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Foreign Language Teaching, Methods and Techniques: Feynman Teaching Technique

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Abstract

Richard Feynman (1918-1988) was a Nobel Prize-winning theoretical physicist known for his contributions to quantum physics. In addition to being a scientist, he was famous for explaining complex concepts in simple terms. Feynman attracted much attention in a short time with his extraordinary teaching skills, and he became the founder of a system known as the Feynman Technique. The Feynman Technique is not actively used in current teaching methods; however, it is anticipated to be used in teaching sciences. Although many modern teaching techniques involve some of the principles comprising the Feynman Technique, its implementation as a whole may improve the teaching efficiency. The methods used to teach foreign languages differ in countries and develop according to the needs. The Feynman Technique may be

implemented in all of those different methods easily and may result in more effective foreign language acquisition by improving the personal learning experience. In this paper, we give the list of the foreign language teaching methods accepted by the European Centre for Modern Languages of the Council of Europe. Some of the techniques used in these methods are explained along with the Feynman Technique. In the results section, we discuss the advantages of utilizing the Feynman Technique in foreign language teaching.

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