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## **SECȚIUNEA I - SIMPOZION**

Metode didactice interactive utilizate în predarea limbilor străine Avram Maria Ioana Colegiul Tehnic"Traian Vuia" Oradea

Cadrele didactice sunt într-o continuă căutare de modalități și strategii prin care predarea să fie mai accesibilă, mai usor înțeleasă și în acelați timp elevii să se folosească de materiale autentice și reale care să-i ajute în dobândirea de noi cunoștințe. Tehnologia este fără doar și poate cel mai bun mijloc pentru crearea unui mediu favorabil predării și învățării. Profesorii de limbi străine se pot folosi de computere și de alte dispozitive electronice în sala de clasă. Informatica și comunicarea prin intermediul tehnologiei este într-o dezvoltare rapidă, fiind de fapt moștenirea mileniului trei. Folosirea telefoanelor smart și a internetului la orele de limba engleză ajută elevii în asimilarea informațiilor într-un mod atractibil și interactiv.

În urmă cu zece ani, Harmer prezenta în cartea lui "Studierea Predării limbii engleze" (2007: 192-197) folosirea site-urilor pe Internet pentru învățarea limbii engleze. El de asememnea discuta despre oportunitatea folosirii calculatorului și a internetului, dar posibilitățile erau mult mai limitate. Dacă în urmă cu un deceniu era la modă ca elevii să-și trimită emailuri, să vorbească folosind programe precum Googletalk sau MSN Messenger, profesorii se foloseau de blogurile proprii pentru aș împărtășii ideile, informațiile și să le dea teme. Deși el a scris despre site-urile care ne permiteau sa descărcăm software și să creăm materiale proprii, în țara noastă folosirea internetului și a tehnicilor interactive sunt recente.

Tehnologia este în secolului XXI folosită la maxim și în sala de clasă, ajutând la creearea unui mediu favorabil pentru învățare. Mijloacele informatice fac parte din cultura noastră, din viața noastră de fiecare zi, și folosirea Internetului în procesul de învățământ, alături de alte instrumente auxiliare, favorizează accesul în timp real la informații, schimburi interne și internaționale și oferă noi posibilități de învățare-predare.

## Ar trebui să folosim telefoanele sau alte gadgeturi în sala de clasă?

Diferitele dispozitive precum telefoanele inteligente, laptopurile, tabletele pot fi un avantaj sau un obstacol. Eu consider că mai degrabă ar trebuie sa le folosim în scop educațional decât să le interzicem în timpul orelor de limba engleză. În această era digitală avem la îndemână multe aplicații care ne ajută în procesul de predare-învățare, îi ajută pe elevi să exerseze, să recapituleze, să fie evaluat si să primească teme. Utilitatea lor este neprețuită dacă știm cum să le folosim, cand și cît timp să folosim această tehnică.

## De ce să le folosim?

Este o întrebare bună. Dar aș adăuga încă câteva întrebări.

De ce să ne deranjăm să facem alte exerciții și să nu folosim doar cărțile?

De ce sa creăm teste noi folosindu-ne de platformele on line decât să ne folosim de fișele noastre adunate pe parcursul anilor ?

Răspunsul este următorul. Trăim într-o lume nouă, este lumea adolescenților cu toate noile achiziții tehnologice. Dacă noi am avut primul telefon doar la universitate, copii noștri au telefon încă de la gradiniță sau chiar înainte. Anii noștri școlari au fost complet diferiți, nici învățatul nu era la fel, astfel metodele de predare ar trebuit de asemenea îmbunătățite și modernizate pentru a obține rezultate. Schimbarea majoră pentru o viață și un viitor mai bun

trebuie să fie făcută de către noi, profesorii. Lucrăm cu mulți copii, cu personalități diferite, deci trebuie să fim flexibili și să ne adaptăm tehnicile și metodele de predare potrivit nevoilor lor, în acord cu cunostințele pe care acestia le-au achiziționat și cu personalitatea lor.

Platformele educaționale oferă interactivitate în sala de clasă. Lecțiile devin mai fascinante și atractive atât pentru elevi cât și pentru profesori. Profesorul de asemenea trebuie să fie la zi cu toate schimbările. El monitorizează mult mai ușor progresul elevilor și se încurajează prezentările și lucrul în echipă. Nu în ultimul rând, cerința de lucru poate fi rezolvată de acasă, astfel temele pot fi mai atractive.

Voi analiza trei instrumente on line, un avizier virtual, o aplicație/site și o platformă educațională care ne ajută să predăm limba engleză într-un mod amuzant și interactiv.

#### **PADLET**

Padlet este o aplicație gratuită care permite folositorului să creeze un panou on line pentru a încărca informații despre diferite teme. Acest instrument este ușor de folosit și permite elevilor să colaboreze on line și să posteze diferitele notițe, imagini, documente, să-și distribuie imagini, articole și înregistrări audio sau video.

Această pagină este uşor de folosit de ambii participanți la procesul educațional. Beneficiul pe care îl oferă este folosirea lui nu doar în sala de clasă ci şi de acasă. Elevii se pot loga gratuit şi toate postările apar în timp real. Profesorul poate însă controla paginile, le poate şterge, edita sau pot şterge unele postări. Un lucru foarte bun este faptul că orice elevul doreşte să posteze, trebuie să primească întâi aprobarea profesorului. Astfel, nici un conținut nepotrivit nu poate fi adăugat.

Padlet este un "avizier" virtual care poate fi folosit în sesiuni de brainstorming, pentru postarea unor termeni noi, pentru a posta comentarii pe o temă dată asigurând interactivitate în predarea unei limbi străine.

#### **LEARNINGAPPS.ORG**

LearningApps.org este o aplicație Web 2.0 care vine în sprijinul proceselor de învățare și predare prin module interactive. Aceste module interactive pot fi folosite la clasă, dar pot fi și concepute online de utilizatori sau pot fi modificate, ele nereprezentând o unitate de învățare închisă, ci trebuie încorporată într-un scenariu de predare corespunzător. Se pot genera mai multe tipuri de module: jocuri de memorie, integrame, spânzurătoarea, joc cu întrebări multiple, etc.

Ambii participanți în procesul de predare-învățare au de câștigat folosind această aplicație. Profesorul își structurează materialul pe care dorește să-l predea, și-l crează singur sau se folosește de exercițiile găsite on line. LearningApps asigură elevilor moduri interactive și atrăgătoare de însușire a noilor informații, permițând individualizarea procesului didactic.

#### **KAHOOT**

Kahoot este o platformă educațională gratuită bazată pe joc și tehnologie educațională lansată în Norvegia, dar folosită în școala noastră abia în acest an școlar. Când creezi un joc de învățare , un quizz cu mai multe variante de răspuns care necesită logare printr-un nickname și cod, și poate fi accesat printr-un web browser, acest joc e numit "Kahoot".

Acest joc educațional e folosit la clasă, dar și în alte instituții de învățare. Jocurile de învățare pot fi create de către oricine pe orice subiecct și pentru elevi de toate vârstele. Poate fi accesat folosind orice dispozitiv, calculator sau laptop care dispune de un browser web.

Profesorul crează un quiz, adaugă video, imagini și diagrame întrebărilor pentru a intensifica implicarea elevului. Poate fi folosit pentru recapitulare, pentru consolidare, ca evaluare formativă ori ca o pauză din activitățile tradiționale. Pentru a putea fi folosit profesorul

are nevoie de o tablă albă interactivă sau un proiector. Jucătorii, conectați la internet răspund pe propriile telefoane, în timp ce întrebările apar pe ecran.

În întreaga lume, tehnologia schimbă modul în care elevii învață și lucrează. Platformele on line au progresat considerabil în ultimii ani. Acestea continuă să ofere din ce în ce mai multe aplicații utile care folosite cu ajutorul tabletelor, computerelor, telefoanelor, implică interactiv elevul în actul învățării. Rolul profesorului este acum minimalizat, el devine un observator, ghid și consultant. Învățarea prin exerciții practice scrise și învățarea regulilor pe de rost sunt semnele metodelor de predare tradiționale care încep să piardă teren și în școlile românești.

Orice metodă e folosită, altele decât cele convenţionale găsită în cărţile de gramatică, sunt inovative şi originale atât timp cât servesc atingerii obiectivului central de predare.

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## IMPACTUL METODELOR INTERACTIVE UTILIZATE ÎN PREDAREA LIMBII ENGLEZE ASUPRA CLASEI DE ELEVI

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Școalacontribuietot mai mult la modelareapersonalitățiiși la cultivareatrăsăturilorei. Înîntreagaoperă de formare a omuluinou, a personalității sale, un rol important, uneorichiardecisiv, îl au primiiani de școală.

Cadrul didactic trebuie să fie animat de o puternică receptivitate față de tot ce este nou si important în specialitatea sa și în pedagogie, iar în practică să dovedească un efort continuu spre autodepășire, pentru a face față sarcinilor pe care le ridică învățământul.

"Metodele" sunt modalități de acțiune, instrumente cu ajutorul cărora elevii, sub îndrumarea profesorului sau în mod independent, însușesc cunoștințele, își formează priceperile și deprinderile, aptitudinile, atitudinile"(I. Nicola) În sens restrâns, afirmă autorul anterior menționat, metoda este o tehnică de care profesorul și elevii se folosesc pentru efectuarea acțiunilor de predare – învățare; ea asigură realizarea în practică a unei activități proiectate mintal, conform unei strategii didactice.

În învățământul contemporan auzim din ce în ce mai des despre o educație centrată pe elev și despre metode interactive. Prin metode interactive înțelegem modalitățile prin care se formează și se dezvoltă priceperile, deprinderile și capacitățile elevilor de a acționa asupra mediului înconjurător, de a folosi roadele cunoașterii transformând exteriorul în facilități interioare, formându-și caracterul și dezvoltându-și personalitatea. Din această definiție observăm că, în cadrul procesului educațional interactiv, accentul este pus pe formarea de competențe, ci nu pe transmiterea (i)logică a cunoștințelor, astfel actorul central, elevul, este

transformat într-o ființă rațională ce conștientizează importanța dezvoltării personalității individuale, el nemaifiind o "mașină de reprodus informație". Pentru a fi eficiente acestea trebuie să îndeplinească "cerința primordială a educației progresiviste" (J. Piaget), adică activitățile de învățare și de muncă independentă să fie îmbinate cu activități de cooperare, de învățare în grup și de muncă interdependentă, pentru că "învățarea în grup exersează capacitatea de decizie și de inițiativă, dă o notă mai personală muncii, dar și o complementaritate mai mare aptitudinilor și talentelor, ceea ce asigură o participare mai vie, mai activă, susținută de foarte multe elemente de emulație, de stimulare reciprocă, de cooperare fructuoasă." (I. Cerghit).

Pentru o utilizare eficientă a acestor metode, în practica didactică, este necesară cunoașterea teoretică, o minimă experiență în utilizarea acestora și integrarea corespunzătoare în proiectul didactic, în interrelație cu metodele tradiționale. Acest mod de predare transformă elevul într-un actor, participant activ în procesul învățării, pregătit să-și însușească cunoștințele prin efort propriu, mobilizându-l în raport cu sarcinile de învățare date. Se identifică cu situația de învățare în care este antrenat, fiind parte activă a propriei transformări și formări, generată de cunoaștere.

Practica didactică bazată pe metode interactive presupune:

- interacțiuni verbale și socio-afective nemijlocite între elevi, grație cărora se dezvoltă competențe intelectuale și sociale transferabile în diferite contexte formale sau informale;
- atitudine deschisă, activă bazată pe inițiativă personală;
- o învățare în colaborare cu ceilalți colegi;
- angajarea intensă a elevilor în realizarea sarcinilor (chiar dacă în cazul unora dintre ei nu se produce la primele experiențe de acest fel);
- responsabilitate colectivă și individuală;
- valorizarea schimburilor intelectuale și verbale, mizând pe o logică a învățării care ține cont de opiniile elevilor.

Demersurile didactice de acest tip conduc spre un progres cognitiv centrat pe descoperirea celuilalt, a unei participări active și interactive, la reflecție comună în cadrul comunității educaționale din care face parte.

Specific metodelor interactive este faptul că ele promovează interacțiunea dintre mințile participanților, dintre personalitățile lor, ducând la o învățare mai activă și cu rezultate evidente.

Metodele interactive:

- creează deprinderi;
- facilitează învățarea în ritm propriu;
- stimulează cooperarea, nu competiția;
- sunt atractive;
- pot fi abordate din punct de vedere al diferitelor stiluri de învătare.
  - De aceea, un învățător care folosește metode interactive ar trebui să fie:
- un sfătuitor care își poate ajuta elevii în rezolvarea problemelor, îi motivează să își prezinte propriul punct de vedere;
- un animator care inițiază metode și le explică elevilor, pregătește materialele didactice și prezintă scopurile învățării;
- un observator și un ascultător care observă elevii în timpul activității și îi apreciază corect:
- un participant la învățare care nu are impresia că este perfect și învață toată viața;
- un partener care poate modifica "scenariul" lecției, dacă clasa o cere.

Clasificarea metodelor didactice se poate face din mai multe puncte de vedere, dar noi luăm în seamă doar clasificarea prin care se disting două mari clase de metode: metodele tradiționale și metodele moderne, interactive.

Cel mai important aspect al instruirii active îl constituie faptul că elevii devin coparticipanți la propria lor instruire și educare. Sunt satisfăcute astfel, cerințele psihopedagogice ale activizării:

- pregătirea psihologică pentru învățare;
- prevenirea și reducerea influențelor negative ale diferitelor surse perturbatorii;
- asigurarea repertoriilor congruente;
- asigurarea unui limbaj comun între educator și educat;
- utilizarea unor modalități eficiente de activizare.

Pentru atingerea finalităților educației, contextualizarea metodelor didactice la specificul demersului educativ reprezintă o importantă sarcină a cadrului didactic.

Utilizarea metodelor interactive de predare-învățare în activitatea didactică contribuie la îmbunătățirea calității procesului instructiv-educativ, având un caracter activ – participativ și o reală valoare activ-formativă asupra personalității elevului.

Caracteristicilemetodelor interactive:

## suntatractive;

- stimuleazăimplicareaactivăînsarcinadidactică;
- stimuleazăiniţiativa;
- · asigură o maibunăpunereînpractică a cunoștințelor, priceperilorșideprinderilor;
- · asigură un demers interactiv al actului de predare-învățare-evaluare;
- · valorifică și stimulează potențialul creativ, originalitatea copiilor;
- · acționează asupra gândirii critice a elevilor;
- · elevii devin responsabili în rezolvarea sarcinilor;
- · promovează învățarea prin cooperare;
- · copiii învață să argumenteze acțiunile;
- îi învată pe elevi să comunice între ei si să asculte părerile celor din jur.

Metodele moderne au tendinţa de a se apropia cât mai mult de metodele cercetării ştiinţifice, antrenând elevii în activităţi de investigare şi cercetare directă a fenomenelor . Utilizarea metodelor interactive în activitatea didactică are ca rezultat creşterea motivaţiei pentru învăţare şi a încrederii în sine, contribuie la formarea atitudinii pozitive faţă de obiectele de studiu în şcoală şi asigură condiţiile formării capacităţii copiilor de a interacţiona şi de a comuni ca, pregătindu-i mai bine pentru activitatea socială.

Prinmăiestriașipriceperea de care dămdovadăputemdezvoltacreativitatea la elevi, darputemajungesi la o autostimulare a creativității.

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#### **BRAINWRITING-UL**

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Metoda didactică reprezintă un ansablu de operații și acțiuni pe care profesorii și elevii le utilizează în vederea atingerii unor obiective pedagogice și care asigură transferal în practică a unei activități proiectate mintal.

Metodele de predare -învățare reprezintă un set de procedee realizate în etape și pe care profesorl sauu elevul le folosește într-un mod conștient, controlat și intenționat ca instrumente flexibile pentru a preda sau învăța și a solution probleme.

**Brainwriting-ul** este o metodă similară brainstormingului ce presupune în prealabil consemnarea individuală a unor ide ice vor fi transmise următoarei personae din grup. Aceasta le va folosi ca și punct de plecare sau premise pentru un set nou de idei. Elevii vor folosi cartonașe, fișe pe care le vor așeza în centrul mesei de discuție, permițând reconstrucțiile, combinațiile, revenirile, completările. Se mainumeștetehnica 6/3/5 (6 membri, 3 idei, 5 minute).

## Avantaje:

- Exprimarea în scris necesită atenție și o gândire asumată în prealabil;
- Este o metodă adecvatăelevilor cu o competență comunicativă puțin dezvoltată:
- Încurajează spiritual de echipă;
- Permite o bună obținere în timp scurt a unei multitudini de idei;

## Exemplu

Obiectul de învățămînt: Limba română

Subiectul: Câinele și cățelul, de Grigore Alexandrescu.

Fiecare membru primește o fișă de tipul celei redate în tabelul următor.

Fiecare membru al grupului va nota problema în spatial de sus, iar în intervalul de cinci minute va oferi trei idei; după trecerea timpului , va înmâna fișa colegului din dreapta și o va primi pe aceea a colegului din stânga sa. Procesulcontinuăpânăcetoatefișelevor fi completate (obţinându-se un total de 108 ideice pot fi evaluate).

Problema : Întâmplare din lumea animalelor(Ce tipuri de personae reprezintă aceste personaje?)

	Ideea 1	Ideea 2	Ideea 3
Membru 1			
Membru 2			
Membru 3			
Membru 4			
Membru 5			
Membru 6			

## ELEVUL ȘI PARTENERIATELE EDUCAȚIONALE Prof. But Monica-Loredana Liceul de Artă " Ioan Sima" Zalău, Sălaj

Parteneriatul educaţional este unul dintre cuvintele cheie ale pedagogiei contemporane. Este un concept și o atitudine în câmpul educației. Parteneriatul educațional tinde să devină un concept central pentru abordarea de tip curricular flexibilă și deschisă a problemelor educative. Înabordarea curriculară a educației se identifică nevoia cunoașterii, respectăriiși valorizării diversității. Este vorba de o diversitate care presupune unicitatea fiecărei ființe umane și multiculturalitatea. Copiii nu sunt normali sau anormali, ci unici, cu particularități diferite, determinate decaracteristicile lor subiective – individuale și de apartenența lor la un spațiu și o identitate socio-culturală. Fiecare este purtătorul unor particularități cenu pot fi defecte sau anormalități, ci sunt caracteristici, răspunsuri personale la solicitările mediului. Unicitatea vine din ecuația subiectivă a fiecăruia, dar și din stilurile de învățare, ritmurile dezvoltării, trăsăturile personale, capacitățile, competențele și comportamentele fiecăruia. Amprenta culturală este importantă pentru că determină bogăția diversității la nivelul grupuluisocial.

Parteneriatul educațional este forma de comunicare, cooperare și colaborare în sprijinul copilului la nivelul procesului educațional. El presupune o unitate de cerințe, opțiuni, decizii și acțiuni educative întrefactorii educaționali. Parteneriatul educațional se desfășoară împreună cu actul educațional propriu-zis. El se referă la cerința ca proiectarea, decizia, acțiunea și colaborarea dintre instituții, influențe și agenți educaționali.

În societatea contemporană problematica educației dobândește noi conotații, educația depășește limitele exigențelor naționale și tinde spre universalitate, spre patrimoniul valoric comun al umanității.

În școala contemporană eficiența educației depinde de gradul în care se pregătește copilul pentru participarea la dezvoltarea de sine și de măsura în care reușește să pună bazele formării personalității copiilor sub aspect psihointelectual, fizic și socioafectiv, pentru o cât mai ușoara integrare socială.

Complexitatea finalităților educaționale impune îmbinarea activităților curriculare cu cele extracurriculare iar parteneriatul educațional, ca set de intervenție complementară, apare ca o necesitate. Parteneriatul reprezintă procesul de colaborare dintre două sau mai multe părți care acționează împreună pentru realizarea unor interese sau scopuri comune în condiții de comunicare, coordonare și cooperare și presupune împărțirea responsabilităților în derularea unei acțiuni cu precizarea obligatorie a atribuțiilor și contribuțiilor acestora, aspect statuat printr-un acord de parteneriat (conventie, protocol, întelegere, contract).

Parteneriatul educațional trebuie privit ca un factor pozitiv care vine în sprijinul dezvoltării instituției, presupune participarea activa a tuturor celor implicați și constituie în același timp un punct forte în vederea stabilirii unei interacțiuni constructive între partenerii implicați, motivația fiind integrarea grădiniței în mediul comunitar și participarea activă la formarea viitorilor adulți.

Educația copilului este o acțiune care presupune schimb de experiențe, de valori între adulții care îl susțin în dezvoltarea sa și cu care intra în contact, motiv pentru care trebuie acordată în regim prioritar importanța cuvenită partenerilor educaționali.

Date fiind complexitatea și gradul impactului educației asupra întregului sistem social, crește necesitatea colaborării în parteneriat cu o categorie foarte largă: întreg personalul angajat în sistemul de învățământ, toți copiii cuprinși în sistemul de învățământ, părinții copiilor, organizații nonguvernamentale, reprezentanții cultelor religioase, autorități locale, instituții de învățământ din alte țări.

Obiectivul general al oricărei acțiuni de parteneriat trebuie să fie dezvoltarea unei serii de categorii de conduite necesare in viață: curiozitate investigatoare, originalitate și independență în gândire și acțiune, imaginație, fantezie, perseverență.

Toate instituțiile partenere promovează asigurarea egalității șanselor în educație, revigorarea spiritului civic și a mentalităților comunitare, promovarea dialogului, transparenței și a comunicării deschise, încurajarea inițiativei și a participării la proiecte educaționale, dezvoltarea colaborării si cooperării, încurajarea autodisciplinei și a responsabilității, dezvoltarea personalității copilului și integrarea lui în societate.

Aceste activități întregesc activitatea educativă, aducând un surplus informațional copiilor și completându-l cu exemple concrete, întregindu-se, completându-se și lărgindu-se astfel experiența de învățare formală cu experiența de învățare non- formală.

Copiii devin capabili să înțeleagă lumea în care trăiesc și să o transforme, să se cunoască pe sine și să se transforme, să se exprime, trăiesc experiențe reale, sunt puși în situații model pentru viața lor viitoare ca adulți, învață să reacționeze adecvat la situații date, să colaboreze, să comunice, să aibă inițiativă, să devină creativi. Ilustrând realitățile vieții lor cotidiene, activitățile specifice grădiniței, familiei și comunității din care fac parte, variatele forme de exprimare ale copiilor dobândesc atât rol formator cât și informator. Rezultatul actului lor creator devine astfel cartea lor de vizită, dar și a unității de învățământ și, generalizând, putem avea încredere în puterea viitoarei generații de adulți de a-și crea un mod de viață fundamentat pe principii sănătoase, tolerantă, cooperare, spirit civic, pozitivism.

Pentru a avea o relație activă și pozitivă cu școlarii trebuie să știm să le descoperim trebuințele și nevoile pentru ca legăturile între copil și adult să se bazeze atât pe încredere dar mai ales pe respectul reciproc.

Factorul primordial în educarea unui copil este familia şi de aceea colaborarea între grădiniță și mediul familial trebuie să se bazeze pe o bună cunoaștere reciprocă. Parteneriatul grădiniță familie organizat corect duce la o educație solidă, fără pericolul de eșec școlar mai târziu, la formarea unor deprinderi și bune practici de relaționare si comunicare, dezvoltarea unor atitudini pozitive fată de problemele educative ale preșcolarilor.

Parteneriatul școală- familie are nevoie să fie unul democratic pentru că astfel pot fi găsite resurse extrabugetare (sponsorizări, donații) pentru îmbogățirea bazei materiale , părinții sunt astfel implicați în pregătirea și organizarea activităților proiectate pentru a crea un climat educativ stimulativ pentru preșcolar. Părinții sunt implicați în acțiuni extracurriculare cu copiii și nu numai ei putând participa la activitățile demonstrative din clasă.

Au loc și schimbări calitative în realizarea parteneriatului dintre profesori și părinți prin creșterea competenței psihopedagogice, printr-o mai ampla pregătire continuă, prin creșterea calității schimbului de informații și sugestii educative prin consultații individuale și colective și prin încurajarea părinților de a participa la activități de consiliere.

Din experiența proprie am obținut rezultate pozitive ale parteneriatului cu părinții prin dotarea clasei cu materiale didactice, prin participarea la activitățile din clasă, prin voluntariat ori de câte ori am cerut ajutorul în organizarea anumitor activități, prin schimb de informații,

aprecieri și sugestii, prin colaborarea în activitățile gospodărești. Am organizat serbări cu ocazia Sărbătorii Crăciunului și a Zilei de 8 Martie, evenimente prin care am colaborat cu familiile la crearea costumelor, la realizarea filmărilor, la pregătirea cadourilor pentru copii, la bunul mers al activităților și am organizat expoziții cu lucrările copiilor pe diferite teme.

