

## **Assessing Students' Reading Comprehension (Journalism as an Example)**

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**Abstract:** This article is devoted to the importance of developing reading comprehension skills in foreign language teaching in journalism. In learning a foreign language, the main focus is on the formation of students' reading comprehension skills. The article analyzes the specific features of reading comprehension in journalism, the methodical methods used to develop this skill, as well as the role of modern teaching technologies. Emphasis is placed on the importance of reading comprehension, particularly in journalism, in gathering information quickly and accurately, analyzing it, and covering universal topics.

**Keywords:** Foreign language, reading comprehension, skills, journalism, modern methodology, information, analysis, educational technologies.

**Introduction:** The development of reading comprehension skills in teaching a foreign language is of great importance in the modern education system. In particular, in the field of journalism, the formation of students' skills in understanding and analyzing information in a foreign language plays an important role in their qualifications and professional activities. Journalists must clearly understand, analyze and effectively cover information from each source. Studying a foreign language requires not only mastering the language, but also receiving information in a unique way and processing it in a modern media context.

Journalism students, by studying a foreign language, should acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to quickly and accurately understand information from various sources, analyze it and send it to their audience. To achieve this goal, it is important to introduce students to modern pedagogical methods, the use of modern information technology tools and the implementation of active teaching methods.

This article analyzes the importance of developing reading comprehension skills in teaching a foreign language in journalism, effective methods and techniques, as well as the role of modern educational technologies. We will get acquainted with experiments and methods aimed at improving students' abilities to analyze, select, and process information.

**Main part:** Reading comprehension skills in foreign language teaching help students not only learn grammar and vocabulary, but also understand information that they encounter in real life. In journalism, these skills are even more important, because they need to understand journalistic materials correctly and quickly, analyze them, and explain them. Journalists also need to synthesize, assimilate information from various sources, and convey it to students in a clear and understandable way.

The following are the main elements of developing reading comprehension skills in foreign language learning:

Selecting and analyzing information: Journalists should pay attention to the reliability, relevance, and accuracy of information when obtaining information from a source. Understanding such materials in a foreign language develops students' analytical skills.

Understanding context: The context of information is important in journalism, because the same event can be covered in different ways in different sources. The ability to understand the context when reading foreign language materials will greatly help students.

Journalistic methods: By reading articles, reports, and interviews in a foreign language, students will become familiar with various journalistic genres and styles. This will help them understand the materials correctly and organize the final results correctly.

Modern teaching methods, including interactive and multimedia technologies, will help students make reading foreign language journalistic materials effective and interesting. Role-playing games, video materials, and online platforms can help students understand and process the materials. To achieve the goal, students can also be effectively engaged in group work, assignments, discussions with other students, and writing exercises.

Some important methods are used to develop reading comprehension skills in a foreign language:

Rereading the text: However, rereading and recalling important parts of the reading, factual information, and main ideas allows students to think and understand more.

Summarizing: It is important for students to extract only the main ideas from the text, understand their essence, and eliminate unnecessary information.

Reading through questions: Asking questions about the text helps students improve their reading comprehension. This helps to determine their interest in the work and their thoughts about the event or incident.

**Result and discussion:** The skill of analyzing foreign language materials in journalism teaches students what to understand correctly and what to identify. In this process, the details of the source and the specific features of the content are analyzed. This allows students to correctly analyze information, create statements that correspond to new news and information.

The importance of developing reading comprehension skills in teaching a foreign language is of particular importance in the field of journalism. Journalism is a field that requires collecting, analyzing, processing and meaningfully reporting information. Strengthening reading comprehension skills in learning a foreign language should provide students with not only language skills, but also skills such as understanding information correctly, using information from accurate and reliable sources. This creates important opportunities for students to achieve success in the media field, in particular, in journalism.

Selecting and analyzing information: In journalism, selecting and analyzing information is one of the most important aspects of understanding foreign language materials. When reading foreign language texts, students need to be taught not only to identify the main information in order to select and correctly understand information, but also to analyze and process this information. Developing the skills of analyzing, analyzing and effectively disseminating information in journalism helps students clearly understand the content and context of each material.

Understanding context and ideologies: The context of materials is always important in journalism. When understanding foreign language journalistic materials, it is necessary to study the context and ideologies well. Information may not only concern a person or a specific event, but also be covered in a larger social and political context. By reading foreign language texts, students gain practical skills in understanding these contexts, determining the social, cultural or political essence of the topic. This, in turn, will help them in covering journalistic materials.

Understanding content and genres: There are various genres and formats in journalism, each genre has its own concepts and requirements. Journalistic materials written in a foreign language also require, first of all, an understanding of the specific features of the genre. The purpose, type (report, article,

interview, feuilleton, etc.) and style of these materials will help students understand them correctly. Understanding the genre in journalism will help students identify authentic information, study it and apply it.

Using technological tools: The use of modern educational technologies is an effective tool in teaching a foreign language and greatly helps students develop reading comprehension skills. Multimedia tools, interactive platforms, video materials and online courses - such technologies make the process of reading and understanding materials interactive and interesting for students. These tools help students develop their writing and comprehension skills, as well as work with modern information sources.

Students' critical thinking skills: Developing reading comprehension skills while learning a foreign language also helps to increase students' critical thinking skills. Critical thinking and accurate and correct interpretation of materials are important in the process of writing journalism. By studying in a foreign language, students develop the skills to logically analyze information, understand its essence, and evaluate it from different perspectives. This, in turn, helps them to accurately and professionally cover journalistic work.

Interactive methods and teaching methods: Interactive methods and new pedagogical methods play an important role in teaching a foreign language. By using various interactive exercises, debates, role-playing games, and critical analysis methods in journalism, students' reading comprehension and meaningful thinking skills can be developed. These methods, in accordance with the needs and interests of students, increase their interest in writing and reading. The analysis showed the importance of developing effective and efficient teaching methods, modern pedagogical technologies and critical thinking. Understanding and analyzing journalistic writing in foreign language teaching helps prepare students for receiving world information and active journalistic work.

**Conclusion:** Developing reading comprehension skills in foreign language teaching in journalism helps students to quickly and accurately receive information, analyze it and present it. The use of modern educational methods and technologies makes the process of learning a foreign language in journalism effective and interesting. In this case, students' critical thinking and communication skills develop, and they can also achieve success in their journalistic activities.

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