



ENHANCEMENT OF ENGLISH COMMUNICATION SKILLS FOR ENGINEERING STUDENTS

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ABSTRACT

English communication is essential for engineering students. Majority of the Engineering students are from rural areas. Communication is an essential element in engineering students to facilitate not just student's education but also to prepare them for their career opportunity. The increasing force and professional challenges amplify the role of engineers. English for specific purposes focuses the learner's concentration on the particular language and communication skills required in the intercontinental professional field. They faced so many problems in English communication during academics as well as their professional life. If students fail to see the broader scenario of the corporate world and disregard the communication skills, it can be put in danger a trivial level of understanding. Professional authority in Multi National companies always expects that their employees should possess good communication skills along with technical competency. However, at the underside of these lies an effective communication skill. Effective communication re-enforce positive impression of the engineer. Communication skills development discussed in this paper, with examples specified with different methods of teaching and assessment to achieve the desire of the student. The result of this study found that engineering students have achieved good communication skills and it brings to enlighten the importance of communication skills among students.

KEYWORDS : Communication, engineering students, LSRW Skills, communication competence, Language labs.

INTRODUCTION:

Extreme importance and growing requirement of English communication competence for engineering students from rural areas, teachers as well as students have to formulate integrated efforts. English is the dominant business language and it has become almost a necessity for students to speak English if they go through a global workplace or Higher education.

In the career of engineering students English communication skills are accepted as the vital element in academic life. When engineering students graduate from college and become authentic engineers, they will find that English communication noticeable even more vital than it used to be.

Important significance about English communication

English is a *lingua franca*, it means it is a "bridge" language, when two people who speak different non-English languages get together, very often the common language they use to join in English. So English is trained in many schools around the globe and many international corporations are legitimately mandate [English communication](#) for employees in all over the world.

Engineering students are from rural areas faced some problems in English communication during academics and also their professional life. They possess intelligence for getting admission in higher education but they enclose behind in communication capability. To be successful in campus interviews, Group discussions, Just A Minute, Just Two Minutes, Debate it is important to achieve communication competence.

For engineering students whose mother tongue is not English, learning English is even further important, not only for their educational life but also for their probable career.

With regard to master the engineering knowledge and skills better, engineering students should possess the English language competence. Journals and most of the research papers in the world are written in English. Most of the engineering graphs and charts are also noticeable in English. Moreover, most engineering professors in various universities are also delivered their lectures in English. Hence, engineering students should at least master the fundamental English ability to deal with the immeasurable English lectures, tutorials, labs, projects and papers. Finally, they have to put forward their important thesis in English.

When engineering students graduate from college and become real engineers, they will find that English communication obvious even more crucial than it used to be. Engineers usually work in groups since their task can rarely be solved by an individual. The possessions of their work determine that being an engineer needs to cooperate and communicate with different people from different parts of the world.

For non-native English speakers, unfortunately, most of the engineers speak English as the first language or the working language. In order to understand and synchronize with their colleagues and achieve their projects immensely, engineers have to speak excellent English.

Non-native English engineering students should try firmly to pick up their English communication ability, which could help to make both their life and career more victorious and pleasurable. For non-native English users, English is central because it is extensively spoken all around the world. People enjoy their life and work by learning English and no matter where they are.

Common reasons for Engineering students to learn English around the world.

1. Today Engineers have to communicate with their correlatives across the world. Scientists, technologists, business experts and most of the professionals belong to unusual cultural and linguistic backgrounds, English is chiefly considered to be a language of communication.
2. People who converse English have further job opportunities. Entrepreneurs can access a far extensive range of customers online by using English. People who can't speak English in the US or the other countries are at a real economic drawback.
3. English is the language of science and technology, English communication gives more opportunities to work with others in these scientific and professional fields and to share ideas and innovative thoughts.
4. English language is most important in student's social life. It helps to make strong correlation and improve understanding among fellow students and peers.
5. Everyone should understand that for success in any field, one has to communicate effectively. In the period of liberalization, privatization and globalization, communication skill is the only solution to success.
6. It is the general observation that the engineering students value technological subjects and underestimate the subject of Communication skills. Students neglect it. Taking into consideration that the situation of corporate world if they feel that they should develop their communication skills then only they will make progress.
7. Students right to use the information and research by English language. Students and academics need well-built English reading and writing skills. Moreover, for a research study or other publication to get adequate concentration, it should be published in English. Most of the academic journals are published in English.
8. Healthier communication with teachers, colleges, classmates, and anyone can build students more trustworthy. It will build self-esteem and enhance the confidence in students that will impact positively on their education at the same time after their professional career.