Proiectul de parteneriat, formă modernă şi complexă de învăţare- evaluare, se bazează pe toate formele de organizare a activităților – individual, pe perechi, pe grupe, frontal – grupele participante devenind o comunitate de învăţare, în care fiecare contribuie atât la propria formare, cât şi la procesul de învăţare colectiv. Învăţarea bazată pe proiect este o abordare instrucţională care angajează elevii într-o investigaţie bazată pe cooperare-comunicarecolaborare. Copiii află soluţiile problemelor prin: formularea şi rezolvarea întrebărilor; dezbateri de idei; proiectarea de planuri sau experimente; comunicarea ideilor şi a rezultatelor unii altora; adresarea de noi întrebări; crearea de produse noi; extragerea concluziilor; formularea de predicţii. Această abordare are o eficienţă crescută în creşterea motivaţiei copiilor şi în stimularea operaţiilor superioare ale gândirii. Învăţarea bazată pe proiect este o acţiune de cercetare şi acţiune practică în acelaşi timp.

Instituțiile de invățământ urmăresc să obtină recunoașterea importanței parteneriatului lor cu intreaga comunitate locală, prin relații directe și prin "noile educații": educația civică, educația în spiritul inițiativei economice, educația ecologică, educația in spiritul drepturilor omului, a combaterii violenței, educația in spiritul valorilor europene și al dialogului cultural European.

Răspunzând cerințelor sociale și comunitare, școala trebuie să orienteze întregul său demers asupra elevilor, care trebuie să devină centrul de interes al oricărui parteneriat practicat în domeniul educației scolare.

Transformarea reală a elevilor în actori principali ai demersului educațional, poate conduce în mod gradual la creșterea prestigiului școlii în comunitate și la sensibilizarea și mobilizarea partenerilor potențiali ai unităților de invățământ. Pentru aceasta, trebuie adoptate unele măsuri generale ca: formarea personalului din învățământ în sensul comunicării, cooperării, parteneriatelor; promovarea unui cadru legislativ care să încurajeze inițiativele școlii; sensibilizarea societății în raport cu problemele educației și cu semnificația sa.

In acord cu aceste cerințe, fiecare dintre unitățile școlare trebuie să se orienteze către centrarea întregii activități asupra elevului, pregătirea resurselor umane ale școlii pentru parteneriat, atragerea partenerilor potentiali în parteneriate efective.

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## Metode interactive de predare a limbii engleze Prof.Cărăgui Ramo

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Acest articol vizează metodele personale de predare a limbii engleze într-un mod interactiv. Cum putem face ora mai atractivă pentru elevi, cum îi putem implica activ pe aceștia și care este efectul final? Predau limba engleză la liceu, unor adolescenți care trăiesc într-o perioadă de mare expansiune tehnologică și informațională. Totul se schimbă într-un ritm accelerat iar noi, profesorii, trebuie tot timpul să ținem pasul cu noile cerințe. Înainte să predau la liceu, am avut un răgaz pentru a reflecta asupra metodelor pe care le foloseau profesorii mei din liceu, pentru a încerca să aplic tehnici care îmi captau atenția și mă ajutau să parcurg materia într-un ritm alert și intens. Fiind apropiată de vârstă de elevii mei, am dorit să avem o altă relație profesor-elev, și anume una de prietenie.

Cu ce am venit nou? Ora de limba engleză se desfășoară numai în limba ţintă, foarte rar venind cu completări în limba română. Primul blocaj de la elevi pe care l-am primit a fost cerința: "Doamna, mai vorbiţi şi în română!". Cum este posibil să înţeleagă elevii tot? Completez dându-le sinonime, gesticulând, prin mimică, oferindu-le exemple de situații sau descriind cuvântul necunoscut. În plus, le ofer imagini sau le arăt obiecte din clasă. Cum se vede diferenţa? Când am opţional cu 2 grupe, când pun întrebări elevilor cărora le predau şi la alte ore de limba engleză, aceştia îmi răspund în limba engleză; ceilalţi, care fac limba engleză cu alţi profesori, îmi răspund la întrebări în limba română sau îmi traduc întrebarea în limba română.

Cum lucrăm *reading*? Dacă avem un text, cea mai frecventă metodă pe care o aplic este decuparea textului în fragmente iar elevii, lucrând pe grupe de câte 2, trebuie să le ordoneze. Sau, înainte de citire, le ofer fișe cu expresii sau cuvinte din text care le-ar putea pune probleme elevilor în înțelegerea textului. Cuvintele necunoscute le studiem înainte de citirea propriu zisă. Apoi, neapărat în timp ce elevii citesc textul, le ofer exerciții pe baza textului. Le ofer cerințe de rezolvat în timpul citirii, și nu după citire, deoarece în timpul citirii se activează și înțelegerea, nu numai citirea mecanică a cuvintelor sau propozițiilor. Dacă citim și apoi oferim exerciții, prima citire va fi mecanică, iar la rezolvarea exercițiilor elevii vor reacționa tot mecanic, căutând în text direct răspunsul, și nu înțelesul.

Cum lucram *listening*? Ca să fie mai atractiv, combin lecția de *reading+listening* sau de *grammar+listening*. Dacă avem *reading*, la sfârșitul orei ascultăm și lucrăm fișe de lucru având ca temă cuvinte din lecția de zi, sau informații învățate anterior, pentru verificarea cunoștințelor într-un mod relaxant. Dacă avem oră de gramatică, la începutul orei aduc o melodie, elevii primesc fișe de lucru cu versurile melodiei, aceștia trebuind să completeze spațiile libere cu problemele de gramatică din lecția de zi. Astfel, melodiile le folosesc ca material audio dar si material de *lead-in*, introducere în tematica orei. Melodia se poate folosi și la sfârșitul orei de gramatică, pentru consolidarea cunoștințelor.

Cum lucrăm *speaking*? Vorbirea în limba țintă este prezentă oră de oră. Atât prin citirea enunțurilor, rezolvarea exercițiilor, răspunderea la întrebări, prin dezbateri sau prezentări de opinii. De exemplu, am avut o lecție despre avansarea tehnologiei și am lucrat pe echipe de câte 4 elevi, fiecare echipă trebuia să prezinte 3 aspecte pozitive și 3 aspecte negative privind avansarea tehnologiei. Echipa cu cele mai bune idei a primit un bonus. Drept temă, au avut de realizat un eseu de opinie despre avantajele și dezavantajele tehnologiei, drept pentru care toți

elevii au avut note frumoase la aceste eseuri, deoarece au fost activi la oră, au participat și au învățat unii de la alții.

Cum lucrăm **writing**? De obicei, *writingul* înseamnă temă pentru acasă, dar dacă învățăm pentu prima dată cum să scriem o recenzie sau o scrisoare de intenție, pașii pe care îi parcurg sunt următorii: metoda la care au fost cei mai receptivi a constat în citirea de către profesor a unui exemplu scurt de scrisoare de intenție pentru un loc de muncă, apoi elevii au trebuit să ghicească despre ce a fost vorba, metodă care activează *skill*-urile de *listening and speaking*, cât și sub-*skillul* de înțelegere. Dacă elevii nu ghicesc sau nu știu despre ce este vorba, încerc să le ofer exemple de situații când scriem aceste scrisori. Astfel, elevii au aflat care este tema pe care o vom analiza. Apoi le pun întrebări despre cum trebuie să fie structurată o astfel de scrisoare, ce pași trebuie să urmeze, ce limbaj să folosim. După ce elevii au notat, profesorul împarte fișe cu scrisori de intenție pentru studii. Citim și analizăm scrisoarea, verificăm dacă sunt parcurse toate etapele. În ultimele 15 minute din oră, elevii au de ales între a scrie o scrisoare de intenție pentru locul de muncă sau pentru studii și încep să o redacteze. Profesorul îi monitorizează, le răspunde la întrebări, le oferă indicații și sugestii. Ca temă pentru acasă, au de redactat două scrisori de intenție, pentru domeniile menționate anterior.

Într-adevăr, este multă muncă, pregătire temeinică din partea profesorului, pentru că este nevoie de timp pentru pregătirea materialelor sau studierea unor noi tehnici de lucru sau a unor tipuri noi de exerciții, însă în timp materialele se adună și munca se ușurează. Este nevoie de timp, răbdare cu reticența sau plictiseala elevilor, dar, în același timp, și de multă voință. Pentru că nu este imposibil!

## METODE DIDACTICE INTERACTIVE UTILIZATE ÎN PREDAREA LIMBILOR STRĂINE

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Modul în care se predă și se îmvăță limba engleză a cunoscut diverse abordări în decursul timpului, ca o consecință a contextului social și cultural.

O metodă de predare care imită însuşirea limbii materne, prin introducerea copilului întrun mediu familiar, atractiv, stimulativ, unde învățarea limbii se realizează în mod natural, firesc, prin procesarea cognitivă a informațiilor, prin analogii și conexiuni pe care copilul le face spontan și personal în și prin activitățile pe care le desfășoară (joc, muzică, mișcare, craft) se dezvoltă potențialul lingvistic al copilului dar și întreaga lui personalitate.

Obiectivul prioritar în învățarea limbii engleze este acela de a-i determina pe elevi să comunice. Elevii au o atitudine pozitivă față de activitățile de comunicare (jocul de rol, dezbaterile, chestionarele, discuțiile, jocuri de simulare a comunicarii între elevi, jocuri comunicative, activități pe perechi, în grup, etc).

Stephen Krashen pune în evidență rolul pe care îl are expunerea la o limbă străină în învățarea acesteia. Modalitatea de a crește expunerea elevilor la limba străină este să se asigure ca limba țintă este folosită în timpul orelor atât de către profesor cât și de către elevi. Diversitatea situațiilor de învățare, activitățile de comunicare în limba engleză, îmbunătățirea performanței prin oportunitățile lingvistice oferite de dialog.

Metodele moderne sunt preferate datorită eficacității lor sporite în ceea ce privește comunicarea, dezvoltându-se capacitatea de exprimare orală. Interacțiunea între profesori și elevi

și între elevi este sporită. Sunt metode bazate pe joc, ceea ce le face mai plăcute, motivația elevilor crescând. Se crează astfel mai multe oportunități pentru dezvoltarea limbajului și folosirea lui în comunicare.

#### Metoda comunicativă

- învățarea unei limbi străine înseamnă a deprinde abilități de comunicare efectivă în afara clasei;
  - accentul nu se pune pe structurile limbii (gramatica, vocabularul) ci pe funcțiile ei;
- subiectele gramaticale sunt abordate pe parcursul lecției doar dacă exprimă o funcție comunicativă;
  - gramatica este învățată prin practică;
  - principalul obiectiv îl reprezintă fluiența elevilor;
- rolurile profesorului sunt acelea de facilitator și manager al activității elevilor, dar și de partener al acestora, interacțiunea având loc în special între elevi;
  - sunt folosite materiale autentice și interesante;
  - tehnicile folosite sunt discuții, jocuri de rol, activități comunicative scrise, drama etc.

Abordarea comunicativă a predării limbii engleze pune accent pe interacțiune. Elevii sunt încurajați să își dezvolte capacitatea de comunicare, ceea ce înseamnă că își întrebuințează cunoștințele de limbă într-un context social, prin și pentru interacțiune. Metoda a fost influiențată de schimbările survenite în modul de percepere a limbajului ca funcție comunicativă, oamenii îl folosesc pentru a-și exprima acordul, pentru a critica, a invita, a face sugestii, etc.

Jeremy Harmer sublinia importanța expunerii la limba studiată și crearea mai multor oportunități de întrebuințare a acesteia pe parcursul desfășurării lecției. Corectitudinea gramaticală este mai puțin importantă decât realizarea cu succes al activității comunicative.

Jocul ocupă un loc important în predarea limbii engleze. Prin specificul său jocul didactic implică funcții și sarcini de învățare cu formă plăcută și atractivă, cultivând interesul pentru studiu. Poate ajuta la asimilarea noțiunilor mult mai ușor, creând un mediu relaxant de învățare și contribuie la dezvoltarea imaginației, a aptitudinilor și creativității elevilor.

Pentru "spart gheața" un exemplu ar fi jocul " întrebări pentru aflarea adevărului". Profesorul alege un voluntar care va fi interogat. Elevii îi adresează întrebări în legătură cu ceea ce a făcut el, de exemplu la sfârșitul săptămânii, cu o zi în urmă, folosind întrebări cu răspuns limitat "da" sau "nu".

În această categorie poate fi inclus și următorul joc. Un elev își asumă rolul unui personaj celebru, ceilalți elevi trebuie să ghicească personajul prin întrebări cu răspuns limitat "da" sau "nu".

"Cuvântul misterios". Profesorul va scrie pe tablă un cuvânt care are legătură cu vocabularul predat la clasă într-o oră anterioară. Un elev va sta cu spatele la tablă și va adresa colegilor întrebări pentru a afla cuvântul. Întrebările trebuie să fie cât mai variate. Dacă elevul numește cuvântul de pe tablă, el va avea dreptul de a scrie alt cuvânt.

"Zece lucruri". Elevii sunt rugați să noteze sub forma unei liste zece lucruri care le plac, care le urăsc, care îi sperie, etc. Apoi, în perechi, elevii își vor explica unul altuia motivele pentru care au făcut alegerile respective. Ei au în acest fel șansa să-și exprime punctele de vedere și să se cunoască mai bine unii pe alții.

"Balonul cu aer". Fiecare elev își alege un personaj pe care îl va interpreta în cadrul jocului. Ei se află în coșul unui balon cu aer care pierde altitudine și pe rând, trebuie să sară în gol pentru a salva viețile celorlalți. Votul elevilor decide care personaj trebuie să sară și care

rămâne în coş. În final, va supraviețui doar acela care a adus cele mai convingătoare argumente în favoarea sa.

"Steaua mea". O stea este desenată pe tablă, cu numele lor în mijloc și cu informațiile cele mai importante din viața lor împrejur. Prin întrebări, elevii află lucruri semnificative din viața colegilor.

Simularea sau jocul de rol reprezintă o extindere a metodei de învățare prin comunicare și implică interpretarea de către elevi a unui rol (vânzător, client, etc.)

într-o situație în care trebuie să folosească limba engleză. Elevii devin participanți ai unui eveniment și formează cursul evenimentelor. Elevii au roluri, funcții, ocupații și responsabilități. Într-o simulare elevii joacă propriul rol sau sunt un alt personaj.

Exercițiile de simulare pregătesc elevii cum să se comporte în situații sociale concrete, oferindu-le prilejul de a interacționa, de a achiziționa expresii utile pentru diverse situații de comunicare din viața reală.

Elevii sunt încântați de acest tip de activitate, își asumă rolurile cu seriozitate și îndeplinesc cu eficacitate sarcinile de lucru.

Învățarea prin descoperire dirijată este o abordare prin care profesorul intervine în procesul de instruire. Ea este folosită în predarea cunoștințelor noi. Acest procedeu le oferă elevilor posibilitatea de a se implica în mod creativ și activ în procesul de învățare.

Metoda învățarii prin îndeplinirea unei sarcini de lucru, pleacă de la premisa că elevii asimilează cuvinte și structuri noi în timp ce încearcă să se exprime sau să înțeleagă ce spun ceilalți participanți la procesul de învățare. Acest tip de activitate include trei etape: prezentarea sarcinilor de lucru, rezolvarea propriu zisă și elaborarea concluziilor. Elevii îndeplinesc sarcina de lucru, în perechi sau grupuri, apoi pregătesc un raport pe care-l prezintă clasei. Astfel se pregătește trecerea de la activități destinate să promoveze fluența la cele destinate asigurării acurateții.

#### Metoda directă

- principalul obiectiv este de a învăța elevii să comunice într-o limbă străină;
- nu este admisă traducerea, profesorul se folosește de lumea reală, imagini, pantomimă pentru a sugera sensul;
  - gramatica este predată inductiv;
  - elevii exersează vocabularul în context;
  - rolul profesorului este de a fi partener al elevului;
  - autoevaluarea este întâlnită frecvent;
- nu există evaluare formală, aceasta este sub forma unui interviu și a redactării unui text scris.

#### Metoda răspunsului fizic total

- acordă o mare importanță dezvoltării capacității de receptare a mesajului oral;
- partea ințială a lecției constă în modelare, profesorul dând comenzi, realizând acțiuni împreună cu elevii;
  - în a II-a fază a lecției elevii demonstrează că au înțeles comenzile;
- limba maternă este folosită doar la început, profesorul fiind coordonatorul elevilor, elevii fiind imitatorii acestuia;
  - elevii vor vorbi atunci când sunt pregătiți;
  - profesorul este tolerant cu greșelile elevilor;

• evaluarea constă în verificarea înțelegerii prin realizarea unei activități. Această metodă este folosită în special cu elevii aflați la un nivel de studiu începător.

Orele de limbă străină sunt interactive și au ca scop exploatarea limbii prin discuții, dezbateri, lucrul în grup sau individual, precum și exerciții, jocuri la tema respectivă.

Orice profesor trebuie să fie preocupat de activitatea sa și de succesul elevilor săi, propunând noi metode de abordare a procesului de învățămînt. Fiecare apel la imaginație determină o implicare activă în desfășurarea orelor și va contribui la o asimilare temeinică a cunoștințelor predate.

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Noul curriculum elaborat și implementat începând cu anul 2013 prevede studierea unei limbi moderne, <u>ca disciplină obligatorie</u>, începând cu Clasa Pregătitoare. Această disciplină are prevăzută o oră pe săptămână în Clasa Pregătitoare, Clasa I și a II-a, și două ore de studiu pe săptămână din clasa a III-a. Pe baza noii programe școlare au fost elaborate noi manuale pentru clasele I, a II-a și a III-a, care sunt însoțite de CD-uri pentru familiarizarea elevilor cu materialul audio autentic.

Comunicarea într-o limbă modernă pornind de la vârsta de 6 ani este o provocare atât pentru cadrele didactice cât și pentru elevi. Părinții elevilor au primit cu bucurie această decizie și consideră că este necesar ca elevii să studieze o limbă străină încă de la debutul lor în școală. Dezvoltarea ontogenetică recomandă vârsta școlară mică drept cea mai propice învățării limbajului și formării deprinderii de exprimare orală în limba maternă, dar și într-o limbă străină. Învățarea unei limbi moderne în ciclul primar urmărește dezvoltarea capacității de receptare și exprimare orală a copiilor precum și formarea competenței de comunicare. Indiferent de metodele și procedeele folosite, în clasa pregătitoare și clasa I, învățarea unei limbi străine se realizează prin elemente de joc, exerciții practice de ascultare și repetare după model .

Prima etapă este <u>ascultarea</u> de către elevi pentru a se obișnui cu intonația, accentul și sunetele specifice limbii străine. Ascultarea este modul în care începem să învățăm limba, este chiar temelia pentru studiul limbii. În acest caz se recomandă efectuarea unor exerciții de ascultare care cuprind: învățarea semnificației cuvintelor comparând cuvintele cu imagini, acțiuni și gesturi, învățarea unor cuvinte în categorii cum ar fi: *alimente, jucării, fructe, legume, animale, obiectele școlarului, familia*; deducerea înțelesului unei propoziții prin completare cu cuvinte care lipsesc sau prin executarea unor mișcări; învățarea unor cuvinte care indică locul prin plasarea obiectelor "în", "pe", "sub", "peste" alte obiecte; învățarea ascultării mesajelor prin selectarea propozițiilor care indică direcția; oferirea unei reacții adecvate la un mesaj rostit clar; recunoașterea denumirilor unor obiecte într-un mesaj rostit de profesor. În acest sens, de un real

ajutor sunt CD-urile care însoțesc manualele de limbi moderne și care conțin exerciții de ascultare, de alegere a cuvântului rostit, de potrivire a cuvântului audiat cu imaginea, cântece și poezii pentru fiecare lecție.

La vârsta școlară mică predomină gândirea concret-intuitivă, de aceea în predarea noilor noțiuni/ cuvinte se folosesc imagini (la început pentru substantive concrete apoi și pentru verbe și adjective), obiecte din clasă, de acasă și din natură. Am observat că ilustrațiile, desenele, în special cele comice îmbunătățesc procesul memorării. De aceea e necesară pregătirea și prezentarea unor ilustrații amuzante (chiar daca nu totdeauna logice). Personajele de desene animate, prințesele și super eroii sunt cele mai îndrăgite de elevi, de aceea acestea pot fi introduse în fiecare lectie.

Importanța "ascultării" limbii străine, pe cât de mult posibil, nu poate fi exagerată. Este puțin probabil ca elevii să își însușească foarte multe cuvinte și structuri doar prin efectuarea unor exerciții de ascultare o dată pe săptămână.

Pentru formarea deprinderii de exprimare orală se impune exersarea "vorbirii" în cât mai multe situații și efectuarea unor exerciții pentru dezvoltarea vocabularului. Copilul rostește sunete și cuvinte pe care le aude, apoi treptat repetă propoziții scurte, dialoguri simple. Profesorul le va cere elevilor să numească obiecte din clasă sau din natură, să pronunțe și să rețină cuvinte prin intuirea unor imagini, să participe la jocuri de cuvinte, jocuri de rol. Munca la clasă m-a convins că de o mare importanță sunt exercițiile de repetare a cuvintelor dupa modelul propunătorului (imitând mișcările gurii și ale limbii), exerciții de transformare a substantivelor de la singular la plural în propoziții, formularea unor propoziții după model înlocuind un cuvânt sau o imagine, dialoguri simple în perechi, participarea copiilor la jocuri didactice în care se pun întrebări despre obiecte ascunse sau despre identificarea unei persoane la care s-a gândit un elev și chiar jocuri de rol adaptate la vârsta elevilor.

Poeziile, cântecele și jocurile didactice sunt mijloace auxiliare în predarea limbii engleze și aceasta pentru că la vârsta școlară mică predomină activitațile ludice. Copiilor le face plăcere să se joace. Ei participă cu interes atât la jocuri competiționale jucate pentru scor, cât și la cele necompetiționale jucate doar pentru distracție. Jocurile îi transpun pe copii într-o stare de vioiciune și concentrare care este exact starea necesară pentru învățare. Astfel copiii devin nerăbdători să învețe, fără să-și dea seama că unele noțiuni ce urmează a fi însușite pot fi mai dificile. Profesorul trebuie să aibă mereu în minte finalitatea acestor activități: instrucție și amuzament. Totuși, profesorul nu va petrece o oră întreagă învățând o poezie, un cântec sau organizând un joc didactic. Poeziile, cântecele și jocurile trebuie corelate cu alte activități. Spre exemplu, se pot învăța părțile corpului, mișcările corpului în relație cu cântece și jocuri. Cântecele și poeziile pot fi folosite pentru asimilarea, fixarea sau repetarea unor cuvinte, propoziții sau structuri. Jocurile didactice sunt foarte importante la această vârstă, pentru că permit profesorului să evalueze gradul în care vocabularul și anumite structuri au fost asimilate de copii. Unii profesori susțin aplicarea a doua sau mai multor jocuri didactice pentru exersarea aceluiași concept..

"Începutul" este cea mai importantă fază în întreg procesul învățării unei limbi străine, de aceea etapa pregătitoare studiului unei limbi străine (care se face în clasa pregătitoare, clasa I și a II-a) trebuie tratată cu maximă atenție. Pentru un elev începător totul este nou și emoționant. El a auzit multe cuvinte, cântece, propoziții într-o altă limbă decât limba română, probabil fără să le înțeleagă, iar acum are ocazia să învețe și să afle lucruri noi și interesante.

Mulți specialiști au punctat importanța primilor pași în învățarea unei limbi străine. În acest stadiu de început al învățării, elevul are o mare disponibilitate pentru achiziții lingvistice și de aceea deprinderile de comunicare, de vorbire corectă sunt cel mai ușor de format.

## CREATIVITATEA IN ORELE DE LIMBI STRAINE Prof. Vorniceanu Cristina Colegiul Tehnic Samuil Isopescu Suceava

"Scopul educației este de a înlocui o minte neîncărcată cu una lipsită de prejudecăți"

Definirea conceptului de creativitate pedagogica presupune valorificarea deplina a componentelor structural-functionale, interpretabile si realizabile in sens prioritar formativ. Structura creativitatii pedagogice evidentiaza anumite carateristici specifice, dezvoltate la nivelul: produsului creator - procesului creator - personalitatii creatoare. Produsul creator de tip pedagogic este situat la nivelul inventivitatii care reflecta capacitatea educatoarelor, invatatorilor, profesorilor, de "a produce" corelatii instructionale si educationale noi ( corelatia subiect-obiect. dezvoltata la nivelul structurii actiunii educationale/didactice in raport cu realizarile anterioare)

In aceasta acceptie, valorificand o teza de baza, afirmata la nivelul praxiologiei -, "orice lucru bine facut este un lucru nou" (Kotarbinski, Tadeusz, ) - orice activitate didactica/educativa (lectie, ora de dirigentie etc.) eficienta este o activitate noua care asigura adaptarea proiectului pedagogic la situatiile concrete ale clasei si ale campului psihosocial, aflate intr-o continua schimbare si transformare.

