

### Digital Work Guide

Course: Teaching methods

1. **Class topic:** Introduction to approaches and methods

2. **Objectives:** Students should be able to:

- Get familiar with the natural approach, competency-based language teaching and cooperative language learning.

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**NOT MANDATORY**

#### CLASS ACTIVITY 1

Read the information about natural approach, competency-based language teaching and cooperative language learning and click on the A or B chart . If you feel so, share ideas with the class next session.

Conventios:

✓ Correct      × Wrong

**A**  Natural approach

**B**  Competency-based language teaching



Use of languages in communicative situations without recourse to the native language.

- Exposure, or input, rather than practice
- A prolonged period of attention, learners hear before they try to produce language

(Tracy Terrell, 1977)

(Stephen Krashen, 1983)

**A**  Natural approach

**B**  Competency-based language teaching



State or quality of being capable of developing an ability or skill.

Focuses on the outcomes or outputs of learning.

Skill/abilities for social survival, interactional and transactional real-world task.

**A**  Natural approach

**B**  Cooperative language learning



Group learning activity so that learning is dependent on the socially structured exchange of information between learners increasing self-learning and of others. (Olsen and Kagan 1992)

## Theory of language

- A**  Competency-based language teaching  
**B**  Natural approach



Communication is seen as the **primary function of language**

Emphasis is placed on the primacy of **meaning**: Language is viewed as a **vehicle for communicating meanings and messages**.

**Acquisition** takes place when **people understand messages** in the **target language**

- A**  Competency-based language teaching  
**B**  Cooperative language learning



Focused on what **learners** are **expected to do with the language**.

Defines educational goals in terms of **precise measurable descriptions** of the **knowledge, skills, and behaviors** students should possess at the end of a course

- A**  Cooperative language learning  
**B**  Natural approach



**Nature of language** deals with **interactive** and **cooperative perspective**.

Communication as a **primary purpose of language**.

**Speech** is organized as **conversation**: social rules are learnt in **conversational interaction**.

## Theory of learning

**A**  Natural approach

**B**  Cooperative language learning

**The acquisition/learning hypothesis:**  
**ACQUISITION:** **unconscious process** naturalistic development of language proficiency through understanding language and using it for meaningful communication.  
**LEARNING** conscious process about a language system.

**The input hypothesis:**  
 Relates to acquisition. People acquire language best by understanding input. The **ability to speak fluently** emerges independently in time.

**The monitor hypothesis:**  
 Conscious learning  
 1 **Time:** sufficient time for a learner to **choose** and **apply** a learned rule.  
 2 **Focus on form:** **focus on correctness** of the output.  
 3 **knowledge of rules:** The performer must know the rules.

**A**  Cooperative language learning

**B**  Competency-based language teaching

**Functional** and **interactional** perspective on the nature of language.

A **medium** of **interaction** and **communication**

Applied to **situations** in which the **learner** has to **fulfill a particular role** with **language skills** which can be predicted or determined for the **relevant context**

### Examples of **Language Functions**

- |                   |                     |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| • List            | • Hypothesize       |
| • Label           | • Paraphrase        |
| • Analyze         | • Explain           |
| • Restate         | • Make a connection |
| • Form a question | • Compare/contrast  |
| • State           | • Narrate           |
| • Retell          | • Compose           |
| • Define          | • Summarize         |
| • Describe        | • Defend            |
| • Give an example | • Justify           |

**A**  Competency-based language teaching

**B**  Cooperative language learning

Role of **social interaction, cooperation, social skills.**

**Cognitive development** and **critical thinking skills**

**Integration of language with content-based areas**

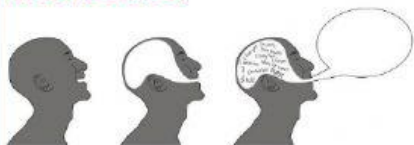


## Objectives and Syllabus

**A**  Competency-based language teaching

**B**  Natural approach

Help beginners become intermediates.



### Syllabus

Goals for language courses.

The **purpose** of a language course will **vary** according to the **needs** of the students.

**A**  Natural approach

**B**  Competency-based language teaching

Develop **competences** in terms of **skills, knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors required** for **effective performance** of a **real-world task** or activity.



### Syllabus

How the students can **use** the **language** instead of their **knowledge** about the language.

### Outcome/output syllabus

List of **competencies** which the course is going to deal with, and these are "typically **required** of students in life role situations

**A**  Cooperative language learning

**B**  Natural approach

Foster **cooperation**, **develop critical thinking skills**, and **develop communicative competence** through **socially structured interaction** activities.



### Syllabus

Does not assume **any particular form of language syllabus**, **activities** from a wide variety of curriculum orientations can be taught via **cooperative learning**. Thus we find CLL used in **teaching content classes**, **ESP**, the **four skills**, **grammar**, **pronunciation**, and **vocabulary**.

Materials and activities		
<p><b>A</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Competency-based language teaching</p> <p><b>B</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Cooperative language learning</p> <p><b>Real-world task:</b> activity linked to the field of work and to social survival: Job application and Job interview</p>	<p><b>A</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Cooperative language learning</p> <p><b>B</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Natural approach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learners are <b>not required to say anything until they feel ready</b>.</li> <li>• The teacher <b>provides comprehensible language and simple response opportunities</b>.</li> <li>• <b>Asking questions and eliciting one-word answers</b>.</li> </ul>	<p><b>A</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Cooperative language learning</p> <p><b>B</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Natural approach</p> <p>Create opportunities for students to <b>work cooperatively</b>:  <b>Group processing activities, face to face interaction, problem solving.</b></p>

Roles		
<p><b>A</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Cooperative language learning</p> <p><b>B</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Natural approach</p> <p><b>Teacher:</b> <b>Create a highly structured and well-organized learning environment. Set goals, plan and structure tasks, assign students to groups and roles, and select materials and time</b></p> <p><b>Student:</b> <b>Member of a group, work collaboratively, learn teamwork skills, plan, monitor, and evaluate their own learning.</b></p>	<p><b>A</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Competency-based language teaching</p> <p><b>B</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Natural approach</p> <p><b>Teacher:</b> Provide <b>positive</b> and <b>constructive feedback, select, design</b> and <b>adapt competency-based</b> activities</p> <p><b>Student:</b> <b>Active, skillful performer, adapt and transfer knowledge</b> from one setting to another.</p>	<p><b>A</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Cooperative language learning</p> <p><b>B</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Natural approach</p> <p><b>Teacher:</b> <b>Primary source of comprehensible input, creating meaningful classroom atmosphere</b></p> <p><b>Student:</b> Processor of comprehensible input. <b>Pre-production stage:</b> participate without having to respond in the target language. <b>Early-production stage:</b> students respond to questions.</p> <p><b>Speech-emergent phase:</b> role-play and games.</p>

## Procedure

**A**  Cooperative language learning

**B**  Natural approach

Assigns work to students with at least one good reader in each pair.

The students individually research the material they need for their Compositions.

The students work together to write the first paragraph of each composition individually on in groups.

Students reread each other's compositions and indicate that each composition is error-free.

**A**  Natural approach

**B**  Competency-based language teaching

Start with TPR commands.

Use visuals, magazine pictures, to introduce new vocabulary and to continue with activities requiring single word responses.

Combine use of pictures with TPR

**A**  Natural approach

**B**  Competency-based language teaching

Initial assessment,

Students are placed and grouped on English proficiency level: learning pace and needs.

1. Knowledge and learning competencies
2. Oral competencies
3. Reading competencies
4. Writing competencies