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## THE PROBLEM OF DESIGNING COMMUNICATIVE TASKS FOR ENGLISH LEARNER

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**Abstract:** *The design of communicative tasks plays a crucial role in developing English learners' language proficiency by fostering meaningful interaction and real-life communication. However, the process of designing effective communicative tasks presents several challenges, including aligning tasks with learners' proficiency levels, ensuring authenticity, and incorporating appropriate assessment methods. This article explores the theoretical foundations of communicative tasks, identifies common difficulties in their design, and examines effective strategies for overcoming these challenges. Furthermore, it highlights the role of technology and innovation in enhancing task-based learning. By addressing these issues, this study aims to provide insights for educators and curriculum developers to create more engaging and effective communicative tasks for English learners.*

**Keywords:** *Communicative tasks, Task-based learning (TBL), language proficiency, English language learners, interaction in language learning, authenticity in task design, task assessment, challenges in task design, technology in language learning, innovative teaching strategies.*

Developing strong communication skills in English is one of the most important goals for language learners. Communicative tasks are essential tools for achieving this, as they allow learners to use language in meaningful and authentic ways. However, designing effective communicative tasks is not always easy. Teachers often face challenges such as ensuring the tasks are suitable for different proficiency levels, making them realistic, and assessing learners' progress accurately.

### **Understanding Communicative Tasks**

Communicative tasks are activities designed to help learners use the target language for a real purpose. For example, instead of simply practicing grammar exercises, students might take part in a role-play where they book a hotel room or order food at a restaurant.

### **Challenges in Designing Communicative Tasks**

One major challenge in designing communicative tasks is making sure they match learners' language abilities. A good communicative task should be within the



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learners' Zone of Proximal Development (ZPD), meaning that it should be challenging but achievable with some support.

## **Making Tasks Authentic and Meaningful**

Authenticity is another challenge. Many textbook exercises focus on artificial conversations that do not reflect real-life communication. To make tasks more engaging, teachers should design activities that are relevant to learners' lives.

## **Assessing Communicative Tasks Effectively**

Assessing communicative tasks is different from assessing grammar or vocabulary tests. Since the focus is on fluency and interaction, teachers need to use different evaluation methods such as rubrics and peer feedback.

## **Integrating Technology in Communicative Tasks**

Technology can make communicative tasks more interactive. For example, students can practice speaking skills with AI chatbots or language exchange apps, which allow them to interact with native speakers.

## **Strategies for Creating Effective Communicative Tasks**

To make tasks accessible to all learners, teachers can provide support in different ways. They can model the task first, give students useful phrases, or allow them to work in pairs before speaking to the whole class.

## **Using Real-Life Scenarios**

Tasks should reflect real-world situations so that students see the practical value of learning English.

## **Making Use of Technology**

Teachers can integrate technology in simple yet effective ways. For example, students can record podcasts discussing their favorite books or movies.

## **Developing Clear Assessment Methods**

To fairly assess communicative tasks, teachers should use rubrics with clear criteria. Instead of focusing only on grammar mistakes, they should evaluate whether students communicate their ideas effectively.

## **Conclusion**

Designing communicative tasks is a dynamic and complex process that requires careful consideration of learners' needs, linguistic goals, and real-world applicability. Effective communicative tasks not only engage learners but also facilitate meaningful language use, helping them develop fluency and confidence. Furthermore, as technology continues to evolve, integrating digital tools into communicative tasks



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offers new opportunities for interactive learning. Educators must remain adaptable, employing innovative strategies and diverse methodologies to ensure tasks remain relevant, motivating, and effective. Future research in this field can explore the impact of artificial intelligence, virtual reality, and adaptive learning technologies in enhancing communicative task design.

Designing communicative tasks requires careful planning, but it is essential for developing learners' speaking and interaction skills. Teachers must consider factors like proficiency levels, authenticity, assessment, technology, and cultural differences.

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