Aceasta tendinta sustine in timp (auto)perfectionarea permanenta a activitatii didactice/educative, cu efecte optimizante nu numai in plan psihopedagogie ci si in plan social (cultural, politic, economic).

Produsul creator de tip pedagogic angajeaza cel putin nivelul inventivitatii, situat intre creativitatea semnificativa doar in sens individual si cea relevanta (si) in plan social. La acest nivel," nu ajung decat putini indivizi" si anume "cei mai flexibili si mai receptivi la prelucrari simbolice pe spatii largi" (Landau, Erika,). Invatamantul determina cresterea numarului acestora tocmai datorita exercitiului de creativitate angajat permanent la nivelul lectiei, orei de dirigentie etc, care solicita educatorului adaptarea continua la situatii noi, imprevizibile, in regim de viteza rapida.

Produsul creator reflecta complexitatea corelatiilor subiect-obiect, corelatii angajate la nivelul actiunii educationale/didactice, prin multiplicarea corespondentelor pedagogice necesare intre obiectivele pedagogice - continuturile pedagogice - strate-giile de predare-invatare-evaluare, directionate special pentru realizarea unui invata-mani prioritar formativ.

Domeniul educatiei dezvolta un spatiu si un timp pedagogic deschis creativitatii in plan individual (creativitatea cadrului didactic, creativitatea elevului), colectiv (creativitatea colectivului didactic, creativitatea clasei de elevi, creativitatea microgrupurilor de elevi) si social (creativitatea organizatiei scolare, creativitatea comunitatii educationale, nationale, teritoriale, locala). Procesul creator de tip pedagogic este angajat la nivelul proiectarii didactice/educatiei care presupune valorificarea etapelor de pregaure-incubatie-iluminare-verificare a modului de realizare a lectiei, orei de dirigentie etc in sens prioritar formativ.

Exista doua etape -pregatirea si incubatia - impun un anumit (auto)control pedagogic, exercitat de cadrul didactic in diferite contexte educationale. El reorienteaza teasomea psihologica a elevului intr-o directie constructiva, favorabila realizarii produsului creator vizat. Domeniul educatiei impune drept criteriu de validare a comportamentului creativ eficienta

comunicarii pedagogice. El reflecta dinamica "lucrului bine facut", organizat in functie de urmatoarele cerinte sociale, adaptabile la specificul discursului pedagogic: rezistenta la schimbare minima; cheltuieli minime; optimalitate tehnica, optimalitate economica (Kotarbinski, Tadeusz,).

Formarea cadrelor didactice la nivelul cerintelor specifice creativitatii pedagogice presupune stimularea capacitatii acestora de proiectare-dezvoltare curriculara a activitatii de instruire/educatie, realizabila in mediul scolar si extrascolar. Aceasta implica ( Cahiers pedagogiques, nr.17/20005, .-): a) institutionalizarea unor noi structuri de organizare a perfectionarii, cu stadii intensive realizate pe parcursul a doi-patru ani la nivelul unor module deschise si complementare care ofera informatii fundamentale, cu valoare metodologica superioara din domeniul: psihologiei (generale si a varstelor), pedagogiei generale (teoria educatiei si a instruirii) si sociale (sociologia educatiei), didacticii specialitatii, practicii didactice/educationale, teoriei curriculumului, managementului educatiei; b) elaborarea unor noi modele de discurs pedagogic, prin orientarea cunostintelor fundamentale si aplicative, (re)actualizate si completate, in directia rezolvarii unor probleme si situatii-problema, proiectate si dezvoltate in sens curricular, urmarind, in egala masura, stiinta "de a gira imprevizibilul care este nonprogramabil" cu "arta" de a valorifica deschiderile procesului de invatamant, angajate la nivel functional-structural si in contextul activitatilor concrete de predare-invatare-evaluare, c) operationalizarea unor dispozitive de profesionalizare pedagogica, prin redefinirea obiectivelor ( importanta "efectelor asteptate", legate de "satisfactiile personale" pentru rezultatele obtinute/criterii in promovarea manageriala), reorganizarea structurilor (in contextul metodologic specific educatiei permanente si pedagogiei adultului) si diversificarea "ofertelor scrise" (cursuri, module, tematici si sinteze bibliografice etc.) realizate la nivelul eticii "lucrului bine facut", care stimuleaza autoreflectia creativa, invatarea inovatoare, angajarea sociala, decizia manageriala.

"Considera elevul o faclie pe care sa o aprinzi, astfel incat mai tarziu sa lumineze cu o lumina proprie." (Plutarh)

Cadrul didactic a existat inca din cele mai vechi timpuri, luand diferite modalitati sau forme de destindere. Inca de atunci, invatamantul are un rol foarte important; acela de a prevedea viitorul; de a facilita adaptarea, de a forma oameni care să poată trăi în acord cu provocările timpului lor, care nu mai este nici secolul industrializării, nici copilăria informațională, ci o societate care – nestăpînită cum trebuie – poate strivi prin mulțimea stimulilor. Pentru a-si indeplini telul propus, acela de a asigura un invatamant eficace, de calitate, profesorul de limbă străină se foloseste tot mai des de mijloace tehnice avansate, inte care un rol insemnat il are retroproiectorul.Utilizarea sa deschide mari posibilităti in ceea ce priveste un dinamism motivant, dobandirea unor abilitati interdisciplinare; atunci cand se lucreaza cu subgrupe, se va cere unui reprezentant al fiecarei echipe sa-si scrie rezultatele exercitiilor pe o foaie transparenta expusa ulterior la retroproiector. Profesorul de limbi străine care intenționează să integreze computerul în predare ar trebui sa detină câteva abilităti de bază precum utilizarea unui procesor de texte și salvarea documentelor create pe hard disk sau pe Internet. Mulți profesori care ar dori să utilizeze computerul în clasă întâmpină diverse dificultăți: lipsa de acces la resurse, dezinformare etc. - de unde descurajarea și demotivarea... Cu toate ca s-au făcut formări în domeniul IT, deprinderile nu pot fi însușite dacă nu se lucrează curent cu computerul. Alte cauze care împiedică integrarea computerului la orele de limbi străine sunt licențele scumpe, greu de achizitionat. Există totusi software-uri gratuite de predare- învătare a limbilor, care pot fi folosite în special în fixarea unor structuri lingvistice. Astfel un software gratuit și ușor de utilizat este : Hot Potatoes.

Intreaga arie curriculara Limba si comunicare a fost conceputa ca un grupaj de tehnici si strategii didactice menite sa formeze la elevi capacitati si competente de exprimare care sa le faciliteze integrarea socio-profesionala si capacitatea de relationare umana pe toate planurile.

In primul an de studiu trebuie sa se realizeze trecera de la un comportament fonologic innascut la unul dobandit. La varste mici documentul auditiv va fi insotit constant de cel vizual. Se considera ca fiind propriu pentru predarea limbilor moderne decalajul initial intre limba vorbita si limba scrisa. Pentru limbile straine a citi inseamna a recunoaste, a structura si a interpreta semnul grafic si semnificatia lui si a sesiza in acelasi timp sensul mesajului citit.

Metodele învățământului tradițional nu pot face față avalanșei de cunoștințe și acestei dispersii accentuate a calificărilor, meseriilor și domeniilor de activitate, care devin tot mai specializate, dar în mod paradoxal tot mai interconectate.

In sprijinul educației intervin noile tehnologii ale societății informaționale – tehnologiile informațiilor și comunicațiilor.

Nu se pledează pentru renunţarea la metodele învăţământului tradiţional, mai ales în cazul primilor ani de educație în şcoli, când influenţa personală a educatorului rămâne determinantă, totuşi utilizarea tehnologiilor moderne, a softurilor educaţionale reprezintă o necesitate a procesului educativ la particularităţile individuale ale fiecărui elev, care trebuie confirmate.

"Creativitatea presupune o dispoziție generală a personalității spre nou, o anumită organizare (stilistică) a proceselor psihice în sistem de personalitate".

Creativitatea solicită procese de combinare, de conversie, de imaginare şi restructurare continuă a datelor prin situarea celui care învață în situații problematice care necesită rezolvare. Vorbim de învățare creativă atunci când elevul dobândeşte o experiență nouă prin propriile puteri descoperind-o şi exersând-o în cadre problematice divergente.

Interactivitatea presupune creativitate, în timp ce creativitatea poate fi individuală sau de grup.

Învaţarea interactiv-creativă este o formă specială a învăţării şcolare apărută din necesitatea de a crea un om activ, un constructor de idei, care nu rămâne suspendat în sistemul său ideativ ci îl foloseşte pentru a elabora decizii şi a rezolva problemele vieţii prin acţiune. Ea pune accentul pe învăţarea prin cercetare-descoperire, pe învăţarea prin efort propriu, independent sau dirijat; pune accent, mai ales, pe echipamentul intelectual operatoriu, pe gândire şi imaginaţie creatoare.

Stimularea activismului și a creativității în școală presupune favorizarea unui mediu de învățare interactiv,incitator. Torrance (1965) oferă câteva sugestii privind stimularea creativității în rândul elevilor prin:

- Recompensarea permanentă a comportamentelor creative
- Neimpunerea propriilor idei şi soluţii elevilor
- Provocarea elevilor cu idei incongruente și paradoxuri aparente
- Oferirea de evaluări deschise, idei controversate care să provoace punerea unor probleme
- Încurajarea elevilor să-și noteze ideile proprii.

Profesorul totodată trebuie să faciliteze cunoașterea de către elevi a tehnicilor creative.

"Creativitatea nu înseamnă să găsești un lucru ci, să faci ceva din el după ce l-ai găsit." (James Russell Lowell) Orice educație este așa cum spunea S. Roller, un fel de metabolism care reclamă prezența unor catalizatori. Printre acești catalizatori un rol important îi revine

profesorului, chiar și în realizarea unei ambianțe școlare creativogene, al acelui factor de neliniște în direcția creativității despre care vorbește D. Mutschler.

Pentru acesta are nevoie de îmbunătățirea permanentă a capacităților psihopedagogice generale și de creativitate, indiferent de specializarea sa. Învățarea prin imitație, exemplul dascălului este decisiv în educația elevilor, el trebuie să manifeste o atitudine entuziastă, antidogmatică și creativă mai ales în cadrul orelor de dirigenție.

Profesorul trebuie să-și asume responsabilități în formarea la elevi a unui fond atitudinal propice creativității (încredere în sine, independență în modul de a fi și de a gândi, asumarea unui risc rezonabil, umor etc.).

Pentru incurajarea creativitatii in educatie si cercetare, institutiile de invatamant superior trebuie sa promoveze o cultura care sa recompenseze performanta, dar sa nu sanctioneze esecurile, tocmai pentru a incuraja membrii comunitatii universitare sa puna sub semnul indoielii ideile vechi, sa treaca dincolo de cunoasterea conventionala si sa tinda spre originalitate. Inclinatiile creative ale corpului didactic, ale studentilor, spiritul inovativ, depasirea atitudinii de suficienta si autosuficienta, a paradigmelor bine inradacinate, trebuie autorizate, incurajate si protejate. Omul creativ trebuie sa isi asume riscuri in cadrul sistemului educational care, la randul lui, trebuie sa il protejeze.

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#### Drumul către interactivitate în clasele de limbi moderne

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Profesorul dedicat, implicat și interesat de felul în care elevii îi percep și învață materia, va fi mereu interesat să găsească, să aplice și să atragă elevii prin diverse metode și tehnici noi.

Interacțiunea reprezintă schimbul de gânduri, trăiri sau idei între doi sau mai mulți oameni, având un efect reciproc asupra ambilor. Stilul interactiv de predare presupune ca elevul să participe activ la oră, să fie o oră bazată pe aplicabilitate, în sens contrar, elevii devin plictisiți și eșuează în însușirea și înțelegerea materiei. Predarea interactivă este benefică atât pentru profesor cât și pentru elevi. Eficiența predării interactivepoate fi utilă în varii căi : se poate măsura felul în care elevii și-au însușit materia, flexibilitatea în predarea – oferind profesorului șansa de a adapta și ajusta pe parcursul procesului de predare, practica – prin practică procesul de

învățare se aprofundează iar interacțiunea permite profesorului ca fiecare elev să ia parte la procesul de predare-învățare-evaluare fără amenaje elevii pasivi și emotivi.

Metodele interactive de predare promovează o atmosferă de atenție și de participare. Ceea ce este important e ca profesorul să transforme totul în interesant, amuzant, pentru că a spune nu înseamnă a preda și a asculta nu înseamnă a învăța. Stilurile de predare interactivă pot fi diverse, însă este important ca accentul să fie pus pe încurajarea elevilor în participarea la ore, să fie utilizate întrebări care să-i stimuleze să răspundă sau să-i provoace la discuții, profesorul să apeleze la diferite mecanisme pentru a stârni interesul și a-l menține, să organizeze un grup de lucru – munca în echipă reprezentând o provocare dar și o competiție cu celelalte echipe și nu în ultimul rând este foarte importantă implicarea profesorului la fel ca cea a elevului.

Elevii însumează o mare diversitate de caractere, trăiri, stiluri de învățare, astfel că un cadru didactic este nevoit să fie atent la această parte și să-i acorde o cât mai mare atenție. Datorită acestei mari diversități, elevii pot învăța : vizual – reținând culori, imagini, forme; auditiv – reținând voci sunete și muzică; kinestezic – reținând ceea ce fac, prin mișcare sau atingere.

Ceea ce un elev reține, potrivit unui studiu al lui Edgar Dale – Conul experienței arată ca 5% se reține din ceea ce aude, 10% din citit, 20% din auzit și citit, 30% din ceea ce i se arată, 50% din ceea ce discută, 75% din ce face și 90% din ceea ce îi învață pe alții.

Interactivitatea într-o clasă de limbi străine este foarte importantă și joacă un rol de bază. O oră de limbi moderne fără participarea directă a elevilor nu poate fi numită o oră de limbi străine aplicată. Motivația elevului față de ora de limbi străine vine de la actul de participare directă a elevilor, aceștia vor să-și împărtășească ideile și cunoștințele și trebuie încurajați să nu aibă teama de a greși, doar exersând vor putea progresa.

Lucrul în echipă este cea mai facilă tehnică şi reprezintă temelia didacticii interactive. Folosirea grupurilor de lucru oferă individului posibilitatea de a fi stimulat, de a obține feedback din mai multe perspective, iar profesorului ocazia de evalua întreg colectivul. Pentru o bună desfășurare a lucrului pe grupe este bine încă de la debut să se precizeze anumite condiții : să fie explicată clar și concis procedura, să se formeze grupele, să fie descrisă sarcina de lucru, să se specifice timpul de lucru, să se desemneze secretarii echipelor, să se recomande și monitorizeze procesul, profesorul să cronometreze și ocazional să răspundă unor întrebări, să se prezinte lucrărilor finale grupurilor iar la final să se constituiască un proces de informare. Lucrul pe echipe ar fi ideal să fie întrebuințat când sunt folosite metodele de debut ale lecțiilor, de genul warm up, recapitulări, când se face trecerea de la predat la lecția aplicată, sau când sunt indicații de rezolvat.

Metodele de predare interactivă sunt diverse, însă când vine vorba de predarea unei limbi străine trebuie să fie vizat accentul pus pe vorbire şi interacţiunea cu interlocutorul in limba ţintă. Printre cele mai uzuale putem aminti : brainstorming, gândeşte/grupează/distribuie, studiu de caz, întrebări şi răspunsuri, exerciţiu scurt de scriere, demonstraţie, notă recapitulativă şi sesiune de discuţii.

Înainte de a alege și aplic aceste metode este necesar ca profesorul să țină cont de grupul țintă, de nivelul elevilor, de numărul acestora, de necesitățile lor dar nu în ultimul rând de amplasamentul sălii de clasă. Pentru o eficientă orgnizare este indicat ca orice cadru didactic săși pună următoarele întrebări : " Ce vreau să-i învăț pe acești copii?", "Vreau ca ei să facă schimb de idei și să-și împărtășească propriile concepții?", sau "Vreau să le testez cunoștințele?". În cadrul acestui proces, profesorul are rolul de a controla, ghida – controlul este un element

important spre a duce succesul către calea tehnicilor interactive; profesorul ca director – antrenează elevii în viața reală a improvizației, fiecare eveniment de comunicare aduce ceva nou, ceva unic; profesorul ca manager – deține controlul asupra obiectivelor, îndrumă elevii spre obiectivele vizate, le oferă feedback dar și libertate de exprimare; profesorul ca facilitator – face procesul de interacțiune mai ușor, arătând elevilor drumul mai ușor și ajutându-i să negocieze, dar nu în ultimul rând profesorul ca resursă – fiind mereu gata să ofere elevilor ajutor, sfaturi, îndrumări și materiale dacă e necesar.

Eficiența unei lecții de limbi străine constă în planificarea și organizarea ei. Elevii trebuie să cunoască motivul pentru care rezolvă acel exercițiu, să primească explicații raționale, sarcinile să le fie explicate cu detalii și instrucțiuni, să le fie exemplificat felul în care vor rezolva sarcina de lucru, să le fie explicat cum să-și structureze răspunsurile, iar profesorul are rolul, pe tot parcursul activității să stea în prejma lor, să le ofere răspunsuri ajutătoare, iar la final să scoată în evidență toate punctele importante oferite de fiecare echipă.

Interacțiunea este o cale spre un măreț final – învățarea participatului. Învățare interactivă este un proces în două direcții, antrenând activ participanții unul cu altul , facilitatorul și contextul.

Metodele didactice ale educației moderne ar trebui să se focuseze pe activitatea independentă a elevului, pe organizarea unui mediu propice învățării și auto-învățării, a experimentării dar și a activității practice, vizând metodele de predare-învățare-evaluare interactive care încurajează interesul profesional, promovează eficient achiziția de cunoștințe, asigură motivația, cunoștințele, lucrul în echipă, libertatea de exprimare și de acțiune. Bibliografie:

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## Elevul și parteneriatele educaționale

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Școala și comunitatea reprezintă două aspecte care i-au preocupat, în egală măsură, pe pedagogi, sociologi, psihologi, filozofi, antropologi etc., fiecare încercând să surprindă aspectele ce contribuie la mecanismele de funcționare ale acestora, agenții implicați și gradul de implicare al acestora în promovarea educației.

Asistăm astăzi la dezvoltarea unui adevărat curent social care are în centrul său comunitatea și dezvoltarea sa. De cele mai multe ori, termenii și expresiile folosite de practicieni, specialiști și chiar oamenii de rând sunt confuzi, ne întâlnim cu o mare diversitate semantică în această problematică.

Noțiunea de parteneriat are un câmp semantic vast. Cuvântul partener își are originile din limba franceza partenaire însemnând împreună. Din punct de vedere juridic, parteneriatul se definește ca o înțelegere legală în care partenerii definesc împreună scopul general al

parteneriatului. Din punctul de vedere al beneficiilor pe care le aduce, parteneriatul poate fi definit ca o modalitate eficientă în realizarea reformei managementului fie prin schimbarea practicilor manageriale, fie prin schimbarea modului în care sunt abordate problemele publice, astfel încât soluționarea lor să devină fezabilă prin parteneriat. Parteneriatul poate fi o soluție pentru alocarea și folosirea resurselor locale la nivel comunitar, pentru atragerea altor resurse externe pentru rezolvarea problemelor comunitare.

Ideea de parteneriat între școală și comunitate trebuie să se bazeze pe principiul complementarității serviciilor sociale oferite de către diversele organizații careactivează în comunitate. Construirea parteneriatului este un proces deliberat ce implică aptitudini specifice, strategii și cunoștințe pe care părțile implicate trebuie să le cunoscă și să le foloseascăȘcoala este una din instituțiile centrale ale comunității, are roluri specifice dar nu poate funcționa și nu se poate dezvolta fără a ține cont de specificul comunității în care funcționează. Datorită complexității și a gradului de dificultate al problemelor cu care se confruntă școala, cât și impactului inerent al educației școlare asupra întregului sistem social, soluționarea dificultăților prezente reclamă colaborarea, cooperarea, parteneriatul unor categorii extrem de largi, cum ar fi: întregul personal angajat în sistemul de învățământ, toate segmentele de elevi cuprinși în instituția școlară, părinții și susținătorii legali ai elevilor, comitetele de părinți, organizațiile guvernamentale și non-guvernamentale, cu caracter central sau local, reprezentanții cultelor religioase, agenții economici și reprezentanții lumii economico-financiare, structurile de tip sindical, autoritățile centrale sau locale, instituțiile de sănătate publică etc.

În domeniul educației, parteneriatul factorilor sociali implicați trebuie să se realizeze pe temeiul unui set de valori fundamentale pe care partenerii le recunosc ca pe valori comune. Teoria și practica parteneriatului educațional demonstrează că toți partenerii care sunt interesați în dezvoltarea educației trebuie să admită ca valori fundamentale: democrația, civismul, umanismul, toleranța, comunicarea, cooperarea, diversitatea. În același sens, experiența demonstrează că pentru a realiza un parteneriat autentic în domeniul educației este necesară schimbarea treptată a unor valori, atitudini, principii, norme, comportamente, la nivelul: factorilor sociali cu putere de decizie, resurselor umane implicate în educație, reprezentanților diferitelor instituții comunitare, părinților, copiilor, elevilor care sunt cuprinși în sistemul de învățământ. Această schimbare axiologică, atitudinală și comportamentală la nivelul factorilor sociali chemați să își asume parteneriatul poate fi realizată prin formarea resurselor umane și prin activități de consultanță, dar mai ales prin elaborarea și derularea efectivă a unor proiecte în parteneriat (Bîrsan-Pescaru 11).

Tema parteneriatelor educaționale constituie o preocupare constantă pentru pedagogia contemporană, fiind în atenția deopotrivă a cercetătorilor, cadrelor didactice și părinților. Școala astăzi este construită ca un sistem deschis, care se află în relație directă cu mediul său exterior și, inerent, cu comunitatea în cadrul căreia funcționează, școala poate transforma coordonatele sale specifice în acturi care să-i permită inițierea și dezvoltarea parteneriatelor educaționale (Vrășmaș 14).

În virtutea legilor schimbării, soluționarea reală a problemelor multiple cu care se confruntă în prezent educația contemporană și, în particular, învățământul românesc si cel din Moldova, poate fi realizată numai prin transformarea parteneriatului într-o realitate. Parteneriatul educațional ar trebui să includă: resursele umane ale sistemului de învățământ, elevii cuprinși în unitățile școlare, familiile elevilor, instituțiile guvernamentale centrale și locale, organizațiile

nonguvernamentale, instituțiile religioase, agenții economici, sindicatele, autoritățile locale. Atenția se va îndrepta înspre dezvoltarea parteneriatului școlii cu comunitatea locală și familia.

Parteneriatele educaționale se pot organiza la nivel macro și micro-social prin organizarea unor programe de formare specifice și prin derularea unor proiecteeducaționale în regim de parteneriat care includ reprezentanții diferitelor categorii și instituții ale comunității care promovează valori comune la nivelul tuturor partenerilor implicați (egalitatea șanselor în educație, revigorarea spiritului civic, promovarea dialogului, transparenței, comunicării, inițiativei, colaborării, statuarea disciplinei și a responsabilității (Ionescu 302).

În actualul context social, parteneriatul educațional centrat asupra dezvoltării elevului trebuie privit ca o prioritate absolută pentru că:

- Procesul de descentralizare a educației presupune, prin definiție, parteneriatul unui evantai de factori sociali care pot prelua roluri și responsabilități la nivel local;
- Confruntați cu o varietate de mesaje oferite de medii diferite, elevii au nevoie de o
  interpretare unitară, coerentă, echilibrată, care poate fi furnizată doar prin
  parteneriatul unor factori sociali şi educaționali;
- Educaţia oferită în cadrul şcolii trebuie împletită cu educaţia făcută de alţi factori, care au o influenţă semnificativă asupra elevilor, rolul conducător îi revine însă şcolii;
- Contactul permanent al instituţiilor educaţionale şi, în particular, al unităţilor şcolare cu diferiţi parteneri sociali, facilitează racordarea efectivă a şcolilor la realitate, respectiv a celorlalţi factori la realitatea şcolară.

În societatea contemporană se reliefează tot mai pregnant efectele benefice ale participării active a părinților în viața școlii. Numeroase cercetări la nivel național și internațional au pus în evidență aspectul determinant al calității interacțiunii dintre familie și școală asupra educației copiilor. Recunoașterea importanței unei bune colaborări cu părinții în favorizarea succesului școlar al copiilor a impulsionat autoritățile educative să susțină necesitatea întăririi legăturilor dintre părinți și școală și să le promoveze și la nivel de politici publice.

În contextul actual, aceste legături par a fi mai necesare ca niciodată, deoarece misiunea școlii depășește tot mai mult simpla atingere a obiectivelor pedagogice ale curriculumului școlar, având în vedere faptul că numeroși părinți sunt mult prea preocupați de problemele familiale, profesionale sau sociale pentru a putea sprijini evoluția copiilor lor sau pentru a putea urmări coerența dintre educația exercitată în familie și cea din școală. Aspirațiile, rezultatele și sprijinul social și familial constituie trei aspecte ale unei interacțiuni dinamice între copilul individual și cercul său imediat. Implicarea părinților joacă un rol semnificativ în cadrul intervenției școlare.