Currently, Students who are very good in technical are lagging in communication. As communication plays very important role in workforce and higher education, students must be perfect in communication.

WAYS TO IMPROVE ENGLISH COMMUNICATION:

Irish playwright **George Bernard Shaw** said-

“The single biggest problem in **communication** is the illusion that it has taken place.”

Communication skills have enormous impact on the success of an individual. Obvious communication about the skills and knowledge, objective vocabulary in words while communicating with interviewers, good body language, physical expressions with confidence help students to get a job after the completion of the degree. That's how effective communication makes a difference in the character of students. Many students face communication problems in the interview that's why learning and improved communication help them to build a career in their particular field.

English philosopher **Sir Francis Bacon** said: “**Reading** maketh a full **man**; conference a ready **man**; and **writing** an exact **man**.”

METHODOLOGY:

Language is an instrument for communication. One cannot be a successful communicator unless one becomes an effective listener. We communicate with others, to express our ideas, and to know others' ideas as well. Communication takes place, where there is speech. Without speech we cannot communicate with one another. The importance of speaking skills is very important for a person's professional endurance and development. Like listening and speaking, reading is crucial to effective communication. Writing is very important for students and professionals in every field. To crack the latest placements students must be perfect in reading and writing assessment. Improving reading and writing skills also goes hand in hand with developing their communication skills. The more they read and write, the more they broaden their vocabulary and are able to articulate concepts accurately and more effectively to others. In-order to become a well curved communicator one wishes to be skillful in each of the four language skills. They are listening, speaking, reading and writing, but the ability to speak skillfully, provides the speaker with several distinct advantages. By means of all these four skills **L-S-R-W** place a very important role in communication. **L-S-R-W** is the four **skills** of language learning, a set of four prospective that allow an individual to understand and produce spoken language for appropriate and effective communication.

Listening:

Hearing and Listening are two different activities. Hearing is passive whereas Listening is active. Listening is a psychological process. It can therefore be better by usual practice. Listening is a very supportive skill.

The process of listening occurs in five stages. They are

1. Hearing
2. Understanding
3. Remembering,
4. Evaluating
5. Responding.

It involves an active involvement of an individual. Students have to build up a routine of careful listening of English news, lectures, seminars, technical presentations, academic discussions, and so on. Effective communication is greatly dependent on effective listening.

Speaking:

An American poet **Robert Frost** once said: "I am a writer of books in retrospect, I talk in order to understand, I teach in order to learn." Undoubtedly, the clarity in speech reflects clear thinking.

It carries out articulating words and boosts self-confidence in speaking. The students must be encouraged to voice their opinions, agreements, disagreements, and suggestions. They must be ensured that speaking skills are solitarily the most important criteria in hiring process.

Reading:

Reading skill is the fundamental to understanding a language. Students need to read technical reports, magazine articles, letters, and

instruction manuals.

The four main types of reading techniques are the following:

1. Skimming.
2. Scanning.
3. Intensive.
4. Extensive.

If a student or any individual interested in undertaking a reading skill they must form a practice of reading habits .Practice makes a man perfect and formation of practice may undoubtedly improve the quality of reading habits.

Writing:

Students will require writing business letters, email messages, proposals, minutes, and notes on reports, professional summaries and so on.

With these four skills are deal with equally while learning English, the students can be guaranteed of having good communication skills in today's viable world.

Most of the students are tired of the traditional method of teaching and are more involved in doing exercises on a computer system without handwriting.

In this modern period, new trends and methods of teaching emerged in learning English language competence. It involves the use of Computer assisted language learning (CALL) in the English Language Labs. The modern Language Labs cater all their needs.

These days, language labs aren't the accumulation of cassette tapes, CD players and microphones that some of us experienced a decade ago. Now computer rooms that are powered by state-of-the-art software designed to give students a unique and customizable learning experience—otherwise known as technology integration.

- Use of Audio /video clips.
- Mind power spoken English CD'S
- Role plays-Speaking task.
- Fluency Task.

Each day they must learn at least five new words and try to use them in their own sentences.

By this method of learning students definitely get a lot of practice and exposure to the English language.

CONCLUSION:

In this modern era the progress of technology is at their disposal. Students must keep in mind that, for the demand of industry as well as society, it requires to make use of incorporated methods to make possible advanced communication skills. Good communication skills are the proof of a well-educated person. So every student can try to communicate nicely with everyone and see the results of their communication. Therefore, all engineering students must keep approaching and improving themselves to develop and horn their communication skills that is essential towards their future career development. The rural area engineering students should effectively make use of the faculty, education system and self efforts, to come forward as a competent user of English communication to become flourishing in life and profession.

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