammar in ESL classrooms continues to be a critical yet evolving component of language education, bridging traditional approaches with modern methodologies. Despite the widespread impact of digital communication and the perception of grammar as outdated by some students, its role in ensuring clarity and structure in communication remains indispensable. The debate on effective teaching strategies has led to the development of diverse methods, including Traditional Grammar Teaching, Communicative Language Teaching, and Post-Communicative approaches, each offering unique insights and tools for educators.

Historically, grammar instruction evolved from rigid prescriptive rules to more descriptive and functional models, emphasizing real-world language use and contextual relevance. Modern approaches, such as the inductive method and student-centered teaching, prioritize discovery and personalization, helping learners internalize grammar through authentic examples and collaborative activities. These methods foster critical thinking, autonomy, and engagement, preparing students for practical communication in an interconnected world.

In Ukraine, the prioritization of English education amidst socio-political challenges highlights the importance of innovative teaching strategies to address diverse learner needs. Modern methodologies are reshaping grammar instruction by introducing methods such as contextualized teaching, guided discovery, and the PPP model. These approaches focus on integrating grammar into meaningful communication, enhancing fluency, and adapting to technological advancements. The challenges of teaching grammar today include balancing traditional and modern practices, maintaining student motivation, and adapting to psychological and logistical difficulties, particularly in conflict-affected regions. Educators are encouraged to create dynamic, interactive, and relevant learning environments that align with students' realities and global standards.

Ultimately, grammar instruction in modern ESL classrooms is shifting toward a more integrated and learner-focused paradigm, emphasizing the practical application of grammar as a tool for effective communication and lifelong learning. This approach reflects a broader commitment to preparing students for academic, professional, and personal success in a rapidly changing global context.

The practical implementation of the inductive method, as explored in this research, highlights the effectiveness of techniques such as lead-in activities, guided discovery, PPP frameworks, concept-checking questions, and the use of multimedia tools like films and animations. These strategies not only engage learners actively but also adapt to the evolving demands of modern education. Teachers' insights gathered during this study reinforce the importance of blending traditional and innovative methods to address varied learner needs, ensuring grammar instruction remains relevant and effective.

In the era of rapid globalization and shifting linguistic norms, grammar instruction continues to play a pivotal role in equipping learners with the skills necessary for clear and confident communication. By bridging traditional rule-based teaching with communicative and inductive strategies, educators can create dynamic, student-centered learning environments. The balanced approach not only supports grammatical competence but also fosters autonomy, engagement, and preparedness for a real-world language use, ensuring students are equipped for lifelong learning and effective participation in a globalized society.

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