Acțiunile care implică părinții produc o schimbare în ambientul familiei și cresc aspirațiile, atât ale părinților pentru copiii lor, cât și ale copiilor înșiși. Mediul familial este primul mediu educativ și socializator pe care îl cunoaște copilul și a cărui influență îi marchează esențial dezvoltarea ca individ. Legătura copilului cu familia este extrem de puternică și de neînlocuit. Un parteneriat familie-școală este relația cea mai profitabilă pentru toți cei ce participă la acest demers. Parteneriatul va fi eficient dacă fiecare parte va reține că același subiect este copilul nostru și școlarul nostru (Jigău 65).

Daca am face o concluzie putem să afirmăm că acțiunea de coordonare pe care o exercită școala se concretizează în selecționarea influențelor educative pe care le exercită ceilalți factori, în funcție de particularitățile de vârstă ale copiilor, asigurând dozarea rațională a întregii munci

educative. Școala trebuie să integreze influențele educative exercitate de ceilalți factori într-un sistem al muncii educative din cadrul ei, concretizat într-un plan concret a cărui realizare este urmărită de întregul colectiv pedagogic.

Cooperarea școlii cu ceilalți factori educativi sporește forța educativă a acțiunilor pe care acești factori le întreprind pentru formarea tinerei generații (Stăiculescu 19). Funcționarea normală a relației școală-familie este o condiție a randamentului școlar și a comportamentului prosocial al copiilor. Atunci când această relație nu funcționează, unitatea procesului educativ nu este asigurată și cooperarea școlii cu familia suferă pe diverse planuri ale activității școlare. Dificultățile și barierele care apar în mecanismul cooperării școlii cu familia împiedică buna desfășurare a relațiilor dintre cei doi factori, influențând în sens negativ activitatea școlară și social a copiilor. Dintre factorii care blochează relația școală-familie pot fi menționați: subiectivismul părinților, nivelul pedagogic scăzut al unor familii, o concepție personală despre educație etc. (Cucoș 93).

În relațiile lor cu părinții elevilor, profesorii au de învins subiectivismul părinților în aprecierile pe care aceștia le fac asupra copiilor. Înțelegând greșit aprecierile care se fac asupra copiilor lor, unii părinți se îndepărtează de școală, creând o atmosferă de neîncredere și suspiciune în jurul profesorilor. Pentru a evita astfel de situații este necesar ca profesorii să abordeze cu mult tact discuția cu părinții. Din cauza nivelului pedagogic scăzut și a diminuării funcției educative a familiilor, acestea nu răspund invitațiilor de a vizita școala și privesc cu indiferență acțiunea formativă a școlii

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#### Improving new vocabulary through pictures

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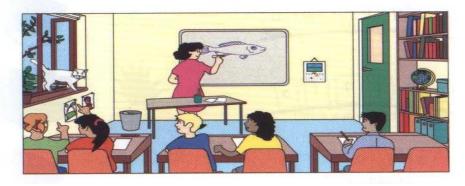
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Communicative activities include any activities that encourage and require a learner to speak with and listen to other learners. Communicative activities have real purposes: to find information, break down barries, talk about self, and learn about the culture. Even when a lesson is focused on developing reading or writing skills, communicative activities should be integrated into the lesson. There is a well-known English idiom saying that 'a picture is worth a thousand words'. Pictures have been used for centuries to help people understand foreign languages. In the classroom, they can be used to predict the topic of the lesson, elicit answers, make students interact, create stories or simply understand the meaning of a word. There is no doubt that pictures are very effective resources for getting students match form with meaning. They can be used to present or practice a wide variety of structures in game-like activities.

Teachers of English as a foreign language (EFL) encourage students to take a more active role in the oral activities in the classroom through different strategies. A picture is defined as a visual representation or image that is painted, drawn, or photographed, and rendered on a flat surface. The main advantage of a picture is its obvious visibility to learners. Using pictures can bring benefits to teaching, as they promote learners' interest in acquiring a foreign language. Byrne (1980) states that pictures can stimulate students' discussion and interpretation of the topic. Moreover, students' imaginations can also be inspired (Moore, 1982). For example, it is assumed that visual aids in general, especially pictures and colorful posters, could add attractiveness to the atmosphere of the classroom. Furthermore, Wright (1989) argues that pictures can motivate students to take part in speaking activities.

Games are seen as an efficient way to carry out a task since students often lack the motivation to do it. They are designed to make them participate in the activities that allow them to practice the new language data without being forced to do the required task. They add an element of fun to the whole activity and students can play and learn at the same time. Since pictures make the learning of grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation and other teaching topics stimulating and meaningful, teachers should have a collection of pictures available for classroom activities. They could also draw pictures on the board or have students do them.

Example: LEAD-IN activity. The teacher asks students to look at a picture on the projector for a minute.



## *PRACTICEactivity.* True or false?

- 1. The door of the classroom is green.
- 2. There is a black cat at the window.
- 3. The children are reading.
- 4. I can see five chairs in the classroom.
- 5. The teacher is wearing a pink dress.
- 6. One boy is blonde-haired.
- 7. There is a map on the wall.
- 8. I can see three girls in the classroom.
- 9. The teacher is drawing.
- 10. There's a bin in front of the classroom.

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## Jocul ca metodă interactivă de predare în învățarea unei limbi moderne

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Metodele moderne, spre deosebire de cele tradiționale de predare a unei limbi străine, implică participarea directă a elevilor

Una dintre cele mai utile metode interactive folosită pentru învățarea unei limbi moderne este jocul. Jocurile didactice se bucură de un mare succes în predarea limbii engleze.

Folosind jocul ca metodă interactivă, putem crea un mediu relaxat de învățare, asimilarea noțiunilor se realizează mult mai ușor. Prin joc, contribuim la dezvoltarea imaginației, a aptitudinilor și creativității elevilor.

Jocul ca metodă didactică trebuie privit din două perspective:

- 1. La clasele mici, jocul ar trebui să fie predominant deoarece copiii de varstă mică reacționează altfel când știu că fac parte dintr-o poveste. Ei pot crea această poveste împreună, în care, cu siguranță, au rolul principal, acesta nefiind unul impus, ci unul asumat.
- 2. La clasele mari elevii participa cu interes, deoarece se anulează barierele unei lecții obișnuite, este altceva decât orele obișnuite, iese din tipare. În acest caz jocul didactic poate fi folosit, fie pentru a începe o discuție, pentru a "sparge gheața", fie pentru a evidenția trăsătura competitivă a participanților, sau pentru a recapitula unele noțiuni studiate.

Câteva tipuri de joc și momentele în care le putem folosi în cadrul unei lecții, având ca și grup-țintă clasele de gimnaziu ar fi:

- a) "Întrebări pentru aflarea adevărului" este un joc pentru "spart gheața" care ar putea înlătura barierele în comunicare, i-ar putea face chiar și pe cei mai timizi sau mai puțin pregătiți elevi să participe. Acest joc este eficient pentru elevii de nivel mediu și avansat pentru că încurajează interactivitatea. Profesorul va alege un "voluntar" care va fi cel interogat. Colegii îi vor adresa întrebări în legătură cu ceea ce a făcut el, de exemplu la sfârșit de săptămână, cu o zi în urmă, folosind întrebări cu răspuns limitat "Da", "Nu". Exemple: "Ai fost ieri la cinema?", sau "Te-ai jucat ieri?" Este important ca această activitate să se desfășoare într-un ritm alert și să nu dureze mai mult de zece minute. Profesorul va corecta eventualele greșeli de gramatică sau de pronunție ale elevilor, dar nu va interveni pe parcursul desfășurării acestei activități. O altă variantă a acestui joc didactic este "Cuvântul misterios". Profesorul va scrie pe tablă un cuvânt legat de vocabularul predat la clasă într-o oră anterioară. Un elev va sta cu spatele la tablă și va adresa colegilor întrebări pentru a afla cuvântul. Întrebările trebuie să fie cât mai variate. Dacă elevul numește cuvântul de pe tablă, el va avea dreptul de a scie alt cuvânt, care să fie descoperit de un alt coleg desemnat.
- b) "Povestea" o activitate care încurajează creativitatea elevilor și dezvoltă lucrul în echipă. Elevii vor fi împărțiți în patru grupe. Fiecare grupă va scrie pe o foaie de hârtie câte patru sau cinci cuvinte, care au sau nu legătură între ele. Fiecare foaie va merge la cealaltă grupă, adică foaia de la grupa întâi va merge la grupa a doua, cea de la a doua la a treia și așa mai departe. Fiecare echipă va trebui să alcătuiască o poveste folosind cuvintele respective, respectând regulile gramaticale, nu neapărat și pe cele logice! Se pot compune povești amuzante sau science fiction creativitatea nu are limite! Profesorul va avea rolul de evaluator al activității elevilor, evidențiind cele mai bune idei.

Această metodă didactică oferă elevilor posibilitatea de a-şi îmbunătăți cunoștințele și abilitatea de a vorbi o limbă străină, interacționând cu alții, transferând "achizițiile" în contexte noi.

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# METODE DIDACTICE INTERACTIVE UTILIZATE ÎNPREDAREA LIMBII ENGLEZE

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Se spune că nevoia de a învăța o limbă străină este aproape atât de veche ca însăși istoria umană. Iar însușirea unei limbi se află în relație cu senzațiile și experiența, spune <u>John Amos Comenius</u>, profesor, educator și scriitor ceh, considerat părintele educației moderne. "Predarea trebuie să fie orală", continuă <u>acesta.</u>

Metodele tradiționale de predare, caracterizate printr-o relație de autoritate și bazate pe principiul conform căruia profesorul aducea cunoștințe elevului care, se presupune, era pregătit să le primească, astăzi par nepotrivite pentru educația de masă.

Astăzi, stilul tradițional de predare nu mai reprezintă o cale eficientă de a transmite informații. Sunt dezvoltate diferite metode de predare-învățare având în minte nevoile elevului.

Un proces de predare-învățare eficient și real presupune folosirea metodologiei și pedagogiei potrivite cerințelor generației actuale de elevi, folosirea noilor tehnologii și a unui mediu educațional în continuă schimbare. Provocarea o reprezintă găsirea de noi căi de a stimula și motiva abilitățile creative ale generației actuale care are vederi asupra învățării diferite de cele pe care le aveam noi atunci când eram ca ei.

Adolescenții care intră astăzi în etapa gimnazială și liceală de învățământ provin dintr-un mediul familial care nu i-a pregătit pentru rolul de elev și care sunt tot mai expuși eșecului școlar.

Teorii educaționale actuale plasează elevul în centrul actului educațional și ne recomandă ca să pornim de la centrele de interes ale elevului pentru a reuși să-l aducem în poziția de a învăța.

Aceste teorii mediatoare încearcă, de asemenea, să lupte împotriva plictiselii în școală, care se manifestă nu doar prin lipsa de interes(una din principalele cauze ale eșecului școlar), dar și prin violență. Potrivit profesorului elvețian de Istoria educației, Charles Magnin, plictiseala elevilor de astăzi vine de la pierderea înțelesului educației în societate: "Școala nu mai este necesar legitimă. Astăzi, cunoștințele sunt percepute ca fiind, mai întâi, funcționale și imediat utilizabile."

Școala singură nu poate restabili valoarea socială a educației, totuși, poate, însă, să dea un sens nou cunoștințelor primite în școală.

Un proces de predare-învățare activ, interactiv oferă oportunități de interacțiune profesorelev, elev-elev și elev-resurse(studiu de caz, proiecte, jocuri de rol, excursii).

Folosirea unor metode și strategii moderne, active de predare-învățare este importantă pentru că are un mai mare impact asupra elevilor. Cărțile din care își luau informația până mai ieri sunt înlocuite astăzi cu noile resurse tehnologice pentru a crea o învățare interactivă centrată pe elev. Explicația utilizării metodelor interactive vine de la conceptul "I do and I understand"(Confucius), mai precis, cu cât consumă mai multă energie în încercarea de a controla o activitate, cu atât mai mult elevul înțelege și învață din această activitate. O altă explicație ar fi aceea că pot modela îndeaproape ceea ce vor face elevii când părăsesc școala și își aleg un loc de muncă.

În cadrul orei de Limba engleză, putem "ataca" diferite abordări de predare-învăţare, utilizarea unei metode sau a alteia depinzând de abordarea aleasă. Astfel, abordări şi metode moderne sugerate sunt următoarele: Abordarea centrată pe elev(Person-Centred Approach), Abordarea comunicativă(Communicative Approach), Calea tăcerii (The Silent Way), Sugestopedia (Suggestopedia), Învăţarea limbii în comunitate (Community Language Learning), Metoda răspunsului fizic total (The Total Physical Response Method), Pentru a aplica diferitele strategii moderne trebuie să ne folosim de materiale, mijloace de predare moderne, cum ar fi: fişe de lucru(worksheets), imagini(pictures or flashcards), realia ('from-life' materials), poveşti în imagini(picture stories), postere(posters), broşuri(brochures), pliante(leaflets), CDs(muzică), DVDs( filme, reclame, desen animat), jocuri(games), poezie(poetry), dramă(plays, role-plays), proiecte(projects). Pentru un act de predare-învăţare eficient este bine să alternăm tipurile de materiale de predare.

Tehnicile de predare moderne care își au temelia pe Teoria inteligențelor multiple(Howard Gardner, 1983) utilizând exerciții ce apelează la inteligența muzicală/ritmică,

inteligența vizual/spațială, inteligența corporală/kinestezică, care solicită toate zonele creierului dau eficiență actului de instruire.

O altă idee inovatoare care vine în întâmpinarea dificultăților cu care ne confruntăm în contemporaneitate este predarea diferențiată(Louis Legrand, 1970) care presupune adaptarea metodelor de predare la diferitele tipuri de elevi cu scopul de a spori egalitatea șanselor și de a reduce eșecul școlar, încă determinat în mare măsură de inegalitățile sociale. Diversitatea elevilor, însă, nu este doar socială, ci și afectivă, fiind o posibilă sursă de obstacol în calea învățării. Ca urmare, reformatorii educaționali susțin cu tărie o abordare nouă și centrată pe elev a predării-învățării și o evaluare continuă și constructivă, capabilă de a sublinia progresul elevului și de a-l motiva pe acesta.

Învățarea limbii engleze presupune parcurgerea și însușirea a numeroase teme legate de gramatică, pronunție, vocabular, citire, scriere, care adesea pot deveni obositoare și monotone și pot înnăbuși entuziasmul și spontaneitatea elevilor. Dacă însă aceste activități îmbracă forma unor jocuri sau activități creative, învățarea devine mai ușoară, mai plăcută și chiar mai eficientă.

Spre deosebire de metodele tradiționale de predare a unei limbi străine, metodele moderne implică interactivitatea, participarea directă a celor instruiți în procesul de predare-învățare. Una dintre metodele interactive utile pentru învățarea unei limbi moderne este jocul. Jocul poate duce la asimilarea noțiunilor mult mai ușor, creând un mediu relaxat de învățare și contribuind la dezvoltarea imaginației, a aptitudinilor și creativității elevilor.

Iară câteva exemple de jocuri și activități ce pot fi folosite în cadrul orelor de limba engleză, atât ca o cale de exersare și consolidare a cunoștințelor, cât și ca o modalitate de dezvoltare a creativității și imaginației elevilor:

Jocul ca metodă didactică trebuie privit din două perspective:

- 1. Jocul la clasele mici, I-IV, care ar trebui să fie predominant deoarece aceștia reacționează altfel când știu că fac parte dintr-o poveste pe care o construiesc împreună, în care, cu siguranță, au rolul principal, acesta nefiind unul impus, ci unul asumat, "creat".
- 2. Jocul la clasele mari gimnaziu și liceu. Deși par mai greu de captat în astfel de activități, elevii vor participa cu interes, deoarece se anulează barierele unei lecții "în clasă", este altceva decât orele obișnuite, iese din tipare. În acest caz jocul didactic poate fi folosit, fie pentru a începe o discuție, pentru a "sparge gheața", fie pentru a evidenția trăsătura competitivă a participanților, sau pentru a recapitula unele noțiuni studiate.

În cele ce urmează voi enumera câteva tipuri de joc și momentele în care le putem folosi în cadrul unei lecții, având ca și grup-țintă clasele primare.

## A. Activităti orale:

1) Pentru "spart gheața" un joc de genul "întrebări pentru aflarea adevărului" ar putea înlătura barierele în comunicare, i-ar putea face chiar și pe cei mai timizi sau mai puțin pregătiți elevi să participe. Acest joc este eficient pentru elevii de nivel mediu și avansat pentru că încurajează interactivitatea. Profesorul va alege un "voluntar" care va fi cel interogat. Colegii îi vor adresa întrebări în legătură cu ceea ce a făcut el, de exemplu la sfârșit de săptămână, cu o zi în urmă, folosind întrebări cu răspuns limitat

"Da", "Nu". Exemple: "Ai fost ieri la cumpărături?", sau "Te-ai uitat ieri la televizor?" Este important ca această activitate să se desfășoare într-un ritm alert și să nu dureze mai mult de zece minute. Profesorul va corecta eventualele greșeli de gramatică sau de pronunție ale elevilor, dar nu va interveni pe parcursul desfășurării acestei activități. O altă variantă a acestui joc didactic este "Cuvântul misterios". Profesorul va scrie pe tablă un cuvânt legat de vocabularul

predat la clasă într-o oră anterioară. Un elev va sta cu spatele la tablă și va adresa colegilor întrebări pentru a afla cuvântul. Întrebările trebuie să fie cât mai variate. Dacă elevul numește cuvântul de pe tablă, el va avea dreptul de a scrie alt cuvânt, care să fie descoperit de un alt coleg desemnat.

- 2) Jocurile de rol (role-plays) Prin intermediul acestui joc, elevii pot intra în pielea unor personaje care trebuie să găsească diverse căi pentru a soluționa în mod original situațiile-problemă cu care se confruntă. De exemplu, ei pot deveni clienții nemulțumiți de servirea dintrun restaurant, polițistul și șoferul care a depășit viteza, profesorul și elevul care nu și-a făcut tema, vânzătorul și clientul pretențios, jurnalistul și starul de cinema, etc. Acest tip de activități îi încurajează pe elevi să-și dea frâu liber creativității și imaginației.
- 3) Ajungerea la un consens (reaching a consensus) În perechi sau grupe, elevii trebuie să dezbată și să ajungă la o decizie unanimă în privința unei situații oarecum problematice. De exemplu, ei trebuie să aleagă dintr-o listă lungă de atribute, pe cele mai potrivite care ar caracteriza un prieten bun, sau să aleagă doar zece lucruri pe care să le ia cu ei într-o excursie la New York. Această activitate implică un grad ridicat de originalitate în motivarea luării unor decizii, multă cooperare și interacțiune.
- 4) Dezbateri (debastes) În grupe, elevii abordează teme controversate, aducând argumente solide în sprijinul părerilor personale. Astfel de teme pot face referire la introducerea uniformelor în școli, interzicerea fumatului în locurile publice, drepturile animalelor, clonare, violența de la televizor, dependența de calculator, etc. Astfel, elevilor li se dă posibilitatea să-și expună opiniile, încurajați fiind să folosească limba engleză.
- 5) Zece lucruri (10 things) Acest joc pune accent pe ideeile fiecărui elev în parte. Astfel, elevii sunt rugați să noteze sub forma unei liste zece lucruri... care le plac/... pe care le urăsc/... care îi sperie, etc. Apoi, în perechi, elevii își vor explica unul altuia motivele pentru care eu făcut alegerile respective. Ei au în acest fel șansa să-și exprime punctele de vedere și să se cunoască mai bine unii pe alții.
- 6) O călătorie în timp (time travelling) Elevilor li se propune să facă un salt imaginar în timp, în trecut sau viitor. Ei pot să elaboreze o scurtă compunere pe această temă, însă varianta lor preferată este cea orală, spontană, întrucât elevii "spectatori" îi pot adresa călătorului întrebări legate de ceea ce vede, aude, simte în jurul lui. Nivelul de creativitate, originalitate și spontaneitate este extrem de ridicat în cadrul unei astfel de activități, iar copii o consideră extrem de amuzantă.
- 7) Balonul cu aer (the hot-aer baloon) Fiecare elev își alege un personaj pe care îl va interpreta în cadrul jocului. Li se spune că ei se află în coșul unui balon cu aer care pierde altitudine și că, pe rând, trebuie să sară în gol pentru a salva viețile celorlalți. Votul elevilor decide care personaj trebuie să sară și care rămâne în coș. În final va supraviețui doar acela care a adus cele mai convingătoare argumente în favoarea sa.
- 8) Ce poți face cu...? (what can you do with...?) Acest joc le cere elevilor să se gândească și să enumere cât mai multe utilizări neobișnuite pentru diverse obiecte din viața de zi cu zi. Exemplu: ce poți face cu o felie de pâine?, ce poți face cu un cui?, ce poți face cu o agrafă de birou? Elevii își pun spiritul creativ în mișcare și găsesc numeroase utilizări inedite ale unor obiecte comune.
- 9) Ce s-ar întâmpla dacă...? (what if...?) La acest joc simplu sub formă de întrebare, elevii vin de fiecare dată cu răspunsuri surprinzătoare și originale. Întrebarea poate continua astfel: Ce s-ar întâmpla dacă toți oamenii s-ar îmbrăca la fel? Ce s-ar întâmpla dacă toate plantele ar acea

culoarea roșie? Ce s-ar întâmpla dacă toate animalele ar vorbi? Exemplele pot continua la nesfârșit, la fel ca și răspunsurile originale ale elevilor.

## B. Activități scrise

- 1) Reclama/Broşura (The add/brochure) În grupuri, elevii trebuie să redacteze reclama TV pentru un produs nou şi revoluționar pe piață. Proiectul final va abunda în produse trăznite, colaje nemaipomenite şi solganuri originale. Același tip de activitate se poate pune în practică pentru redactarea unei broşuri turistice.
- 2) Basmul (The fairytale) Elevii sunt grupați câte trei sau patru. Profesorul le spune că ei vor fi autorii unui basm cu început dat (de exemplu: "Era odată o fetiță sărmană care locuia împreună cu mama ei bolnavă într-o căsuță sărăcăcioasă de la marginea unei păduri"). Pe rând, fiecare elev din fiecare grupă are dreptul să scrie câte o singură propoziție, până când povestea ajunge la final. Variantele vor fi uimitoare: produsul unui veritabil proces creativ.
- 3) Jurnalul (Dear diary) Această activitate presupune ținerea unui jurnal mai neobișnuit. Elevii pot pretinde că sunt diverse personalități: un explorator, un astronaut, o prințesă, o vedetă de cinema. Ei pot consemna evenimentele majore care le marchează viața și-și pot împărtăși creațiile cu ceilalți colegi.
- 4) Poemul numelui (The name poem) Elevii își scriu prenumele pe verticală, se gândesc la anumite însușiri care-i caracterizează și care încep cu fiecare literă din componența prenumelui. Un astfel de poem poate arăta astfel:

Misterious enough, Adorably cute, Really friendly, Interesting and kind, Always respectful.

- 5) Pentru îmbunătățirea vocabularului putem folosi un joc numit "Trage oblonul". Elevii vor fi împărțiți pe echipe de câte patru. Fiecare echipă va primi câte opt fișe conținând opt "ferestre". Pe jumătate de "fereastră" este scrisă o jumătate de proverb sau expresie (Oblonul închis). Elevii vor primi și partea cealaltă pe bucățele mici de hârtie. Ei trebuie să potrivească respectivele cuvinte astfel încât "oblonul" care cuprinde toate cuvintele proverbului, sau expresiei să fie închis. Profesorul va avea rolul de a juriza munca elevilor și de a desemna echipa câștigătoare, adică cea care va "închide" obloanele, va găsi proverbele sau expresiile enunțate în cel mai scurt timp. Această echipă va da o "pedeapsă" echipei perdante.
- 6) "Povestea" o activitate antrenantă care încurajează creativitatea elevilor și dezvoltă lucrul în echipă. Elevii vor fi împărțiți în patru grupe. Fiecare grupă va scrie pe o foaie de hârtie câte patru sau cinci cuvinte, care au sau nu legătură între ele. Fiecare foaie va merge la cealaltă grupă, adică foaia de la grupa întâi va merge la grupa a doua, cea de la a doua la a treia și așa mai departe. Fiecare echipă va trebui să alcătuiască o poveste folosind cuvintele respective, respectând regulile gramaticale, nu neapărat și pe cele logice! Se pot compune povești amuzante sau science fiction creativitatea nu are limite! O altă variantă a acestui joc este scrierea unei poezii folosind cuvintele propuse. Paragrafele vor fi notate pe foi tip flip-chart și apoi vor fi prezentate colegilor de un purtator de cuvânt al fiecărei grupe. Profesorul va avea rolul de evaluator al activității elevilor, evidențiind cele mai bune idei.

