

- The method helps the teacher to understand his learners' abilities and attitudes.
- Provides learners opportunities to give their views on different issues.
- Develops leadership skills. The method contributes to the development of leadership qualities in learners.
- Enhances the development of thinking skills.
- It develops self-control.
- Develops problem solving skills.

Disadvantages of discussion

- Time consuming as opposed to lecture method.
- High ability students think that it wastes their time.
- Some students may not participate or won't be active.
- Require enough teaching learning materials per group.

Ways of promoting discussions in teaching/learning

- Group learners using mixed ability grouping.
- Supply the class with enough materials that is, charts, pictures, text books or questions for discussion.
- Facilitator. Act as facilitator to moderate the entire process.
- Assist in answering learner's questions and help them understand each step in learning.
- Ensure that you achieve the set instructional objective in a specific, measurable, achievable way.
- Topics for discussion should centre on those in which learners have some basic knowledge.
- The teacher should ensure that a few learners do not dominate the discussion.
- Use positive reinforcement to encourage the discussion.

Demonstration

Demonstration is the method of showing how something is done or works. The teacher may show how to operate something or a process of doing something. The teacher will require children to observe keenly. The method allows the teacher to use specimen and allow children to perform simple experiments. The teacher may use actual three – dimensional materials leaves, sticks, colours, and substances, like water, milk, and ink. During the demonstration, the area of concern should be clear and learners should be involved in the demonstration. The demonstration should be done where it is clearly seen by all learners.

Advantages of demonstration

- It provides more accurate results.
- It is a do it way of learning.
- Learners see, smell, touch, and even hear with their own senses when they learn.
- Promotes highest understanding of the content.