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Teaching aids are tool and equipment used in teaching as a supplement in class room instruction to enhance the interest of students.

They develop the proper images in their mind and create an interesting atmosphere for the students to make learning easy and clear

Teaching aids enable all students of the class to participate actively and they can relate the topic to real life situations.

The use of teaching aids can facilitate the learning process by making it interesting and less time consuming.

These teaching aids are devices (computer, DVD), instructional aids (book, chalk board, picture), or objects (specimen, map, globe) that help the teacher to effortlessly carry out the teaching-learning process.

A lot depends on the creative abilities of the teacher.

Types of Teaching Aids

On the basis of time-period:

- Conventional/traditional teaching aids
- Non-conventional/modern teaching aids

On the basis of the sense organs involved:

- Visual aids
- Auditory aids
- Audio-visual aids

Use of Projector screen:

- Projected
- Non-projected aids

Conventional/ Traditional Teaching Aids

- ✓ When technology had not yet appeared in the form as it is available today – there was no electricity, phones, computers or internet.
- ✓ Chalks, blackboards and ‘dust and mud sketching’ were used by teachers as a standard teaching aid.
- ✓ Elements of nature, actual objects and specimen were written and presented as teaching aids.
- ✓ Books formed the traditional or conventional resource available to both the teachers and learners.

Non-Conventional/ Modern teaching aids

- ✓ With the gradual technological progress, non-conventional teaching aids became available to teachers and students like computers, television/radio, and interactive whiteboard, multimedia.
- ✓ The modern teaching aids present themselves in different forms.
- ✓ A world of opportunities like teaching aids, games, activities and media have become available to students.
- ✓ They have made teachers' task both enjoyable and challenging.
- ✓ The use of non-conventional teaching aids play an important role in the teaching and learning process today.

Teaching aids are also called audio-visual aids.

- ❑ Contemporary teaching aids that are in use provide stimulation to ears and eyes together compared to the traditionally used teaching aids that stimulated only one sense organ.
- ❑ The emerging teaching aids involve other sense organs (Đurđanović, 2015).

✓ **Visual aids**

(illustrations, textbooks, magazines),

✓ **Auditory aids**

(sound recordings from CDs),

✓ **Audio-visual aids**

(combination of audio and video materials, DVDs).

- ✓ **Projected aids** include PPT, slides, film-strips, overhead projectors, TV/VCR as they **can be projected on screen to give an enlarged image of the material.**
- ✓ They can be used suitably for large and small groups.
- ✓ The large, bright and colourful images make them more effective than a non-projected aid.

- ✓ **Non projected aids do not require projection screens.**
- ✓ Such materials are simply shown, hung or touched, e.g. chalkboard, whiteboard, charts, posters, pictorial materials and models.
- ✓ They provide first hand experiences, make the learners actively participate, stimulate students' interest, ensure better results and longer retention.

Teacher as a teaching aid

- ✓ We cannot ignore the importance of teacher in the classroom.
- ✓ A teacher can be an effective teaching aid. It is one of the wonderful teaching tool which is very convenient in every respect.
- ✓ In a classroom, a teacher can involve students in the process of learning by doing some simple things like use of proper body language, eye contact with students, good facial expression, giving students time to talk, calling them by their names etc.
- ✓ All these activities create friendly learning atmosphere in the class and bridges the gap between teacher and students.
- ✓ A teacher can be model, narrator, singer, presenter, dancer, friend and role player. By playing these roles in the classroom a teacher can encourage the students to participate actively in the class. It will also keep them alert and learn efficiently.

Importance of teaching aids

Teaching aids make lessons more enjoyable, clear and comprehensible for students. They can be used at all levels of learning process to enrich vocabulary and knowledge.

Teaching aids are effective to increase student's memory. What they learn with the help of these aids imprints in their mind. It also makes their learning permanent.

Teaching aids can facilitate the better understanding of the subject which discourages the act of confusion.

Use of teaching aid is absolutely effective because it make the whole process simple, productive and enrich the learning activities.

Teaching aids make the class room live and active and avoid dullness because of involvement of every student. It provides direct experience to the students.