Acestea sunt doar câteva exemple de activități care implică o mare doză de creativitate, originalitate și spontaneitate. Și, nu întâmplător, ele sunt extrem de îndrăgite de elevi deoarece prin intermediul lor, ei îsi pot exprima ideile, opiniile si talentul. Astfel, învătarea încetează din a

fi un simplu exercițiu de memorare și redare, ea îmbracă forma unei activități interesante, la care fiecare elev își dorește nespus de mult să ia parte.

În concluzie, aceaste metode didactice oferă elevilor posibilitatea de a-şi îmbunătăți cunoștințele și abilitatea de a vorbi o limbă străină, reinventându-se în fiecare caz, interacționând cu alții, transferând "achizițiile" în contexte noi.

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## METODE DIDACTICE INTERACTIVE UTILIZATE ÎN PREDAREA LIMBII ENGLEZE: TEHNICI DRAMATICE

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Tehnicile dramatice folosite în predarea limbilor moderne, a limbii engleze în cazul de faţâ, îi implică activ pe elevi în procesul de *learning by doing* ducând la utilizarea unui număr nelimitat de posibilităţi pentru a exersa comunicarea în limba străină. Conform lui Penny Ur, în *Discussions that Work, Cambridge University Press, 1981*, elevii nu mai sunt limitaţi la limbajul standard/ redus/ îngrădit, utilizat în timpul orelor de predare/învăţare, ci pot fi vânzători sau spioni, bunici sau copii, figuri autoritare sau subordonaţi, pot fi îndrăzneţi sau înspăimântaţi, nervosi sau amuzaţi. Ei pot fi la Buckingham Palace sau pe un vapor, ori pe Lună, pot să ameninţe, să sfătuiască, să felicite, să comande. Limbajul poate varia în funcţie de profesia, statutul, personalitatea, atitudinea sau dispoziţia personajului interpretat. Acest lucru demonstrează faptul că tehnicile de dramă pot intensifica efectul şi calitatea predării limbii engleze ca limbă străină.

Termenul de dramă în acest context nu înseamnă spectacol de teatru în fața publicului. Deși nu exclude elementele unei piese de teatru sau de spectacol, această sintagmă este folosită aici pentru a aduce în atenție diverse aspecte ale dramei în procesul de predare, în principal implicarea și stimularea sentimentele și a imaginației elevilor, asigurându-le variați stimuli și îmbogățindu-le procesul de învățare cu o experiență la un nivel mai adânc.

Folosirea improvizației si a pantomimei, elemente obligatorii în teatru, va asigura elevilor exersarea unei limbi străine similară celei folosite în viața reală. Când elevii trec prin suficientă experiență în clasă, ei se vor simți confortabil în folosirea limbii reale în mediul real, răspunsurile lor vor fi spontane, vor trebui să se adapteze și să reacționeze mai repede la diverse

situații din experiența mediului înconjurător. Pantomima și comunicarea nonverbală vor deveni un instrument important de stimulare și îmbogățire a experienței de învățare, făcându-i pe elevi să constientizeze importanța relației dintre limbaj și expresia corporală.

Introducerea dramei în procesul de însuşire a cunoștințelor reprezintă o întreagă experiență de învățare pentru copii, experiență care excede sala de clasă, datorită posibilității explorării unor dileme morale, probleme actuale de viață, situații în care oricine poate fi pus la un moment dat. Se dezvoltă, în acest fel, gândirea critică și creativă.

Jim Scrivener în *Learning Teaching, Macmillan, 2007*, propune următoarea listă de activități de dramă care se regăsesc în mod obișnuit în predarea limbii engleze ca limbă străină:

## Jocul de rol

Jocurile de rol permit elevilor să pășească in afara lumii lor reale, să accepte și să se schimbe într-un alt personaj. Elevii fie că improvizează, fie că își crează propriul personaj, fie li se dau cartonașe cu roluri. Oricare din cazuri are un efect de stimulare și elevii se simt mai liberi să se angajeze în procesul de învățare.

#### Simularea

În etapele inițiale ale învățării elevii fac cunoștință cu diferite roluri începând cu cele simple, de obicei cele cu care sunt obișnuiți din viața de toate zilele, cum ar fi mama, tata, vânzătorul, clientul, turistul, înainte de a accepta roluri mai complexe, cum ar fi o consultație, rezolvarea unei probleme, piese de teatru.

## Jocurile dramatice

Jeremy Harmer (lucrarea citată) arată că jocurile dramatice ar trebui să antreneze acțiunea, exercițiul imaginației, implicând atât învățarea cât și achiziția, și să permită exprimarea emoției. Toate elementele menționate ajută elevii să devină implicați activ în învățare și să experimenteze dinamica procesului de învățare. Sunt multe forme de jocuri cu variate funcții: spărgătoare de gheață, exerciții de încălzire, jocuri de concentrare, jocuri gramaticale, etc.

## Improvizarea dirijată

În acest tip de exercițiu profesorul ghidează elevii în stadiul inițial al unei activități. Când elevii se alătură și devin parte a activitătii în desfășurare, ei își folosesc imaginația și improvizația, după care profesorul iese din activitate și devine mai mult un observator care ajută dacă este nevoie. Acest ajutor poate fi dat sub forma sugestiilor, sau chiar poate intra din nou în poveste dacă progresul elevilor este prea lent, sau dacă ei găsesc munca prea dificilă. Următoarele sunt exemple de improvizație dirijată: o scenă a unei crime, o ședință la o companie, o tabără de vară noaptea, etc

## Interpretarea unui scenariu

Conform site-ului <u>www.melta.org.my</u> este important de ţinut minte că un scenariu nu este în așa măsură o dramă, cât o propunere pentru dramă.

Scenariul devine punct de început care furnizează spaţiu pentru fiecare individ pentru a-şi utiliza talentul şi pentru a aduce aspecte personale în experienţa de învăţare. Elevilor li se prezintă scenariul de către profesor, sau chiar înşişi elevii pregătesc propriul scenariu. Toate etapele pregătirii, practicii, interpretării sau chiar şi analizarea de după interpretare, precum şi evaluarea pot deveni instrumente eficiente de învăţare şi consolidare a cunostinţelor şi folosirii limbii străine.

În ceea ce privește **utilitatea**tehnicilor dramatice, sunt multiple **beneficii** atunci când folosim drama în predarea unei limbi străine. Are potențialul de a funcționa ca un catalizator al

procesului de învățare. Următoarele aspecte oferă pătrundere valoroasă, arătând potențialul activitâților de învățare:

- **situații semnificative** Limba ar trebui folosită în situații pline de înțeles (www.melta.org.my). Printre premisele esențiale de introducere a limbii putem aminti situațiile cu înțeles sau în context. Datoria profesorului este să se asigure că contextul este cât se poate de atrăgător pentru elevi. Un context potrivit furnizează elevilor o oportunitate de a exersa limba străină într-o atmosferă de cooperare; îi stimulează să-și elibereze potențialul creativ și să-și aplice talentul artistic. Elevii sunt motivați, ei experimentează sentimentul de realizare și acest lucru consolidează procesul de învățare.
- **consolidarea limbii** Activitățile de dramă pot fi folosite ca 'mijloc de consolidare a limbii învățate' (www.melta.org.my). Folosind drama, profesorul are numeroase oportunități pentru exersarea limbii . Sursa de inspirație a profesorului poate proveni din toate acele aspecte diferite pe care drama le prevede când este interpretată de actori pe scenă. Sala de clasă poate , intr-un fel, deveni o scenă care furnizează un mijloc intens de consolidare a limbii străine.
- **învățare agreabilă** Învățarea și predarea pot deveni 'agreabile, stimulante, pline de înțeles atunci când sunt combinate cu activități de dramă ' (www.melta.org.my). Folosirea dramei este plăcută și amuzantă: crează o atmosferă care favorizează învățarea și ajută elevii să-și învingă teama de a face greșeli, precum și teama de a folosi limba străină în fața altora.
- clase cu abilități mixte—" Problema claselor cu abilități mixte este redusă atunci când se folosesc activități de dramă." (www.melta.org.my). Clasele la care se predă limba străină nu sunt omogene, iar profesorul trebuie să facă față la situații în care elevii se află la diferite nivele. Elevii avansați își asumă roluri avansate, folosind un limbaj mai complex decât elevii mai puțin înzestrați. Elevii mai avansați pot să-i ajute pe ceilalți. Cel mai important este ca toți elevii să-și asume o parte activă în învățare și toți beneficiază de aceeasi activitate.

În ceea ce privește **motivația și succesul**, Harmer arată că sunt două categorii principale de motivație: motivația extrinsecă, afectată de factori din exterior și motivația intrinsecă legată de ceea ce are loc în interiorul clasei (opera citată).

Fiecare elev are un motiv pentru care dorește să învețe o limbă străină. Profesorii ar trebui să se preocupe să afle care este acest motiv și să îl folosească în avantajul lui. Cunoașterea motivelor pentru care elevii vor să studieze ajută profesorul în pregătirea lecțiilor, care vor deveni pline de înțeles; deasemenea, el va face față așteptărilor elevilor. Zelul elevilor crește dacă lecțiile sunt organizate în așa fel încât ei să simtă că își ating scopul pe care l-au gândit.

Sunt multe motive pentru care elevii vor să dobândească cunoştințe de limbă străină. Printre principalele motive este dorința de a avea un loc de muncă mai bun/ dezvoltare profesională, dorința de a călători sau dorința de autodepășire. Toate acestea oferă un drum intens pentru elevi, iar pentru profesor oportunitatea de a face procesul de învățare mai eficient și mai reușit.

Harmer afirmă că " ceea ce se întâmplă în sala de clasă va avea un efect important asupra elevilor care deja sunt motivați extrinsec" (opera citată ). Chiar și elevii care inițial nu erau prea intens motivați, se cufundă într-o activitate când sunt aplicate tehnici de dramăsau vor fi influențați pozitiv de către aceia care iau parte în mod activ în procesul de învățare.

Este foarte important ca elevii să guste succesul. Dacă eșecul constant are efect descurajant, trăirea repetată a succesului contribuie la încrederea elevilor și la întărirea dorinței de a învăța. Unii elevi au nevoie de mai mult timp pentru a avea încredere în beneficiile dramei și pentru acei elevi, încurajarea constantă și răbdarea este crucială, deoarece îi va ajuta în mod treptat să învingă rezistența inițială.

Existenţa profesorilor care încă mai folosesc doar tabla şi creta în predare datorită lipsei mijloacelor audio-video, sau profesori care urmează cu stricteţe programa şcolară sau manualul, clasele numeroase în care elevii au posibilităţi limitate de a vorbi, toate acestea sunt probleme din sistemul educational din România. Pentru a depăşi aceste probleme, tehnicile dramatice sunt la îndemâna fiecărui profesor dacă acesta este interesat să alunge rutina şi plictiseala, să crească motivaţia elevilor, să accelereze progresul şcolar şi succesul personal (atât al elevilor cât şi al profesorului) şi notorietatea/faima/celebritatea.

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#### The interactive methods of teaching English

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The interactive methods of teaching English that have attracted the attention of the teachers in recent years, show reason for interest in them, in what they are exploring, in what they accomplish, the principles and ideas that guide them.

Audio-Visual Methods in Teaching

Audio-visual methods in teaching can improve classroom instruction and student understanding. Hearing students are more focused on spoken than written. The recordings of lectures and films are useful for students to auditory and nuances of the language, like the timbre and tone of the gathering. The audiovisual method was first developed by the CREDIF term in France in the 1950s. This method is intended for teaching everyday language at the early stage of

second/foreign language learning. It was based on a behaviorist approach, which held that language is acquired by habit formation. Based on assumption that foreign language is basically a mechanical process and it is more effective if spoken form precedes written form. The stress was on oral proficiency and carefully- structured drill sequences (mimicry/memorization) and the idea that quality and permanence of learning are in direct proportion to amount of practice carried out.

The uses of audio-visual methods in teaching:

- 1. Audio-visual methods in teaching strengthen an instructor's verbal presentation
- 2. convey information mainly via sound and image instead of by text.
- 3. Students often benefit from the visual/sound appeal of audio-visual methods in teaching The Principle of Audio Visual Method
- -a. Selective
- b. –Preparation
- c. -Physical control
- -d. Proper Presentation
- -e. Response

The Techniques in Audio Visual Method:

- 1. The Lesson begins with the filmstrips and tape-presentation.
- 2. The materials are explained by the teacher through pointing, demonstrating, selective listening, question and answer.
- 3. The dialogue is repeated several times and memorized by frequent replays of tape-recording and filmstrips or by language laboratory practice.
- 4. Students are gradually emancipated by the filmstrip and tape-recorder.

The Advantages

- a. The students are easy to understand the material because they are not only listen but also see the presentation.
- b. The students are fluent in speaking.
- c. Audio Visual Method enhance student learning and create a more inviting atmosphere.

The Disadvantages

- a. Basic method of teaching is repetition.
- b. Mechanical drills of early Audio-Visual approach is boring, mindless and counter productive.
- c. Audio-Visual materials were open to same sort of misuse.
- d. Audio Visual method doesn't develop writing and reading skill.
- e. New materials necessitated extensive use of equipment with all associated problems of blackout, extension leads, carrying tape-recorders from classroom to classroom.

Brainstorming is an excellent teaching strategy to generate ideas on a given topic. Brainstorming helps promote thinking skills. When students are asked to think of all things related to a concept, they are really being asked to stretch their thinking skills. All too often, a child with special learning needs will say they don't know. However, with the technique of brainstorming, the child says what comes to mind as it relates to the topic.

Brainstorming promotes success for students with special needs as there is no one right answer.

Let's say that the brainstorm topic is Weather, the students would state whatever comes to mind, which would most likely include words like rain, hot, cold, temperature, seasons, mild,

cloudy, stormy etc. Brainstorming is also a terrific idea to do for bell work (when you have just 5-10 minutes to fill just prior to the bell).

Brainstorming Is an Excellent Strategy To:

Use in the inclusion classroom

Tap into prior knowledge

Give all students a chance to express their ideas

Eliminate fear of failures

Show respect for each other

Try something without fear

Tap into individuality and creativity

Eliminate the fear of risk taking

Here are some basic rules to follow when conducting a brainstorm in the classroom with a small or whole group of students:

There are no wrong answers

Try to get as many ideas as possible

Record all ideas

Do not express your evaluation on any idea presented

Prior to starting a new topic or concept, the brainstorm session will provide teachers with a great deal of information regarding what the student may or may not know.

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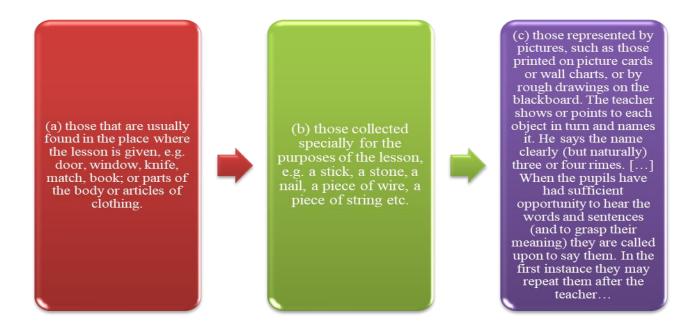
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An alternative to translation—and an obvious choice if presenting a set of concrete objects such as clothes items—is to somehow illustrate or demonstrate them. This can be done either by using real objects (called realia) or pictures or mime. The use of realia, pictures and demonstration was a defining technique of the Direct Method. The Direct Method, in rejecting the use of translation, developed as a reaction to such highly intellectual approaches to language learning as Grammar-Translation. (**Thornbury**, **2002**: **78**)

Here, for example, is advice for teachers from a popular Direct Method: HOW TO TEACH THE NAMES OF OBJECTS

The usual procedure is as follows:

The teacher first selects a number of objects, in batches of say from 10 to 20. [...] The objects may be:



## (from Palmer, The Teaching of Oral English, Longman)

Such an approach is especially appropriate if teaching beginners, and with mixed nationality classes, where translation is not an option. It is also a technique that has been reclaimed by practitioners of Total Physical Response (TPR), a method that promotes initial immersion in a high quantity of comprehensible input. In making use of the immediate environment of the classroom, and of things that can be brought into the classroom, the intention is to replicate the experience of learning one's mother tongue. A TPR lesson typically involves the teacher demonstrating actions, using real objects, and then getting the learners to perform the same or similar actions in response to commands. Typical classroom commands might be: (Thornbury, 2002: 79)



(Plastic fruit and vegetables are ideal for this kind of activity.)

Visual aids take many forms: flashcards (published and home-made), wall charts, transparencies projected on to the board or wall using the overhead projector, and board drawings. Many teachers collect their own sets of flashcards from magazines, calendars, etc. Especially useful are pictures of items belonging to the following sets: food and drink, clothing, house interiors and furniture, landscapes/exteriors, forms of transport plus a wide selection of pictures of people, sub-divided into sets such as jobs, nationalities, sports, activities and appearance (tall, strong, sad, healthy, old, etc). Not only can such pictures be used to present new vocabulary items, but they can be used to practise them.

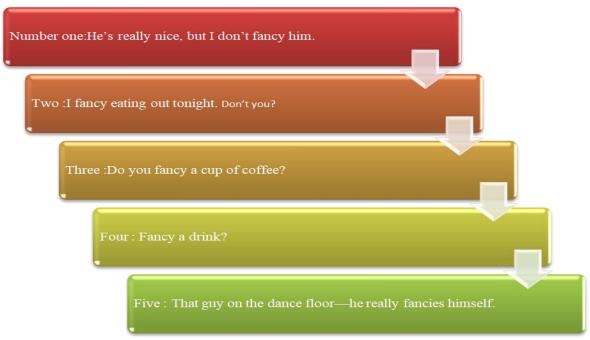
Here, by way of example, are some activities using flashcards:

- The teacher shows cards one at a time, and either elicits or says the word it represents. As a rule of thumb, about ten unfamiliar words is probably sufficient. Periodically the teacher backtracks and changes the order (see above). Finally, stick all the cards on to the board, and write the words alongside (or ask learners to come up and write them).
- ❖ Stick a collection of picture cards (e.g. clothes) on the board and number them. (If you are working round a large table, place the cards face up on the table.) Invite learners to ask you about the words they are unfamiliar with. For example: What is number 6? Check to see if someone else knows before giving the answer. When students are sufficiently familiar go through them all, asking: What is number 8? etc. As a check, turn the cards around, one at a time, so that they can't be seen, and again ask: What is number 8? Finally, write the words on the board alongside each picture.
- Stick a selection of cards on the board and allow learners to use bilingual dictionaries to find the words they represent. They can then write the words adjacent to the pictures.
- ❖ Give pairs or groups of three a selection of cards each. They can use bilingual dictionaries to find out the word for each picture. Then, representatives from each group can 'teach' the rest of the class the words they have discovered, using the visual aids.
- ❖ Show the class a wall chart or a large picture containing many different items (e.g. a street scene or an airport) for a short period of time, say ten seconds. Individually or in pairs, the learners then have to write down as many words—in English—as they can remember having seen represented in the picture. Allow them to use dictionaries. Show the picture again for another few seconds, to let them extend their lists of words. Reveal the picture for the checking stage: the individual or pair with the most correct words is the winner. (Thornbury, 2002: 80-81)

Reinforcing a situational presentation with pictures, board drawings, or gestures makes it more intelligible, and perhaps more memorable. More memorable still is the situation that comes directly from the experience of the people in the room—whether the teacher or students. In other words, the teacher could tell her own story of when she was embarrassed, and then invite the students to tell their own. Again, the extra 'free' speaking and listening practice justifies the relatively long time spent on just one or two items of vocabulary.

An alternative to the situational approach is to provide students with example sentences, each one being a typical instance of the target word in context. From the cumulative effect of the sentences the students should be able to hypothesise the meaning of the target word—using induction: the mental process of hypothesising from examples. Here is a teacher giving sentence examples for the word fancy:

T: Listen to these sentences and see if you can work out what the verb fancy means:



Allow the students as many hearings of the sentences as they think they need before they are confident enough to venture an answer. (For particularly difficult words, it may help if the learners write the sentences down.) Depending on whether the class is monolingual or not, the teacher can then elicit a mother tongue translation of the target word, or, alternatively, a synonym or definition. (**Thornbury**, **2002**: **82**)

One advantage of this approach is that the learners hear the word several times, increasing the likelihood of retention in memory. Another advantage is that they hear the word in a variety of typical contexts (rather than just one) so they can start to get a feel for its range of uses as well as its typical collocations (e.g. fancy a drink). Finally, they get information on the word's form and grammar—whether, for example, it is irregular or transitive (if a verb), or countable (if a noun). It may seem to involve quite a lot of preparation for the teacher, but consulting dictionaries and corpora for examples of the target words in context can help reduce planning time.

A variant of the definition approach is to present a layered definition—that is, one that is segmented into several short statements, each one including the target word. This is similar to the example sentences approach mentioned above, but in this case the sentences are discrete components of a larger definition. For example:

T: If you feel petrified you are very, very frightened. Someone can be petrified by fear. Petrified literally means turned to stone. Petrified wood is wood that has become stone. In some places you can see petrified forests.

In this way, the meaning—and shades of meaning—of a word are built up piece by piece, with the added advantage that the learners hear the target word not only in context, but repeated (in the above example five times). In reality, most teachers draw on a range of techniques—situations, synonyms, example sentences, etc.—in their presentations of word meaning. (Thornbury, 2002: 83-84)

Finally, it's worth emphasising that learning the meaning of a word—or learning anything, for that matter—is a process of gradual approximation. Even in our first language, it

may take a long period of 'fuzziness' before we feel comfortable about using certain words. It is probably asking too much of teachers to expect them to clarify every nuance of a word's meaning at first encounter. Better that they orientate their learners in the general direction of a word's meaning, while equipping them with the skills and the motivation to continue exploring the further reaches of that word's 'semantic space'.

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## Predarea limbii engleze prin jocuri

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Lucrarea de față este axată pe predarea limbii engleze prin jocuri. Luând în considerare faptul că jocurile înseamnă lumea copiilor și că jocul este metoda naturală a copiilor de învățare, crearea de jocuri în timpul orelor de limba engleză poate fi una dintre cele mai potrivite metode de a preda o limbă străină în mod eficient. Poate căfiindadulți ocupati, responsabili, maturi, am uitat într-un fel cum a fost să ne distreze și nu ne mai amintim că joaca a fost odată propriul nostru mod natural de învățare. Astfel, nu ar trebui să privim jocurile doar ca fiind utile doar unui copil, pentru a se juca, ci mai degrabă ca un instrument util, care trebuie să fie folosit pentru predarea limbii engleze elevilor la toate vârstele. Jocurile pot oferi o oportunitate uimitoare de a practica limba engleză în mod spontan, fără a se teme, oferind un mare sentiment de realizare pentru mulți elevi, o consolidarea competențelor lingvistice și a dezvoltarii abilităților sociale și bunelor relații.

Utilizarea de jocuri în timpul orelor de limbă engleză pot face din limba de învățare o experiență pozitivă și interesantă, care este distractivă și motivantă pentru elevi. Dacă vom păstra elevii motivați și implicați în lecții, rezultatele pot fi incredibile. Scopul principal al lucrării mele este de a se concentra pe utilizarea jocurilor de limbaj, în timp ce predarea limbii engleze prin jocuri, reprezintă o metoda excelentă pentru a preda o limbă străină ,ce ajută profesorii să păstreze elevii interesați de lecții. Acest obiectiv este strâns legat de dorința mea de a găsi o varietate de jocuri de limbaj ,atrăgătoare, care pot fi utilizate în timp ce predau limba engleză.

# Conceptul de *jocuri*

Există o mulțime de definiții ale jocurilor, dar definiția jocului în domeniul pedagogiei este după cum urmează: un joc este considerat o tehnică valoroasă, care include trei componente principale: concurență, reguli și bucurie. Aceste trei componente trebuie să fie bine stabilite

printr-un obiectiv de predare-învățare. Metaforic vorbind, jocurile sunt adesea burghie lingvistice împachetate în ambalaje distractive, cum ar fi acoperirea de zahăr a unei pastile cu gust de bomboana delicioasă.

De ce profesorii ar trebui să folosească jocuri în timpul orelor de limbă engleză?

Jocurile sunt provocatoare, pline de satisfacții, atractive, interesante, educative, de divertisment, competitive, relaxante, motivante, eficiente și utile.

Când și cum să utilizati jocurile în timpul orelor de limbă engleză?

Jocurile ar trebui să fie utilizate în toate etapele lecției (prezentare, practică și producție), cu condiția ca acestea să fie adecvate și alese cu grijă.

Jocurile de comunicare

Cei mai mulți dintre elevii noștri nu au posibilitatea de a practica, vorbind limba engleză în afara sălii de clasă și de aceea profesorii ar trebui să utilizeze o mulțime de practici, atunci când elevii sunt la școală. Una dintre cele mai potrivite soluții atunci când vine vorba de a vorbi este practicarea jocurilor de vorbire, care pot avea un impact extraordinar asupra elevilor, deoarece acestea devin dispuși și dornici să vorbească în limba engleză fără să-și dea seama de faptul că utilizează limba engleză în diferite contexte utile.

