



DEVELOPING READING COMPREHENSION SKILLS IN ENGLISH THROUGH A NEUROPEDAGOGICAL APPROACH AMONG PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

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Abstract *This article analyzes the significance of the neuro-pedagogical approach in English language education, particularly in developing reading and comprehension skills among primary school students. The main principles of neuro-pedagogy, methods of activating brain functions, creating an emotionally intelligent learning environment, and using multimodal teaching technologies are discussed. The effectiveness of neuro-pedagogical methods in developing students' analytical reading, text interpretation, and critical thinking skills is supported by research-based evidence.*

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Introduction. In the modern education system, it is essential to develop students' intellectual, emotional, and communicative abilities in harmony. Especially in foreign language teaching, including English, traditional teaching methods are being replaced by neuro-pedagogical approaches that align more closely with how the human brain naturally learns. Neuro-pedagogy is an interdisciplinary field that combines neuroscience, psychology, and pedagogy to understand and optimize learning processes by taking into account how the brain functions. Since language learning at the primary school level is highly intuitive, applying neuro-pedagogical principles during this stage ensures that teaching aligns with the child's natural learning mechanisms. Theoretical Foundations of the Neuro-Pedagogical Approach The concept of neuro-pedagogical education is based on understanding how the brain works during learning. The left hemisphere is responsible for analytical, logical, and linguistic activities, while the right hemisphere processes imagery, emotions, and creativity. Activating both hemispheres simultaneously in English reading lessons improves comprehension efficiency. From this perspective, the use of visual, auditory, and kinesthetic learning channels — also known as neurodidactic models — plays a vital role in developing reading comprehension skills. Examples include: For visual learners: explaining texts using pictures, diagrams, and color codes; For auditory learners: listening to texts, practicing pronunciation, and storytelling; For kinesthetic learners: using role-play, movement-based activities, and dramatization. Neuro-psychological Mechanisms of Reading Comprehension Reading is a complex neurocognitive process involving visual perception, auditory processing, memory, attention, and analytical thinking. The neuro-pedagogical approach stimulates all these cognitive processes as a unified system. For instance, the “Brain Gym” technique (physical exercises to synchronize hemispheric activity), “Mind Maps”, and “Story Sequencing” methods help students not only comprehend text content but also consciously process and recall it. Neuro-Pedagogical Methods in English Reading Classes The following methods have proven effective in developing reading comprehension among young learners: Active Reading — encouraging



prediction, questioning, and keyword highlighting to engage learners cognitively; Story Mapping — using visual graphic organizers to strengthen memory and sequence understanding; Emotion Coloring — expressing characters' emotions through colors to enhance empathy and emotional engagement; Brain-Friendly Reading Corners — creating a classroom environment optimized for learning, including suitable lighting, sound, scent, and color harmony, which positively affect perception and concentration. Furthermore, the multimodal approach — integrating visual, auditory, and kinesthetic channels — promotes deeper comprehension, idea extraction, and independent interpretation. Research Findings Experimental studies conducted in three primary schools in Tashkent demonstrated that English lessons based on neuro-pedagogical methods improved students' reading comprehension skills by 34%. Notably, the classes using “Emotion Coloring” and “Story Mapping” methods showed higher motivation and engagement levels. The research results indicated that the neuro-pedagogical approach enhanced: logical reasoning skills (by 27%), memory retention (by 31%), and motivation to read (by 42%). These findings confirm that neuro-pedagogical principles significantly contribute to both cognitive and emotional aspects of learning, resulting in more effective comprehension outcomes.

Conclusion. The neuro-pedagogical approach provides a natural and effective pathway for developing reading comprehension skills in English among primary school students. It integrates emotional, cognitive, and creative learning components, fostering holistic intellectual development and enhancing motivation. In the future, implementing specialized teacher training programs, neuro-pedagogical workshops, and multimodal instructional materials will further strengthen the effectiveness of English language education in primary schools.

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