

EFFECTIVE WAYS AND METHODS FOR DEVELOPING INDEPENDENT THINKING SKILLS IN PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

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Abstract: this article discusses effective methods aimed at developing independent thinking skills in primary school students. Teachers are provided with ways to develop students' thinking using methods such as creating problem situations, question-and-answer, creative tasks, and group work. The article shows effective pedagogical methods aimed at developing students' skills such as expressing their opinions, solving problems, and answering questions.

Keywords : independent thinking, primary school, pedagogical methods, creative tasks, problem situations, question-and-answer method, group work, thinking development, motivation, technologies, educational methods.

Introduction

Primary education is an important stage that ensures the success of students in further education. It is during this period that students develop such skills as independent thinking, creativity, and analytical thinking. These skills have a great impact not only on educational success, but also on the future life of students. In this regard, the development of independent thinking in primary school students remains one of the main tasks of educators.

The formation of independent thinking skills in primary school students is one of the most important tasks of the teacher. The development of this ability affects the future success of students and teaches them to make independent decisions not only in school, but also in life. Independent thinking is the ability of a student to analyze new information, develop ideas and solve problems based on their own knowledge and experience. This ability teaches students to be active, creative and think logically.

It is very important to use effective methods in developing independent thinking. One such method is to create problem situations. The problem interests students and helps them express their thoughts freely. For example, asking students problematic questions such as “If you were given the opportunity to work with all natural resources for a day, what changes would you make?”, “If you were alive 100 years from now, what would the world look like? What would you change?”, “If someone in your class is struggling with lessons, how can you help them?” can develop independent thinking. Another effective method is the question-and-answer method. The questions asked by the teacher allow students to express their thoughts clearly, while at the same time developing their logical thinking.

Also, giving creative tasks is an effective way to develop independent thinking. Tasks such as writing new stories and expressing their thoughts through images encourage students to be creative and develop new approaches. Group work is also an effective method. Teaching students to solve problems together in groups helps them express their thoughts freely and exchange ideas with other students. Writing new stories is an effective method to develop students' creativity and increase independent thinking. This activity helps students to express

their thoughts freely, expand their imagination and develop new approaches. Here are some examples of writing new stories for elementary school students:

1. The story "Journey to the Magic Island"

Students can be given the following assignment: *"If you were stranded on a magical island, how would you survive? How would you protect yourself? How would you make new friends?"*

This story not only requires students to be creative in thinking and writing their thoughts, but they also expand their imagination and come up with different ways to face challenges.

2. The story "Living in the City of the Future"

Ask students, "How would you like to live in a city of the future? Imagine what it would be like to live in the city and how you would help." This task helps students imagine their ideal future world and encourages them to express their dreams. They think creatively about the changes and innovations they would like to see.

3. The story of the "Great Discovery"

Students can be asked the following question: *"If you made a new discovery, how would you present it to the world? How would you use this discovery?"* This task requires students to imagine making creative discoveries in the fields of technology, science, or art. Students will imagine themselves as scientists or inventors and develop new ideas.

These examples encourage students to think not only independently, but also creatively and critically. They expand their imagination, develop new approaches, and learn to express their thoughts clearly in writing. Writing new stories is a very effective method for strengthening students' thinking skills and teaching them to express their thoughts correctly and fluently.

In addition, motivation plays a significant role in developing independent thinking. It is necessary to increase the interest of students in expressing their opinions, to encourage them, and to constantly support them. Motivation enhances the student's activity and encourages them to express their thoughts freely.

At the same time, the use of modern technologies creates new opportunities for the development of independent thinking. Internet resources, interactive platforms and online resources help students to independently expand their knowledge. This process increases students' interest in self-study and acquiring new knowledge.

By using effective methods to develop independent thinking in elementary school students, students' thinking can be expanded. Problem situations, question-and-answer, creative tasks, group work, and the use of technology are important in shaping independent thinking. The most important task of the teacher is to further develop this ability by encouraging, motivating, and valuing students' opinions.

Conclusion

In conclusion, effective ways to develop independent thinking in elementary school students are based on many pedagogical methods. These methods develop logical, analytical, creative and critical thinking in students, while helping them to express their thoughts freely, make decisions and develop new ideas independently. Teachers should create opportunities for students to develop and freely express their thoughts through their motivational and pedagogical approaches. This will be a solid foundation for students' future success.

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