#### Jocurile de lecturare

Cărțile deschid lumi fascinante pentru copiii mici. Acesta este motivul de a face din lectură o activitate atractivă, fiind o parte foarte importantă a experienței de învățare a limbilor străine. În prezent, ceea ce face sau încearcă să convingă copiii să citească este într-adevăr o provocare, deoarece ei preferă vizionarea unui film,a unui desen animat sau a unui documentar despre un anumit subiect în loc de a citi o carte. Profesorii ar trebui să folosească jocurile în timpul lecțiilor lor de lectură, deoarece acestea pot avea succes în a face elevii să citească de plăcere, doar pentru că se distrează în timp ce joacă un joc de lectură.

# Jocuri multi-competențe

În prezent principalele obiective ale învățării limbilor străine sunt axate pe competențe multiple. Jocurile lingvistice oferă profesorilor posibilitatea de a combina ușor cele patru abilități în engleză. Folosind jocuri în proiectarea lecțiilor de limbi străine pot oferi cu siguranta profesorilor o resursă valoroasă în predarea și învățarea unei limbi străine. Lucrarea de față cred că vaavea un impact pozitiv asupra carierei de profesor în procesul lui de predare pentru că ar putea descoperi o multime de jocuri de limbaj, pe care lepoate practica cu elevii săi și care vor îmbunătăți cu siguranță tehnicile sale de predare și metodele, precum și relația sa cu elevii .

Jocurile educative sunt concepute pentru a preda elevilor despre anumite subiecte, pentru a-i ajuta să dobândească anumite abilități în timp ce se joacă și pentru a consolida dezvoltarea elevilor, cum ar fi jocuri de masă, jocuri de cărți, jocuri video, filme, artă, documentare, teatru, muzica, jocuri de limbaj etc. Ele sunt considerate ca făcând parte din domeniul edutainment, un nou termen legat de jocuri care a fost introdus de-a lungul sistemului educațional de-a lungul anilor. Profesorul trebuie să se asigure că dă elevilor posibilitatea de a plasa cântecele și jocurile în centrul procesului de învățare, în acest fel, creând un mediu foarte familiar și plăcut pentru ei la școală, pe de o parte, iar pe de altă parte, acestea ar putea ușura dificultatea cu care se confruntă în timp ce încearcă să obțină și să mențină atenția și interesul tinerilor cursanțiîn timpul orelor de curs. Mai mult decât atât, în opinia mea, profesorii ar trebui să aibă mai multă libertate în alegerea strategiilor lor în predarea limbii engleze, pentru a reuși în atingerea scopurilor lor.

Cred că această lucrare va ajuta, de asemenea colegilor din alte școli și în unele școli europene să realizeze importanța jocurilor în timpul lecțiilor lor, oferindu-le posibilitatea de a practica varietatea de jocuri prezentate .

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# METODE INTERACTIVE DE PREDARE- ÎNVĂȚARE ÎN CONTEXT EUROPEAN

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Învățarea interactivă este o formă specială a învățării școlare, apărută din necesitatea ținerii pasului școlii cu noile transformări în activitatea social- umană. Individul care învață activ este propriul inițiator și organizator al experiențelor de învățare, capabil să- și reorganizeze și să- și restructureze în permanență achizițiile proprii. Teoriile educaționale moderne scot în evidență faptul că școala deține un rol esențial în formarea unor cetățeni responsabili, conștienți de menirea pe care o au în viața socială și spirituală a contemporaneității. Procesul educativ este unul activ, în care învățarea devine eficientă.

În schimbarea tumultuoasă prin care societatea trece, elevii noștrii au nevoie de capacitatea de a selecta informațiile și de a alege ce este și ce nueste esențial pentru interesele lor. Ei trebuie să înțeleagă legătura dintre informații, să le descopere sensul și să le respingă pe cele nesemnificative. Un important obiectiv de tip formativ urmărit în evoluția elevilor îl constituie dezvoltarea gândirii critice și se realizează prin folosirea în mod special a unor strategii de învățare interactive. Aceste strategii reprezintă un nivel superior în ierarhia strategiilor didactice, dar nu trebuie separate de cele tradiționale. Pentru dezvoltarea gândirii critice a elevilor, profesorul trebuie să asigure un demers didactic adecvat învățării active și interactive, folosind metode, procedee și tehnici de învățare eficiente. Prin metode interactive de învățare înțelegem acele situații sau metode active propriu- zise în care elevii sunt scoși din ipostaza de obiect al formării și sunt transformați în subiecți activi, coparticipanți la propria formare. Sunt considerate interactive acele metode care ajută la mobilizarea elevului, concentrarea atenției, urmărirea cu interes și curiozitate a lecției, care- i stimulează imaginația, înțelegerea, puterea de anticipare, memoria, etc.

Ele sunt metode care ajută elevul să caute, să cerceteze, să găsească singur cunoștințele pe care urmează să și le însușească, să afle singur soluții la probleme, să prelucreze cunoștințele, cu alte cuvinte îl învață pe elev să învețe, să lucreze independent. O îndrumare pas cu pas, care impune de- a gata noile cunoștințe, fără să lase elevilor timp și loc de gândire, să formuleze întrebări, să aprecieze, nu va face decât să stânjenească afirmarea spontaneității, a gândirii și a imaginației. În schimb, lectura independentă, învățarea prin descoperire, învățarea prin cooperare, problematizarea implică elevii în învățare mai mult decât o explicație, o expunere ori o demonstrație. Unul dintre avantajele acestor metode interactive este acela că pot fi folosite cu succes atât în învățare, cât și în evaluare.

Impactul utilizării metodelor active:

- Motivează elevii să gândească îndrăznet, fără să fie descurajați de părerile altora;

- Elevii participă cu plăcere la activități în care se abordează asemenea metode;
- Sunt încrezători în forțele proprii.

Câteva dintre metodele și tehnicile activ- participative, menite să contribuie la diversificarea metodologiei didactice existente și pe care eu le- am folosit cu succes la clasă, sunt:

- 1. Metoda piramidei sau metoda bulgărelui de zăpadă are la bază împletirea activității individuale cu cea desfășurată în mod cooperativ, în cadrul grupurilor. Ea constă în încorporarea activității fiecărui membru al colectivului într- un demers mai amplu, menit să ducă la soluționarea unei sarcini sau a unei probleme.
- 2. *Diamantul* este metoda care se utilizează pentru caracterizarea unui personaj. Se alege un substantiv ( personaj). Se scriu: două adjective, trei verbe, o propoziție formată din patru cuvinte, un verb la modul gerunziu sau un sinonim al substantivului.
- 3. Caligrama poate fi folosită atât în lecțiile de predare- învățare, cât și de fixare și sistematizare a cunoștințelor, putând fi abordată individual sau în grup. Cuvintele sau propozițiile sunt aranjate în așa fel încât să reprezinte forma obiectului care constituie tema propusă spre studiu.
- 4. Metoda R. A. I. este o metodă de fixare și sistematizare a cunoștințelor, dar și de verificare. Ea urmărește realizarea feed- back- ului printr- un joc de aruncare a unei mingi ușoare. Denumirea provine de la inițialele cuvintelor Răspunde- Aruncă- Interoghează. Elevul care aruncă mingea trebuie să formuleze o întrebare din lecția predată elevului care o prinde. Cel care prinde mingea răspunde la întrebare, apoi o aruncă mai departe altui coleg, punând o nouă întrebare. Elevul care nu știe răspunsul iese din joc, la fel ca și cel care nu știe să răspundă la propria întrebare.
- 5. Brainstorming- ul este cea mai răspândită metodă de stimulare a creativității în condițiile activității în grup, încurajând participarea tuturor membrilor grupului. Poate fi definită ca: " o modalitate de a obține, într- un răstimp scurt, un număr mare de idei de la un grup de oameni. " ( J. G. Rawlinson)
- 6. *Tehnica "Ciorchinelui"* este o tehnică de predare- învățare care constă în unei modalități grafice de organizare a brainstorming- ului pentru a ilustra relațiile, conexiunile dintre idei.
- 7. Tehnica "Gândiți- Lucrați în perechi- Comunicați" presupune o activitate de învățare prin colaborare, care constă în stimularea elevilor de a reflecta asupra unui text, a unui conținut informațional, colaborând cu un coleg în formularea ideilor, pe care le comunică apoi întregii clase.

Metodele interactive promovează interacțiunile dintre mințile participanților, ducând la o învățare mai activă și cu rezultate evidente. Ele permit democratizarea actului didactic, asigurarea egalității de șanse în învățarea pentru toți elevii în condițiile în care ele se adresează unor inteligențe multiple și dau posibilitatea afirmării elevilor conform disponibilităților următoarei dezvoltări.

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## Importanța jocurilor în învățarea limbii engleze

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Utilizarea jocurilor în predarea eficientă a limbii engleze e una din cele mai bune metode pentru că nimic nu poate fi mai distractiv pentru copii decât jocul, care înseamnă atât de mult pentru ei. Cu toții ne amintim cu plăcere jocurile copilăriei și de momentele când eram atât de fericiți, de liberi și de entuziaști.

Prin joc se poate aduce în sala de clasă o întreagă lume , profesorul poate crea contexte folositoare, în care limba străină capătă înțeles . Astfel, elevii simt nevoia să participe. Şi ca să poată să ia parte, trebuie să înțeleagă ceea ce spun sau scriu alți colegi de ai lor. Interacțiunea este maximă, copiii vor scrie sau vor vorbi pentru a-și exprima opiniile sau pentru a da diverse informații.

A învăța o limbă străină implică mult efort. Trebuie să muncești mult, o perioadă îndelungată. Jocurile ajută și încurajează "învățăceii" să-și mențină un nivel ridicat al interesului, îi motivează.

Elevii reacționează într-un anumit mod la un anumit conținut. Ei "trăiesc" momentul respectiv, pot fi amuzați, supărați, intrigați sau surprinși. Astfel, ceea ce citesc, exprimă, ascultă sau scriu, capătă semnificație, este experimentat mai realist, mai plin de viață, fiind reținut mult mai bine.

Jocurile pot oferi excelente prilejuri de exersare cu randament înalt a noțiunilor de limbă; eu cred că ar trebui privite ca un element central în studierea unei limbi moderne și nu ar trebui să se apeleze la ele doar la începutul sau sfârșitul semestrului sau în vreo zi mai tristă sau mai mohorâtă.

Studiul limbii engleze necesită efort constant, nu e o sarcină ușoară, de aceea pot apărea momente de frustrare. Jocuri didactice bine alese pot oferi elevilor o pauză, dar și șansa de a exersa.

Prin joc elevii sunt motivați deoarece se amuză și lecțiile sunt " condimentate" de spiritul de competiție. Răspunzând unor noi provocări, participanții se simt încurajați și colaborează mai deschis. Ele se pot utiliza cu succes în dezvoltarea tuturor competențelor lingvistice.

Multe cadre didactice cred că atmosfera în clasă trebuie să fie mereu serioasă și că dacă elevul râde sau dacă apar situații hilare învățarea nu mai e eficientă. Cred că este o idee greșită. Se poate învăța limba engleză și în același timp să te simți bine, iar una din cele mai bune căi este prin intermediul jocurilor.

Numeroși profesori susțin că jocurile au o mare valoare educațională. În timp ce se joacă, elevul folosește intensiv limba engleză, nu mai e îngrijorat că greșește o anumită structură gramaticală. Se antrenează și copiii mai timizi, cei cu un grad ridicat de anxietate, ei se vor exprima mai facil, vor vorbi despre sentimentele și opiniile lor mai deschis.

Jocurile pot crea situații propice de învățare, de exersare, deoarece oferă modele de utilizare a limbii moderne studiate în contexte apropiate de cele în care elevii vor folosi limba respectivă în realitate, în viitor.

Dacă sunt corespunzătoare și atent alese, jocurile pot fi utilizate în orice moment al lecției, nu numai în deschiderea sau finalul ei sau pentru a " umple" unele momente din oră.

În special la recapitulare jocurile ajută elevii să-și amintească noțiunile studiate într-un mod mai plăcut, motivându-i, dezvoltându-le competențele de comunicare, generând fluență.

Învățarea limbii engleze prin jocuri este o metodă eficientă și relaxantă, ce se poate aplica în orice clasă. Jocurile nu sunt utilizate doar pentru ca elevii să se distreze, ci, mult mai important, pentru a crea, dezvolta și perfecționa competențe de comunicare în limba engleză/ limba modernă studiată.

Rolul jocurilor didactice în învățarea vocabularului este de netăgăduit. Totuși, pentru a-și atinge scopurile de randament ridicat, în alegerea atentă a jocurilor trebuie ținut cont de câțiva factori, cum ar fi numărul de elevi, nivelul de studiu, contextul cultural, timpul și spațiul disponibil, tema lecției.

Copiii experimentează, descoperă și interacționează cu mediul înconjurător. Până la 12 ani, mulți- în special cei mai tineri- nu văd un scop în sine în învățarea unei limbi moderne. Acest lucru îl pot realiza jocurile, ele pot fi stimulentul necesar pentru a-i ajuta să învețe o limbă străină ca pe cea maternă- pe neștiute, pe nesimțite. Fără stress , vor reține mai bine și mai mult.

Un joc trebuie să fie mai mult decât doar distractiv, să implice și să intereseze toți elevii, să-i încurajeze să concureze fair –play, să dea șansa de a învăța, exersa, repeta anumite noțiuni. Ar trebui ca elevii să fie încurajați să folosească limba studiată mai mult decât să se concentreze pe limba în sine/acuratețe.

Justificarea pentru folosirea jocurilor în clasă a fost îndelung studiată și demonstrată, copiii beneficiind de pe urma lor pe multiple căi. Din punct de vedere afectiv , atmosfera este relaxantă, motivantă, promovează competențele de comunicare, încurajează exprimarea creativă și spontană. Cognitiv – se accentuează pe învățarea activ-participativă, se reiau și se îmbogățesc noțiuni, se concentrează asupra gramaticii într-un mod nou, comunicativ.

Jocul este centrat pe elev, profesorul este doar moderator, facilitator. Se adaptează în funcție de vârstă, nivel de studiu, interese. Se referă la toate tipurile de competențe lingvistice. Unele necesită o pregătire prealabilă minimă.

Nu numai jocurile de interior ar trebui preferate. Se poate recurge și la cele outdoor, când vremea este favorabilă. Elevii vor fi încântați fie doar și de ideea de a merge în aer liber, pe terenul de sport sau în curtea școlii, mulți fiind deja plictisiți de sala de clasă și de statul în aceleasi bănci.

Profesorii de limbi moderne ar trebui să aibă mereu pregătit un joc de rezervă, pentru momente când elevii sunt obosiți sau nu se implică, nu interacționează. Ar fi util ca acesta să fie prevăzut în planificarea calendaristică sau în cea pentru unitățile de învățare.

Uneori este indicat ca echipele de elevi ce concurează / joacă să aibă componența schimbată și un grad de atenție se impune a fi acordat rivalităților dintre elevi sau echipe, pentru a nu se declanșa o situație conflictuală.

Un aspect ce nu trebuie neglijat este recompensa. Dacă vor îndeplini corect sarcinile, copiii vor aștepta o răsplată, desigur. Vor aștepta și merita laude și felicitări, dar e posibil să spere și la un cadou mic – cei mai mici, în special, dulciuri.

Dintre jocurile pe care le-am creat eu, aș descrie jocul de cărți – pe diverse teme. Se împarte un anumit număr de cărți de joc. Copiii trebuie apoi să facă perechi, de exemplu un număr /imagini cu animale/ culori/ articole de îmbrăcăminte/ tipuri de alimente și corespondentul în limba engleză. Câștigă cel care obține cel mai mare număr de perechi.

Un alt joculeț e formarea de propoziții complete din cuvinteamestecate scrise pe cartonașe care conțin pe verso magneți. Pe o tablă metalică din fier , cartonașele sunt aranjate în ordinea corectă de către elevi. Echipa care a găsit răspunsul prima are șansa de a manevra cartonașele magnetice, ceea ce le produce o mare satisfacție.

Cursa pentru înghețată / ciocolată. Copiii sunt în echipe așezate în șiruri, în spatele unei linii de start. Pentru fiecare răspuns corect, un reprezentant din fiecare echipă face un pas înainte, apropiindu-se treptat de premiul râvnit.

Sau : Pe o planșă mare de carton este scris un text cu spații libere( din text lipsesc articole/ pronume / verbe/ adjective). Elevii încearcă să descopere soluția corectă. Cel care reușește, merge la tablă și verifică răspunsul prin tragerea în laterala unei fâșii subțiri de carton, care, prin alunecare / culisare, ajunge cu cuvântul căutat exact pe intervalul liber, completând propoziția.

Am mai creat un număr de rebusuri, pe diferite teme, care sunt rezolvate de elevi cu mult interes. În concluzie, pot afirma că jocurile sunt o metodă eficientă de învățare a limbii engleze. Elevii vor căpăta atitudini sociale pozitive, motivația lor va crește. Spiritul de echipă se va dezvolta. Profesorul poate afla multe informații despre elevi, despre situația lor, despre caracterul acestora. Copiii de astăzi nu mai sunt pasivi ca cei de altădată, deci, jocurile le vor oferi acestorao bună șansă de a fi activi și creativi. A-i activa pe elevi este vital deoarece este necesar ca ei să participe la propriul procesul de învătare.

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## Metode moderne în predarea limbii engleze

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În practica predării limbii engleze există o multitudine de metode care sunt folosite, unele mai eficiente, altele mai puțin eficiente. Dintre metodele tradiționale trebuie mentionate metoda traducerii (GrammarTranslationMethod), cea mai populară dintre cele tradiționale, metoda audio-linguală (Audio-lingual Method) și Prezentare, Practică, Producere (Presentation, Practice, Production). Metodele moderne alese sunt mai numeroase, lucru explicabil prin varietatea profesorilor ce predau limba engleză ceea ce face ca didactica limbii engleze să beneficieze de experiențe vaste în aceste sens șidiscuții valoroase. Dintre acestea trebuie mentionate: **Metoda directă** (The Direct Method), **Calea tăcerii** (The SilentWay), **Suggestopedia**, **Învățarea limbii în comunitate** (CommunityLanguageLearning), **Metoda răspunsului fizic total** (The Total PhysicalResponseMethod), **Metoda comunicativă** (CommunicativeLanguageTeaching). În ceea

ce privesteselecția acestor metode trebuie mentionat faptul ca aceasta este subiectivă criteriile după care au fost alese fiind eficiența lor dar și gradul de popularitate.

## Metoda directă (The Direct Method)

Principalul obiectiv al acesteia este acela de a învăța elevii să comunice într-o limbă străină. Nu este admisă traducerea, profesorul folosindu-se de lumea reală, imagini, pantomimă pentru a sugera sensul. Elevii exersează vocabularul în contextul prezentat de catre profesor. Toate cele patru dimensiuni ale predării limbii sunt dezvoltate: capacitatea de exprimare orală, capacitatea de receptare a mesajului scris și capacitatea de exprimare scrisă. Tehnicile folosite sunt: conversația, citirea cu voce tare, compuneri, repetiții.

Rolul profesorului este acela de a fi partener al elevului. Interacțiunea are loc între profesor și elevi, dar și între elevi si elevi. Auto-evaluarea este des folosită insa nu există evaluare formală; aceasta se face sub forma redactării unui text scris.

## Calea tăcerii (The SilentWay)

Este o metodă introdusă de C. Gattengo, principiul de bază atestând faptul că predarea trebuie subordonată învățării. Elevii au un rol activ, fiind responsabili de propria lor învățare. Aceștia exersează mult, principalele domenii pe care se pune accent fiind pronunțiași gramatica. Rolul profesorului este acela de a ajuta elevii. Profesorul este tăcut, dar foarte activ; vorbește doar pentru a da anumite sugestii. Accentul este pe evaluarea continuă. Greșelile sunt considerate ca fiind normale; elevii sunt încurajați să se autocorecteze, fiind interacțiune între elevi.

# Suggestopedia

Inventatorul metodei este G. Lozanov. Metoda consta în aplicarea studiului sugestiei în pedagogie, dezvoltată cu scopul de a ajuta elevii să depășească barierele învățării. Principalul obiectiv este de a accelera procesul învățării folosind puterile mentale. Elevii primesc noi nume și noi ocupații, de-a lungul lectieicreându-și chiar noi biografii. Sunt două stadii ale lecției: una receptivă și una activă. Acestia participă la diferite activități: citesc, interpretează dialoguri, exersează diverse jocuri, dramatizări. Elementele pe care se pune accent sunt vocabularul, capacitatea de exprimare orală, capacitatea de receptare a mesajului scris și capacitatea de exprimare scrisă. Gramatica nu este considerată ca fiind foarte importantă.

## Învățarea limbii în comunitate (CommunityLanguageLearning)

Metoda provine din consilierea în domeniul învățării, dezvoltată de C.A. Curran, care vede profesorii drept consilieri lingvistici. Principalele obiective sunt învățarea limbii într-un mod comunicativ și învățarea despre propria învățare. Se pune accentul pe comunicare, dezvoltarea pronunției, a capacității de receptare a mesajului oral, capacității de receptare a mesajului scris, precum și discutarea unor elemente de gramatică. Limba nativă a elevilor este folosită pentru ca aceștia să se simtă în siguranță. Interacțiunea are loc atât între profesor și elevi, cât și între elevi. Rolul profesorului este asemănător cu acela al unui consilier care sprijină elevii și încurajează. Greșelile sunt corectate de către profesor. Evaluarea constă într-un scurt test oral sau scris la finalul lectiei.

## Metoda răspunsului fizic total (The Total PhysicalResponseMethod)

Este introdusă de J. Asher. Metoda acordă o foarte mare importanță dezvoltării capacității de receptare a mesajului oral. Unul din cele mai importante obiective este ca elevii să se bucure de experiențaînvățării. Metoda are ca scop reducerea stresului în învățarea unei limbi străine. Partea inițială a lecției constă în modelare, profesorul dând comenzi, realizând acțiuni

împreună cu elevii. În etapa inițială profesorul vorbeșteși elevii răspund nonverbal, mai târziu rolurile se schimbă. Limba maternă este folosită doar la început, profesorul fiind coordonatorul elevilor, elevii fiind imitatorii acestuia. Acestia vor vorbi atunci când simt că sunt pregătiți. Profesorul este tolerant cu greșelile elevilor. Evaluarea constă în verificarea înțelegerii prin realizarea unor activități.

# Metoda comunicativă (CommunicativeLanguageTeaching)

Principalul obiectiv este fluența elevilor. Se pune accent pe comunicarea "reală" (Harmer, 2004, p. 85). Toate cele patru dimensiuni ale predării limbii sunt dezvoltate: capacitatea de exprimare orală, capacitatea de receptare a mesajului oral, capacitatea de receptare a mesajului scris și capacitatea de exprimare scrisă. Gramatica este învățată prin practică. Limba maternă a elevilor nu este folosită. Tehnicile folosite sunt: discuții, dezbateri, jocuri de rol, activități comunicative scrise, drama etc.

Rolurile profesorului sunt acelea de facilitator și manager al activității elevilor, dar și de partener al acestora, interacțiunea având loc în special între elevi. Sunt folosite materiale autentice și interesante. Erorile sunt tolerate în special în timpul activităților comunicative când accentul este pus pe fluență. Evaluarea este orala dar si scrisa.

### Studiul de caz.

Metoda comunicativă este intens folosita pe langa celelalte metode moderne, cu toate acestea, nu sunt ignorate nici metodele tradiționale. Acestea sunt considerate încă eficiente și folosite în predare.

Avantajele acestor metode constau în faptul că asigură cunoștințe solide de gramatică și vocabular, dezvoltă capacitățile de exprimare scrisă. Se pune accentul pe cultura și literatura străină, care sunt aprofundate prin diferite activitati. Profesorul are un mai mare control al clasei decât în cazul metodelor moderne.

Metodele moderne sunt preferate datorită eficacității lor sporite în ceea ce privește comunicarea, dezvoltându-se capacitatea de exprimare orală. Alte avantaje ale acestora ar fi faptul că interacțiunea între profesor și elevi și între elevi și elevi este sporită. De asemenea, sunt metode bazate pe joc, ceea ce le face mai plăcute, motivația elevilor crescând. Se creează, astfel, noi oportunități pentru dezvoltarea limbajului și folosirea lui în comunicare.

Concluzia finală este aceea că metodele tradiționale coexistă cu cele moderne în predarea limbii engleze, fiecare având avantajele ei, elemente ce pot fi oricând folosite cu succes.

