

THE GRAMMAR – TRANSLATION METHOD

Introduction

- A foreign language teaching method that originated in the late 19th and early 20th century.
- This method is usually taught the classical/dead language. (for example: Latin and Greek)
- The main purpose of this method is to enrich their literature and language reading proficiency as well. For this reason, this method is also called the Classical Method. However, in the 19th century, this Classical Method is recognized as GTM.

Main Purpose

- Enrich the learners' literature and language reading proficiency.
- To learn a language in order to read its literature.
- To benefit from mental discipline and intellectual improvement.
- Literary language is superior to spoken language.
- Students' study of the target culture is limited to its literature and fine arts.

Principles

- Literary language is superior to spoken language. Students' study of the target culture is limited to its literature and fine arts.
 - ⇒ To learn a language in order to read its literature to benefit from mental discipline and intellectual development.
- An important goal is for students to be able to translate each language into the other. If students can translate from one language into another, they are considered successful language learners.
 - ⇒ It focuses on the accuracy of grammar and translation.
- The ability to communicate in the target language is not a goal of language instruction.
 - ⇒ Speech is neglected.