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# METODE DIDACTICE INTERACTIVE UTILIZATE ÎN PREDAREA LIMBILOR STRĂINE

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În procesul de învățare a unei limbi străine, fie ea germanică, romanică sau slavă, trainerul are poate cel mai important rol pentru cursanți. Cei mai mulți dintre aceștia apreciază profesionalismul, seriozitatea, punctualitatea și, nu în ultimul rând, creativitatea trainerului. În ceea ce privește METODELE MODERNE DE PREDARE, acestea asigură o alternativă la formulele tradiționale oferind alte opțiuni metodologice și instrumentale care îmbogățesc practică evaluativă.

În cadrul procesului de învățare, activitatea de predare, învățare și evaluare se realizează cu ajutorul unor elemente importante care se află în strânsă legătură, asigurând astfel o desfășurare coerentă și benefică a acestor procese.

Una dintre aceste metode moderne de predare este și METODA PRIVITULUI PE GAURĂ CHEII-LOOKING THROUGH THE KEY-HOLE, care este o metodă complexă, pentru că ea înglobează și alte metode și tehnici de predare și evaluare, vizând astfel probele orale și scrise, dar mai ales observarea capacității și abilității de exprimare până la acea dată.

Este o metodă care ajută și implicit dezvoltă deprinderile lingvistice și mentale ale elevului, ajungând astfel la un rezultat foarte bine conturat și definit.

Această metodă crează acea posibilitate "de a-ți da drumul la gură" (în limbaj popular), ceea ce înseamnă foarte mult în învățarea unei limbi străine. De asemenea caracteristic acestei metode este și faptul că oferă elevului posibilitatea de a aplica în mod creativ cunoștințele însușite în situații noi și variate. Pentru că obiectivele propuse să fie atinse se folosesc mai multe tipuri de itemi și anume: Itemi de transformare - Transformation Items.

Alte tipuri de itemi folosiți pentru atingerea obiectivelor propuse sunt și Itemii subiectivi care permit testarea deprinderilor care vizează originalitatea, creativitatea și caracterul personal al răspunsului. Acești itemi cer elevului un efort de gândire și de organizare a gândirii pentru a se exprima în mod coerent.

Acest item poartă denumirea de Povestire după desene -Talking about this drawing și se aplică atât pentru evaluarea deprinderilor de comunicare orală cât și scrisă. Astfel se pot povești, fotografii decupate din reviste diferite desene, benzi desenate e.t.c

Profesorul cere elevului să recunoască obiectele din desen, iar apoi să povestească în propoziții simple cele văzute. Bineînțeles există riscul ca elevul să se încurce dar nu e totul pierdut, profesorul fiind cel care cu ajutorul unor întrebări simple îl ajută pe elev, astfel încât împreună să se atingă obiectivele propuse.

Acest tip de item permite o oarecare libertate de exprimare chiar dacă subiectul discuției este fixat de desenul propriuzis, totuși elevul își poate alege propriile sale cuvinte și expresii potrivite cu subiectul dat.

Există și varianta ca profesorul să ceară elevilor să indice locul obiectelor recunoscute, să le descrie și să le indice locul fată de celelalte obiecte.

Exact la un astfel de exercițiu m-am oprit și eu dat fiind faptul că această metodă alternativă sau complementară de evaluare este un mare potențial instructiv,educativ și mai ales formativ.

În principiu, parcurgerea și discutarea acestor itemi (Tansformation Items și Talking about this drawing) și nu numai duce la rezultatul mult dorit.

Maxima eficientă a acestei metode poate fi atinsă foarte ușor tocmai datorită flexibilității acesteia putând fi folosită în scopul atingerii numeroaselor obiective.

În cele ce urmează, vă propun câteva soluții pentru a transformă ora de curs într-o experiență plăcută și relaxantă, toate derivate din **metoda comunicativă de predare**. Această este una dintre cele mai apreciate la ora actuală, întrucât stimulează **fluența cursanților**, pregătindu-i să facă față cu brio situațiilor de zi cu zi (la aeroport, la restaurant, la magazin, la birou etc).

- 1. **Brainstorming-ul**. Este poate una dintre cele mai comune tehnici de stimulare a creativității, dar și una dintre cele mai eficiente. Această tehnică poate fi folosită cel mai des înaintea unei activității de citire sau pentru rezolvarea unei anumite probleme, în general.
- Trainerul nu trebuie să fie critic, ci să încurajeze cursanții să se gândească la idei cât mai neobișnuite și să creeze o atmosferă constructivă. Propunerile inedite ar trebui susținute pentru obținerea unei liste de idei cât mai cuprinzătoare și originale.
- 2. **Jocul de rol**. Este o altă activitate interesantă care îi face pe cursanți să se implice activ în dezbaterea unei tematici. De exemplu, în cadrul cursurilor de Business English, trainerul poate oferi fiecărui cursant un cartonaș cu un rol pe care cursantul să-l joace (secretară, șef de tură, asistent de producție, manager de resurse umane), iar apoi le poate da o situație pe care aceștia să o dezbată (de exemplu, necesitatea unui spațiu de birouri mai mare). Cursanții trebuie să între în pielea personajului lor și să-și "interpreze" rolul cât mai convingător.
- 3. **Gramatică prin cântece**. Mulți traineri se gândesc să facă mai antrenantă învățarea unui timp și a unui aspect verbal (de. ex. present tense continuous, present perfect tense continuous etc) prin folosirea unor fragmente dintr-o melodie. Astfel, pentru fixarea cunoștințelor, în ceea ce privește folosirea unui timp verbal, trainerul elimină din textul cântecului structurile pe care cursanții trebuie să le asimileze, iar, în timp ce ascultă melodia, ei completează cu elementul gramatical corect.

Iată un exemplu care poate fi utilizat atunci când trainerul predă timpul verbal "present perfect". O astfel de melodie este "I still haven't found what I'm looking for" de la U2. O foaie de lucru arătă astfel (se poate folosi și pentru fixarea participiului trecut, care întră în formarea timpurilor perfecte):

I [have climbed] the highest mountains
I [have run] through the fields
Only to be with you
Only to be with you
I [have run]
I [have crawled]
I [have scaled] these city walls
These city walls
Only to be with you.

4. **Cursanții "preiau" comandă**. Este o altă strategie prin care atmosfera din sala de curs va fi una creativă. Pentru aceasta, trainerul îi poate invita pe cursanți să lucreze în perechi/grupuri și să planifice, de exemplu, o parte dintr-o lecție sau subiectele pentru evaluarea finală. Cel mai bine este că trainerul și cursanții să stabilească dinainte obiectivele lecției: gramatică, vocabular, citire etc. Astfel, trainerul poate fi surprins de implicarea acestora.

Așadar, nu uitați: punerea în prim-plan a creativității, a gândirii critice și a dezvoltării personale crește eficiența didactică, prin învățarea participativă.

Predau limba engleză la gimnaziu, unor adolescenți care trăiesc într-o perioadă de mare expansiune tehnologică și informațională. Totul se schimbă într-un ritm accelerat iar noi, profesorii, trebuie tot timpul să ținem pasul cu noile cerințe.

Cu ce am venit nou? Ora de limba engleză se desfășoară numai în limba ţintă, foarte rar venind cu completări în limba română. Primul blocaj de la elevi pe care l-am primit a fost cerința: "Doamna, mai vorbiți și în română!". Cum este posibil să înțeleagă elevii tot? Completez dându-le sinonime, gesticulând, prin mimică, oferindu-le exemple de situații sau descriind cuvântul necunoscut. În plus, le ofer imagini sau le arăt obiecte din clasă. Cum se vede diferența? Când am opțional cu 2 grupe, când pun întrebări elevilor cărora le predau și la alte ore de limba engleză, aceștia îmi răspund în limba engleză; ceilalți, care fac limba engleză cu alți profesori, îmi răspund la întrebări în limba română sau îmi traduc întrebarea în limba română.

Cum lucrăm *reading*? Dacă avem un text, cea mai frecventă metodă pe care o aplic este decuparea textului în fragmente iar elevii, lucrând pe grupe de câte 2, trebuie să le ordoneze. Sau, înainte de citire, le ofer fișe cu expresii sau cuvinte din text care le-ar putea pune probleme elevilor în înțelegerea textului. Cuvintele necunoscute le studiem înainte de citirea propriu zisă. Apoi, neapărat în timp ce elevii citesc textul, le ofer exerciții pe baza textului. Le ofer cerințe de rezolvat în timpul citirii, și nu după citire, deoarece în timpul citirii se activează și înțelegerea, nu numai citirea mecanică a cuvintelor sau propozițiilor. Dacă citim și apoi oferim exerciții, prima citire va fi mecanică, iar la rezolvarea exercițiilor elevii vor reacționa tot mecanic, căutând în text direct răspunsul, și nu înțelesul.

Cum lucrăm *listening*? Ca să fie mai atractiv, combin lecția de *reading+listening* sau de *grammar+listening*. Dacă avem *reading*, la sfârșitul orei ascultăm și lucrăm fișe de lucru având că temă cuvinte din lecția de zi, sau informații învățate anterior, pentru verificarea cunoștințelor într-un mod relaxant. Dacă avem oră de gramatică, la începutul orei aduc o melodie, elevii primesc fișe de lucru cu versurile melodiei, aceștia trebuind să completeze spațiile libere cu problemele de gramatică din lecția de zi. Astfel, melodiile le folosesc că material audio dar și material de *lead-in*, introducere în tematică orei. Melodia se poate folosi și la sfârșitul orei de gramatică, pentru consolidarea cunoștințelor.

Cum lucrăm *speaking*? Vorbirea în limba țintă este prezentă oră de oră. Atât prin citirea enunțurilor, rezolvarea exercițiilor, răspunderea la întrebări, prin dezbateri sau prezentări de opinii. De exemplu, am avut o lecție despre avansarea tehnologiei și am lucrat pe echipe de câte 4 elevi, fiecare echipă trebuia să prezinte 3 aspecte pozitive și 3 aspecte negative privind avansarea tehnologiei. Echipa cu cele mai bune idei a primit un bonus. Drept temă, au avut de realizat un eseu de opinie despre avantajele și dezavantajele tehnologiei, drept pentru care toți elevii au avut note frumoase la aceste eseuri, deoarece au fost activi la oră, au participat și au învățat unii de la alții.

Cum lucrăm *writing*? De obicei, *writingul* înseamnă temă pentru acasă, dar dacă învățăm pentu prima dată cum să scriem o recenzie sau o scrisoare de intenție, pașii pe care îi parcurg sunt următorii: metoda la care au fost cei mai receptivi a constat în citirea de către profesor a unui exemplu scurt de scrisoare de intenție pentru un loc de muncă, apoi elevii au trebuit să ghicească despre ce a fost vorba, metodă care activează *skill*-urile de *listening and speaking*, cât și sub-*skillul* de înțelegere. Dacă elevii nu ghicesc sau nu știu despre ce este vorba, încerc să le ofer exemple de situații când scriem aceste scrisori. Astfel, elevii au aflat care este tema pe care

o vom analiză. Apoi le pun întrebări despre cum trebuie să fie structurată o astfel de scrisoare, ce paşi trebuie să urmeze, ce limbaj să folosim. După ce elevii au notat, profesorul împarte fişe cu scrisori de intenție pentru studii. Citim și analizăm scrisoarea, verificăm dacă sunt parcurse toate etapele. În ultimele 15 minute din oră, elevii au de ales între a scrie o scrisoare de intenție pentru locul de muncă sau pentru studii și încep să o redacteze. Profesorul îi monitorizează, le răspunde la întrebări, le oferă indicații și sugestii. Că temă pentru acasă, au de redactat două scrisori de intenție, pentru domeniile menționate anterior.

Într-adevăr, este multă muncă, pregătire temeinică din partea profesorului, pentru că este nevoie de timp pentru pregătirea materialelor sau studierea unor noi tehnici de lucru sau a unor tipuri noi de exerciții, însă în timp materialele se adună și muncă se ușurează. Este nevoie de timp, răbdare cu reticența sau plictiseală elevilor, dar, în același timp, și de multă voință. Pentru că nu este imposibil!

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# SECȚIUNEA II - ESEURI GIMNAZIU A SPECIAL PERSON

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Nothing is more beautiful than a strong, long friendship. The feeling when you know that someone loves you, cares about you, laughs and cries with you, advises and argues with you when you do something, it's the best feeling in the world.

I met her eight years ago, and I don't regret anything. She was here with me when I needed her. If I were to describe how she looks, I would say she is very pretty. She has long black hair, black round eyes, a small nose, and she has dimples when she smiles. She is not very tall, but not short either, and she is quite slim.

She has the most beautiful soul, she's the kindest and bravest person I've ever known. She is a very nice person and she has a wonderful sense of humor. But she can also get a little depressed from time to time. Anyway, I can always count on her, she is honest and she gives me the best advice.

I remember the first time when we met: in the first grade, but we were so shy! In time, we became closer and closer. In the second grade, she came for the first time at my home. Now, we are the closest and we tell each other the secrets we know. We don't have any restrains.

But we had hard moments, of course. A period of time we hadn't spoken to each other. It was hard, but we have found each other just like we let. We speak everyday, in spite of the distance between us. Everytime we have the chance, we meet face to face, instead of the school year. We travel together, because our parents are close, too. We plan our trips, and then our parents make this happen.

Everyone needs a true friend, and a true friendship. I think that without her I would feel incomplete, just like a part of my soul disappears suddenly. "Some people arrive and make such a beautiful impact on your life, you can barely remember what life was like without them."

#### Friends Are Forever

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"A friend in need is a friend indeed!" This is a very true saying. True friends are always near you, for good and especially for hard times. What can be more beautiful than having a real friend? Friendship must be like a double- way street, being important to give and to receive love and support. Having a friend means that you want to help him or her unconditionally and honestly, supporting him or her when he or does a mistake without argueing or shouting at him or her. Congratulate him when he does something good or cry with him when he is upset.

There is no special secret when it comes to real friendship between girls and boys. And having a girlfriend or a boyfriend is something special. The devotion of one or the other friend must always be shown, that is why some friends you have for life and some friendships last only

for a summer. Never a friendly relationship should take into account your needs, but the needs of the others.

Without friends, our lives would be totally insignificant and it means that we cannot build relationships with others. Friendship does not have age. This means that you can have one or more friends until childhood, going into the adult life with them.

# THE BEAUTY OF FRIENDSHIP MY B.B.F.F. (BEST BIRD FRIEND FOREVER)

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Perhaps there is a soul hidden in everything and it can always speak, without even making a sound, to another soul.' Frances Hodgson Burnett

Some of the most precious things we have in life are friends. They make us feel that life is worth living, and they are the ones who are with us through harm or good.

My best friend is not a person, but a parrot, named Polly. I can tell you from the bottom of my heart: she is the most beloved being on earth, she is loved by all my relatives and friends, and, what's most important: I love her immensely!!

Playing, talking, and even singing together - we have so much fun the two of us! Her favourite place is the palm of my hand, receiving happily my kisses.

I take care after her, I do my best to train her – she is so intelligent and industrious! Parrots can imitate human speech, and mine is surely very talented. She whistles in an amusing way, making us laugh. She can not sing like Ed Sheeran, but she is a perfect... student. I wanted to teach Polly to talk and I started with something simple. We played 'hide and seek' many times, and I kept repeating 'cucubau'. And my dearest bird got it! What a victory! What a huge success! Indeed, 'Patience is bitter, but its fruit is sweet'.

We usually take Polly out for a walk in the summer evenings, using a special harness. While we walk for hours in the park, many children marvel at what we do by saying: "HOW DID YOU COME UP WITH THE IDEA OF GETTING A PARROT OUT FOR A WALK!?" Anyway, she is very popular, both boys and girls admire her, and Polly is enchanted as she is in the center of attention. I am sometimes under the impression that she feels like a top model on the catwalk, and I must tell you that it is a pleasant feeling for me, too.

She always comes to me when I open the fridge and asks for food or even takes it from the palm of my hand. I offer Polly a lot of love and lots of treats!

Polly and I alreadyhave a lot of wonderful memories. I got her as a present for my birthday, from my father, who came home for a short holiday. My dad works abroad, in Spain, and I enormously miss him. Our family reunites only two times a year - those are certainly the happiest days of the whole year!

When we first met, Polly was six months old. Sometimes she used to be sad or afraid of strangers. But we pampered her and gave her a lot of love and caring and we encouraged her. So, she overcame her fears. She is not shy anymore! On the contrary, she has become talkative.

Now, after two years of charming moments, I can say that this lovely exotic bird has filled my heart with infinite warmth and joy. Her eyes speak to me in colourful words, she gives me love and entertainment.

In conclusion, I think a parrot can be an awesome friend, because in my opinion he or she understands you and knows very well how to listen to you. You can be judged by the way you treat an animal and especially your pet. Any animal can be your friend and deserves your love,

support and respect!

## **IREALLY LOVE MY PARROT!!**

#### **FRIENDSHIP**

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Friendship is a treasure for every child.

For me,friendship means a paradise where everything is possible. I love to have friends, but my best one is a girl,named Maria. We can talk about anything: things, pets, girls, friends, moments and more. We always do crazy things, for example: jokes, pranks or something else.

A good friend never lies to you, and if it does this, it is a false friend. Of course, we can meet false friends everywhere, but that does not mean we should not trust people anymore.

Sometimes,pets are good substitutes. One of this kind of friend is my pet, which is a parrot. Besideit,I still have friends with whom I go out and I have fun. I love my friends. I spend a lot of quality time with them. We have the same hobbies, we go dancing and even we play the guitar in the warm summer evenings.

It is said "a friend in need is a friend indeed". That is whywe rely on each other and help whenever it is necessary. Once, I had to leave school to go to the hospital with Maria, who broke her leg on the way to school. It took a long time, but in the end everything turned into a great memory. Now we can watch the pictures and laugh at them.

For a friendship to be of quality, it is important thateveryone contributes the best and completes the other, and so the product will be a success. Also, a very important thing for a real friendship is to give up addiction.

People think that friends must share everythingwith them, more than that, be the first to find out the secrets of a person. Totally wrong!! This need for addiction will only lead to frustration, anger and a superficial relationship.

In conclusion, friendship is the relationship between two or more people that allows them be themselves.

## The Beauty of Friendship

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Friendship is a magical thing and a magical word. In this world, a friend by your side is one of the best things that can happen to you, and for people who don't know that, well...their lives will be more difficult, plain and boring.

Just imagine a world where we are all strangers to each other. That would be awful, because we need friends the same way we need family and happiness. For me, friendship is a great feeling, it is a feeling I can't live without and I value my friends above anything else. They just need to be there, because that's how this world works. You need someone to stand by you; you need someone to share your thoughts with, you need someone who is loyal and affectionate and who you can trust no matter what. If you don't have all of these, then you will feel lonely.

A real friend is the first person you want to call when you are on cloud nine or when you failed and need a shoulder to cry on. Your friend is that person who always gives you good advice, listens to you and encourages you never to give up. A friend can offer you support and comfort when you are in trouble. A friend will never deliberately hurt your feelings, but will respect and make you smile. A friend will never judge you, but accept who you are and love you for who you are.

I have to admit that it took me some time to find a real friend. Of course, I had a lot of people who pretended to be my friends, but it didn't take me much time to realise that they were fake ones. And now, knowing that I can number my friends on my fingers makes me feel happier and even safer. Having close friends by my side, I know that when something bad will happen to me and I will need someone's help or somebody to talk to, my best friend will be there for me and will listen to every word that I'll say. My friend understands me because she likes the same things I like; we have the same hobbies and interests. Even when we are very busy with our school work, we still make time to see each other. I hope that our friendship will continue and be as strong as it is today.

This is the actual beauty of friendship: knowing that someone cares about you and trust you the same way you rely on that person. Your best friend is an "alter ego" so choose him carefully.

#### THE POWER OF FRIENDSHIP

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The power of friendshipisone of themostmysteriousandpowerfulforces.

It'sveryeasytomakefriendswhenyoure' little but withtime it's get harderbecause people don't have time for friends.

There are two kinds of friends fals one's and true one's.

The fals onewillappeartobekind at first but with time they will say bad things about you, use you, not returning money and when you don't want todo what they say, they will bother you until they got what they want and will leave you in dire situations.

The goodfriends arethepolar opposite, they will help you in every way they can. And from this kinds of friends the power of friendship comes.

Picture this ,let`ssay we have two friends and we draw a line beetween them ,Then we add another friend . Nowtheres threelines, just imagine if you have like one hundred friends, how many lines will we have .Itseffects are exponetialy.

Theselinesrepresentthetruepower of frienship, evenifoneline iscutthesystemsurvives.

Imagine this, you're friend with someone and this friend is a friend with someone else and so one. Because of this you're connected with everybody in the world.

And friends don't just mean somebody you met and get along with ,you can be friend with your parents, teacher, boss...

The best friend is always tied up with you with a golden line that can't be cut, broken or burnt .

""Blessed are they who have the gift of making friends, for it is one of God's best gifts. It involves many things, but above all, the power of getting out of one's self, and appreciating whatever is noble and loving in another."

**Thomas Hughes** 

#### THE BEAUTY OF FRIENDSHIP

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Friendship is a valuable relationship between people with similar passions. It is based on loyalty, respect and trust.

A friend is a really special person who gives us amazing experiences and beautiful memories. Everyone needs somebody optimistic, who can trust and share their feelings, beautiful moments and also good or bad days.

When I was a child I thought that a friend is just someone you play with, but now I believe that a friend is more than that.

I love to have people around me who support me in everything I do and encourange me to do my best.

Friendship is the best thing ever. It doesn't matter that your best friend is a human or a pet. It is important to know that is someone here when you need help, when you are sad or you just want to talk to somebody.

Try to find a person who you can trust, I know that it will be difficult, but when you find it I am sure that you will be the happiest in the whole world and your friend will be also lucky to have you around.

## Nothing values more than friendship

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Nowadays, having lots of friends is a sign of popularity and the more followers you have got on Twitter, the better. In my opinion, friendship is more than that. It is something noble which we do not brag about on social media.

A real friendship is built over long periods of time and it lasts forever. It can take years to get to know someone but it is worth it. Building relationships with people who really value you is the best investment you can make because it will pay back with interest included. Furthermore, winning a real friend is like hitting the jackpot. You know that no matter what happens, someone will be there for you. And not just anyone, but a loyal person who is by your side trying to understand and help you without judging you.

It is true that we can have arguments even with our closest friends. Sometimes these arguments are necessary because this way we get to know each other better and our friendship grows stronger. My best friend, for example, is the funniest person I know and she has a lot of stupid ideas, but these things make her extremely likeable and it is really hard to be angry with her as she always makes me laugh. Therefore, no matter how upset I am her optimism makes things brighter.

In conclusion, real friendship is the most beautiful gift and I am convinced that everyone needs someone to be their best friend, to be that shoulder you can cry on whenever you feel blue. We all need someone by our side, especially in the darkest hour, a person who accepts us and helps us no matter what.

# Friendship... Different, but the same

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Many times in life we need to be listened and tell our problems to someone. Nowadays, it is very hard to find that true friend and even harder to keep friendship over times. If you don't have friends and you can't offer friendship, you can consider yourself a poor man, regardless the material wealth you own.

A true friend is the person who encourages you to do great deeds, who will never betray you and who will never leave you behind, no matter what happens in life. A real friend knows when you are happy, even if you don't smile. Everybody needs this kind of person in their lives, no matter how secure and in control a person might feel. A beautiful thing is more beautiful if you have a friend to talk about it and an ugly thing becomes easy to pass over if you have a friend to confess to.

I consider myself a lucky person because I have a friend who is devoted to me. My friend is a loyal person and she keeps my secrets safely. I trust her and I feel lucky to have such a person next to me. My friend is fourteen, like me, she is very sociable, funny, and helpful when I need her. She is characterized by her ambition, proving that she is not only a good person but also a good listener. We work together a lot and we help each other with homework. My friendship with her is helpful. I know that with her, I can face all the obstacles I might encounter and she always makes me smile. We are both very happy when we meet, talk and laugh. We have many things in common. I am proud of her and her achievements. We encourage each other whenever there is a difficult period in our life. I hope that over the years we will remain good friends.

For me, friendship is a nice feeling. Whenever I think about my friend, I remember how our friendship began. It started in the first grade, when we met for the first time and we've been best friends since. Many times, when I was wrong, my friend used to tell me that I wasn't right. I still remember her words: "You have to understand that in life, you have to listen and accept when you are wrong!"

We learn from our mistakes, and luckily I have a best friend who will always help me no matter what happens in the future. Even if we are different in appearance, we are one soul, one heart.

#### THE PARK

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To be rich doesn't necessarily mean to be mean, nor viceversa. I think theat every person's wealth is inside his soul, not outside. And, depending on how much 'wealth' you have, your soul is lighter or heavier and you can reach the heaven or hell!

I'd still like everyone were happy!So, I'll build a park!

There are only five benches inside it: on the first one there sits Love, on the second there will come Hapiness, Richness looks for a place on the third bench, on the fourth sits Carelessness and on the last one Sympathy. All those who want to change their lives are invited!

But you have to give something in return in order to be allowed to sit for a monent or for the rest of your life on one of the other benches!

After a while....what can we notice? Someone who has given up all his richness in order to get Sympathy doesn't regret it!His soul is much richer now!What about the others? The one who has given away Hapiness for Richness is now lonely and unhappy,because his selfishness has taken away his minds!And another one has given away Happiness for Richess, but he isn't loved by anyone...The one who has chosen Carelessness instead of Love feels very miserable,as no one cares about him now...

So,give away what you really appreciate in life in oder to make the others as happy as possible, because, if they are rich, you will be richer! And keep in mind: Friendship is priceles

## Friend...Friendship...

# Barbu Simona Şcoala Gimnazială Al. Odobescu Urziceni

Friend...Friendship...wordsthatyouonlyunderstandwhenyou are just a teenager. For me friendship is everything: happiness, sadness, tears, smiles, hugs, feelings, thoughts, love. I can't say that I have many friends, but there are few that really deserve the title of "truefriends". I think it's the most pleasant feeling when you see your friend enjoying your achievements, when you realize that time passes and the flame o friendship is still strong.

I have a friend since kindergarten that I can always rely on. She has shown me many times that she is my real friend. Sometimes I sit and wonder if I really deserve her friendship...We are people with similar characters, both of us are shy, but I am a little bit fussy. Anyway, we understand very well and even if we argue, after two minutes we start to laugh and do everything forgotten. We do many things together, we have fun in our own way...to us the fun can be a ride on a bicycle. We talk on the phone every day.

I love my friend because she is an exemplary girl from whom you can learn a lot of things and I am proud to be her friend.

In conclusion: Think about who your real friends are and care for them!!!

## On the wings of friendship

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The friendship. What means this word? Well, the beauty lies in mystery, and mysteries have been created to be revealed. Antoine de Saint-Exupery said once: "The friendship is, first of all, the mutual peace and flight of spirit over the vulgar details. "

The friendship is tough attempt, is a test of maturity, self-giving and acceptance as there is no other. Is a lasting building where two people with at least equal forces work. It is a heart that you lay at the feet of the one you invite in the vaults of your soul. It is unconditional trust and concern for the fate of the friend.

Friendship is usually seen as that warm and enjoyable relationship that gives us confidence, gives us the courage to act in some more difficult moments. It is the oasis we seek when we lack power and hope. It's that light when no one understands us. Friendship is something profound that should not be spoken so easily. It is the communion between two souls who want nothing more than to share something. That is the feeling of being friends with someone else. A people may be next to you, pretending to be your friend, and when you least expect to fall upon you like a bad ocean and hurt you. This is really the difference between a friend and a true friend. True friendship gives you the power to go through the fire, because its diamond will shine even in the palm of trouble. A true friend knows all your thoughts and feelings. To him there is no fear of being misunderstood, you can say everything that engulfs you sincerely, because he will support you regardless of situation. As Andre Malraux also said: "Friendship does not mean to be friends

when they are right, but when they are wrong." True friendship is not something that can be described in words, it is a feeling of maximum depth that must be felt with the soul. In fact, friendship is not just about doing something for someone, it matters to care about that person, something that every person requires, in order to acquire a strong character from an inner solitude. For me, friendship means solidarity that is always strengthened between principles and values. When this solidarity shakes, when the consuming egoes combine with various complexities in a desolate resentiment alchemy, when the past is rewritten to become consistent with the current games and combinations, then friendship also breaks.

Passing over the hypothetical situation that configures the breakup of friendship, when as the sand gathers in the bottom cup, turned to the ground, the hourglass of life, and the man no longer expects anything from the moving tumult in her upper cup, friendship is more valuable more than love. Friendship is a refuge, a rest, love is a battlefield. It is said that friendship is the love that we imagine angels live, precisely because the friendship trust builds a strong and harmonious foundation of life. Being a good friend, and having a good friend in your turn is just angelic.

What can be more beautiful than having someone you can to talk to as yourself? Well, nothing. Having a friend means, in any case, that you have a shoulder to cry for ever and have a comrade to laugh at even the bad jokes. Have a person who spends the time talking to you about any subject going through his head, having someone who is able to reserve at any moment a second of his personal time to help you with advice, have a friend who it's always there for you... That's hiding behind true friendship. Abraham Lincoln believed that:"A friend is someone who has the same enemies as yourself." Well, this statement does not seem to me to be entirely correct. Why? Indeed, true friends have somewhat the same goals, principles, passions and reflections as you, but this quote can also refer to the opportunity to have someone to "fight" with your enemies. Friendship is not just that, but much more, it means being there for your "partner in crime" for good and hard. In this life is not important to have so much friends, but quality, because whatever to be, they will be next you forever and ever. Sometimes, you can be sad and don't want to speak with someone, and they will know even you don't say what's wrong with you. In my opinion, this is a very magic thing, because you are not obligated to speak if you can't, and you will be understand. Your friends will support you in any case and you will be ok quickly.

Of the three kinds of friendship that Aristotle calls – the friendship of necessity, the one in pleasure and the "perfect one, of people [...] who desire one another's good", only the last one deserves the name of friendship and resists. Wanting good for someone else means, in the latter case, you also want it for you.

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## Friendship is a rare gift

# Bîrsănuc Alina Şcoala Gimnazială "Iustin Pîrvu" Poiana Teiului

Friendship is one of the greatest gifts of life. Without friends, our life would be incomplete. We wouldn't have anybody to talk, spend time or laugh with. The power of a true friendship is very strong and nobody can break it. It is as solid as a rock and the hardships of life cannot budge it.

I have a best friend, her name is Teodora and I love her just like my sister. She is one of the most important people in my life. She is of medium height and slim. She has got curly dark brown hair and almond-shaped eyes with long eyelashes and thin eyebrows. Her light complexion matches perfectly her brown eyes and her dark hair.

The thing I admire most about Teodora is that she is protective and likes to look after people. She never complains in difficult situations and she is always ready to help others despite having to change her own plans. She is surrounded by a lot of friends but she has always considered me as her best friend. She is a great adviser for me. She is always there for me and she encourages me to make the best decisions. When I am sad she knows how to make me happy. We enjoy happy days and happy moments and appreciate the time that we are together. She is communicative and outgoing and she is always in the center of attention. She fulfills my days with laughter, joy and adventures.

We have the same taste in clothes, music. We are fond of reading and dancing. She likes reading any kind of books, but especially stories like Harry Potter.

We spend a lot of time talking about our future plans. Both of us are in the 8th Grade and we have great ambitions but we are certain that our dreams will become true. Her dream is to become a lawyer and I believe that one day she will be a great lawyer.

Although we'll go our separate ways after school we are sure that our friendship will last forever.

# The beauty of friendship

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Maybe I should start with a definition but, to be honest, I don't really know how to define friendship. And probably nobody does.So, if I can't define it, I could share my feelings for my friends with you.

Our friendship means the whole world to me. Knowing that you have a friend next to you whenever you need is the best thing in the universe. My friends are awesome. I'm sure I can always trust them. This is one of the greatest facts of a great friendship. Trusting people is hard, not only for me, but for everyone, I suppose, and if you can trust your friends you are a very lucky person.

They are a great company. My friends definitely make my life a little bit better every day. When I'm with them I feel like I'm the most blessed girl alive, because I had the pleasure to

meet the most incredible people in the entire world. Calling them the most incredible people in the entire world is not a hyperbole, believe me! If you're not feeling the same for your friends, are you sure they really are your friends?

Another aspect I love about my friends is that I can do stupid things around them. As much as my behaviouris ridiculous, they love me a lot. Your friends have to love you although you are the most mindless person. They are obliged to. You are allowed to call them names, you are allowed to do anything and they still have to love you.

These things that make friendship beautiful are very important in my life. I think they are for everyone. Your friends should be the most important people in your life, after your mom and dad, of course. If you can't imagine life without them, that means your friendship will last a lot of time.

For the end I want to share with you a really important point for me. I was not a loving person at all. But after I met them and after they started to be my best friends I began loving and caring of a lot of people. This is an extremely important thing in our lives. Love. It doesn't matter who you love nor who loves you. It mattersthat you love. For some people this feeling is hard. For me it was,too, but with my friends' help, I learnt plenty about these kinds of situation. It is lovely to have human beings around you who are helping you to grow up in a pleasant way.

# The beauty of friendship

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For me, friendship is gold. It's something each of us needs. When you know that you have a friend along, you go faster over the problems, you enjoy, even if you fail because that friend is careful to make you smile regardless of the situation.

You do not have to have many friends, and also not every known friend is a true friend. There are differences between an acquaintance and a friend. A well-known person is the one you greeting when you see it on the street and with which you change a few occasional words, while a friend is the person with whom you spend most of the time and that you can not even escape if you want. It is the special person who knows every secret, knows your tastes and talks about everything, without any reservations.

A friend will always know what annoys you, without even asking. He'll pick you up if you fall, as soon as he's done laughing. You will always have a different relationship to others, more specifically, based on other criteria.

That friend of yours may be like a second family, it's like a mother, it protects you like a dad, looks after you like a brother, and knows you better than a sister.

We need to take care of who we hold next to us and whom we consider to be a friend. Many have two faces. While you trust them, on your back who knows how horrible things they are saying.

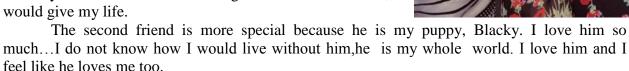
A friend can only consider a few people: the mother, the cheating friend who just wants you good, the father, the friend who feels any danger around you, your brother or sister who will understand you better than anyone.

I love my friends and I am grateful to them for many things. I've always been able to lay the foundation on them and I can do that in the future. Honestly, I think the feeling of friendship is unique.

# THE BEAUTY OF FRIENDSHIP Cătălina Dascălu, Clasa a VII-a A Liceul cu Program SportivBotosani

Friends. Best friends. Friendship. These words are very important to me. I love my friends, my real friends, of course. I have met fake people in my life. It is not good at all, but it is part of our lives, it defines us as human beings and strengthens our souls. False friends meaning liars and mean people are present everywhere, we cannot escape them. It is very annoying telling all of your secrets to other girls then being disappointed. You do not need a lot of friends. You know what is said...only one good friend is enough. For example, I have three dearest persons in my life.

One of them is my mother, my guardian angel. She is the best and the most beautiful woman. I love her, more than I love myself. She is the one who gave me birth. For her, I would give my life.



The last but not least is...Mimi. She gives me precious advice and she listens to me whenever I need help. We chat, even if it is for homework or other serious matters, such as a quarrel or a fight with our enemies

fight with our enemies.



The beauty of friendship consists in supporting and understanding each other.

Life is boring without friends! Live it to the fullest!

THE BEAUTY OF FRIENDSHIP



#### **DREAM ON**

# Cătălina Dascălu Liceul cu Program Sportiv Botosani

My best friend...My best friend isn't a person or a thing...He's that friend who doesn't lie to you and is next to you at every step you take. I am sure you know what I'm talking about!I bet you've realized I'm going to introduce you to a true friend!



Meet my puppy, Blacky. I love him to the moon and back! I can say I love him more than I love myself. He always brings my smileback on my face when I'm sad.We don't have to 'talk'; it's enough for me to be silent, sitting next to my pet, and I soon get better. If I am worried, he is the one who easily changes my mood.

When he's sick, I'm next to him everysingle moment. He's a real friend, not like the people who disappoint you or are double-faced. Since I have him, my life has become moreand more beautiful and I feel extremely happy. I learned how to take care

of him, I learned so many things about puppies, what to do or what you shouldn't do, how to protect him and

have a good relationship.

My father gave him to me, as a huge surprise for my birthday. It was a bright summer day, in 2014. I will always remember that fine, hot, sunny August. My daddy had told me we had to visit a relative of his, outside the town. I had had the intention to stay at home, but as he had promised a surprise, I happily agreed to join him. After a half an hour journey, we stopped in front of an unknown house, which was very nice and small. An old man came from behind the gate, with asmiling face. He was holding something in his hands; it seemed to me it was atiny ball of wool or maybe fur... I couldn't tell. The man was approaching us and I could see he was carrying a wonderful black



puppy that was black-eyed and had the sweetest face in the whole wide world! And he was looking at me lovingly!

My mother opened the car door and the old man put the cute puppy on my lap. That unforgettable moment was the happiest of my life! I have never felt the same again! And I am sure I will never feel something even close to it! I couldn't believe my eyes! I was astonished, amazed! Usually I am very talkative, but that immense surprise made me speechless. I caught my breath. I burst into tears and after a short time I started to ask again and again if the puppy was truly, really mine. It was a moment when I felt pure happiness, because I had been waiting and hoping for it for more than five years. I had kept asking my parents for a dog for such a long time, I had longed for it, I had even begged for it, and in that moment my dream was eventually fulfilled! It was mine and it was adorable! Fluffy, soft, sweet —exactly like I had been dreaming for so many years!

On our way back I named him Blacky. When we got home we realized that we didn't have anything to make our precious little companion feel comfortable in his new home, so my parents went shopping. I stayed at home, with Blacky. We were looking at each other with love. He was so amusing and playful, he was an energetic ball of fur, friendly and affectionate!

It was lovely to take care of him, seeing him growing up! His love for me makes my heart melt. Blacky is the most faithful, obedient and beloved dog on Earth! We are the happiest and the luckiest family in the Universe, just for having such a wonderful four-legged pet!

I have always felt that if we all could love like dogs do, the world would be a better place!

# The Beauty of Friendship

## Constantin Claudia, clasa a VII- a Scoala Gimnazială Nanov, jud. Teleorman

I think friendship is one of the purest feelings. Only with friends we can be ourselves. We can tell them everything we have in our hearts. but not all of us are friends.

Some people are very naive. They trust very quickly in people they do not know very well and they will not realise that they will be disappointed. But then there are some real friends who help us overcome this disappointment and try to keep the place of all the fake friends who have disappeared from our lives exactly as they appeared.

Firstly, friendship is powerful. It can build us up, it can break us down, it can be as strong or as shallow as us create it to be. The best friendships are those which challenge you but only for the betterment of your soul. They're always there, always. These people build you up, and without

hesitation, you do the same for them. It is balanced, and it needs no explanation to flow. Best friends, whenever or wherever they happened to come about will remain comforted in the fact that the friendship will never diminish, even when the convenience does.



Secondly, I think if I've learned anything about friendship, it's to hang in, stay connected, fight for them, and let them fight for you. Don't walk away, don't be distracted, don't be too busy or tired, don't take them for granted. Friends are part of the glue that holds life and faith together. Friendship can develop between persons having similar or different passions, emotions or sentiments.

In conclusion, true friendship can be between human and human and human and animals. There is no any doubt that best friends help in our difficulties and bad times of the life. Friends always try to save us in our dangers as well as provide timely advice. True friends are like best assets of our life as they share our sorrow, sooth our pain and make us feel happy.

## The beautiful friendship

# by Cristian Gamberea Scoala Gimnaziala Profesor "Paul Banica", Targoviste

In life nothing is more beautiful than a good friendship. Reliable friendship based on beautiful moments together, friendship is a good thing... but a nice thing to share with the right person. With the person with whom you feel at case, with the person you care about as much as your family, with that person you can talk about the things you can not talk to your family at times. But you have to feel this, to feel that you have the best friend, to know that every time you call it, it will answer without any problem. You rarely find a person like this... today's friendship rely heavily on nonsense, drugs, anthrax, you can not call those people friends. The question of some being, which contains true friendship, a true friendship is not just about hanging out ,a real friendship is when we support each other, when we encourage each other, when we say: I belive in you, I think you can do anything, it make you to become the best version of yourself. My dad used to tell me: "You might have 5 friends, 10 friends, you can have friends all over the world, but none will take the place of your best friend, or the person you care about". He was telling the truth, because every one of us, we mistaken our friends, we are wrong with the people we hang out, and we don't know that, it takes time to figure it out, and at that time we can find a real friend. I believe friendship to be one of the most beautiful things that can flourish between humans - friendship is so powerful. It can build you up, it can break you down, it can be as strong or as shallow as you create it to be. I ove being around people who are constantly striving to better themselves. They energize me. They inspire me. They challenge me. Socially, I try to surround myself with people who make me want to be a better person. I admit they are not easy to find, but when you do find them, they are more precious than any treasure or pleasure this world has to offer. Friendship, like love, is a treasure, and gives meaning to life. A true friend always enriches our lives. Through a magical combination of similarities and differences, friends offer us the opportunity to know ourselves as we are and help us grow into who we want to be. Ultimately, we choose friends because they make us feel good about ourselves. Through tears and difficulties, friends help us find the laughter. When we find those special people who offer us that perfect combination of comfort and stimulus to grow, we are very fortunate. To be a friend means that you are willing to give of yourself not only through the good times, but also during the bad times.

## The Beauty of Friendship

# Elizabeth Comandașu Școala Gimnazială Toma Cocișiu Blaj

One day, when I was a little girl, my parents brought home a baby girl. She was tiny, with red cheeks and she was constantly crying. I asked my mother if I could hold her and play with her. The moment I took her in my arms she stopped crying and smiled. I knew then, that I would like to be her best friend.

Ever since, we spent every day of our lives together as sisters and best friends. I taught her how to play with a doll and how to build some things using Lego. I helped with her first steps and later on I taught her how to read and write. I was so happy when she started school as since then we go to the same school.

My little sister is a sensitive person, who always listens to me when I feel sad and gives me good advice even if she is younger. I also help her when she is in trouble or when she needs support and we share our happy moments. Being sisters means that I have a best friend for life. Whenever something good or bad happens, she is the first person to tell.

We enjoy spending time together and learning new things like playing the guitar or dancing. We can't even imagine being apart or not having fun together. Well, it is true that sometimes she drives me crazy, but most of the times she inspires me.

This is how our friendship grew into a beautiful relationship of trust, love and understanding

## A Real Friendship

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Weallknowhowfriendshipis important andhowfriendsbecome a significant part of ourlives. Theymakeourlivesinteresting and wonderful.

One of the major benefits of havingfriendsisthattheycanimproveourlives. I cannot imagine life without friends. One of my best friends is Sami. We share a beautiful friendship, this close relationship between two real friends. I think the friendship is not about the way a person looks or about his popularity. To be a real friend means to be by somebody's side in the most difficult moments of his life.

I must confess that a real friend does not judge you for the things you have done and he always forgives you if it is the case. He will always make time to listen to you and he will try to find the right solutions to your problems together with you. He will never laugh at you if you are in a bad mood. He is by your side to share your joy and he has the best thoughts for you.

The real friends do not betray each other and they show respect to each other. I believe that the real friendship does exist only if you find the right person. You should trust your friends because a life without friends is like a life spent in wilderness.

## Friendship and its importance

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Friendship marks a life even more deeply than love. Love risks degenerating into obsession, friendship is never anything but sharing. I believe friendship to be one of the most beautiful things that can flourish between humans.

As C.S. Lewis said "Friendship is unnecessary, like philosophy, like art... It has no survival value; rather it is one of those things that give value to survival" we could say that even though many people see friendship as being something unnecessary for them, it is one of the most important things a man can experience. He compares friendship with art and philosophy, two things that are vital for understanding and for making life more beautiful and that is why we say that if we find true friendship we will be the happiest person in the world.

Friendship is important and its importance is known to us when certain situations arise which can only be solved with the help of our friends, it is a beautiful bond by all means. But while making friends it is essential to keep in mind that one should always be aware so as to differentiate between true and false friends.

I think that the beauty of friendship stays with the fact that all people should love each other. It is important to build a beautiful friendship with the people you think are worth your time and love, because we all know that without friendship we cannot discover love.

Last, I have to say that humans are clearly made to love each other and this closeness to one another that we call friendship is the most important relation one person has with another. Even thoughnowhere it is said that we are made to form friendships, I really believe that this is one of the things that a person must have in order to live a beautiful life.

#### FRIENDS FOREVER

# DUŢU ANDRADA, ŞCOALA GIMNAZIALĂ, COMUNA BUHOCI, JUDEŢUL BACĂU

I have lots of friends from my childhood but Denisa is my best friend forever. She lives in the apartment adjacent to my house with her parents. She is a nice girl and helping in nature. True friendship is very necessary to all of us to go ahead and get right track in the life. Getting best and true friends in the life is very tough task however some luckiest one get it.

She is the first person among my all friends whom I can share my all feeling. She is very good in nature and helps everyone. She has good personality and love to help needy people.

She is very friendly in nature to everyone and meets warmly. She thinks positively and motivates us all time. She talks very politely and never quarrels to me and others. She never tells lie and has good manners. She is very funny person and loves to tell us funny stories and jokes whenever we become sad. She is a compassionate friend and always cares for me. She has ability to do anything hard in her life and I always appreciate her for each small and big achievements. She is a popular student of the school because she is good at sports and other extra activities.

She always gets high score in the class tests and main exams. She explains any subjective matter in very easy way during exam time. She has good observation power and skill. She catches everything very fast whenever teacher explains in the classroom. She plays football very well and has taken part in many school competitions and won prizes too.

What is friendship? Losonți Aura Cls. a VII a Șc. Gimnazială Nr. 1 Gherla Prof. Popan Marcela

What is a friend? What is a real friend? What do real friends? Here are some questions that most of the people do not know the answer. Well... the answer is near your eyes ,you must only to see them . It is love.

Since you were a child you met a lot of people . You know from your parents that you must be friend with all. Of course,new friend , new experience ,but here is something more,you can choose your friends. You can choose the person who stays near you. You are not obliged to sit near people you do not like. You have the freedom to choose your friends. People have different characters,some do not get along but that does not mean they have to live in fight.

Friends are actually brothers or sisters from different families but share the same habits, feelings, experience, even the same thoughts.

Friendship can not only be created between people. It can also exist between you and animals. It is said that the dog is the man,s best friend. I do not belive that. If you feel like you are feeling the same as a caterpillar it can be better for you than any other dog or man you have near you.

I have a question for you. If you had all the stars in the sky,would you just give one to your friend? If your answer is not,it means your heartis not open to friendship,it only has pride in it. If you answerd yes,you are open door for friendship. Would not it be wonderful to have all the stars and all the planets in the universe but enjoi it with your friend? Is not it better then being alone and not having anybody? After all,friendship depends on you, if you are able to host it in your heart

So, friendship takes many forms but all is about love and happiness.

## The Communicative Language Method

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The main objective of this type of method is student fluency. Emphasis is placed on real communication. All four dimensions of language teaching are developed: the oral speaking ability, the ability to receive the oral message, the ability to receive the written message, and the ability to write. Grammar is taught throughpractice.

Students' native language is not used. The techniques used are: discussions, debates, role plays, written communication activities, drama, etc.It is superfluous to explain the need for

communication that we have as people especially in a globalized world. But precisely this need has led to the emergence of suchmethods of language teaching, which put communication in the center of the teaching activities.

The main advantage of the communicative method is that it focuses on every language skills (reading, writing, speaking, and listening) not just on grammar. It is also engaging in the sense that it provides learners with a functional, alive language which the learner can relate to his / her direct needs (at the market, restaurant, train station, etc.), the context being also very important. We all know that a word lacking context isharder to remember. In this case, the teaching process is centered on learner and interactivity (teacher-trainees, learners among themselves), meaning that all learners are both message recipients, especially oral message transmitters, and activities have a precise, short-term goal for the learners to understand, such as discovering a rule, expressing a desire, demand, etc., making things more exciting and motivating.

Instead of memorizing some grammar rules and an isolated vocabulary, a contextualized language is presented and the emphasis on the development of linguistic skills in all areas is made through various activities such as discussions, debates, role plays, written communication activities, even theater. In this case the teacher becomes a facilitator and a manager of the learners' activity, but also a partner.

So, we can see that the use of the communication method has many benefitsfor the learner. Also, if the teacher is an active and creative person, with a single mind, he will find this method more appropriate for the learners to use their skills.

As the trainer becomes facilitator in the learning process, the long exposures on the teacher's part are nonexistent, so the course is less demanding from this point of view.

The disadvantage for the teacher is that it takes a much longer time course preparation. The choice of materials becomes crucial and, not least, it happens that they have to actually be created by the trainer, which meanscourse preparation can take as much, or even more than the course itself.

Also, since courses are based on communication and learning"on the spot"grammatical notions by small punctual explanations, situations of confusion or disorganization can be created and that is why the trainer should have a clear mind of a "plan" of the lesson, which must be preserved even if things often deviate fromthe course, and this is not always easy to do.

Furthermore, one of the disadvantages for the students is that this methodis not very structured, and the explanations may even be lacking and that is why there is a risk that some students will misinterpret certain language elements, which will later be more difficult to change. Since this is a great method based on oral communication, the shyest learners may not feel at ease and have difficulties in doing certain activities.

Another disadvantage (but also an advantage) may be the fact that the communicative methoduses more "ready-made" statements, the so-called "common phrases". On the one hand, itcan be regarded as a disadvantage by limiting, to a certain extent, the language. Knowing only that phrase, the student will use it as such without being able to make variations on the subject. On the other hand, there is an advantage in that it is easier to remember a phrase than tolearn more grammar rules and more individual words that you then put onoverhead to create that sentence. This probably depends a lot on the type of the personalities that we are dealing with. Bibliography

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#### She is the one...

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When speaking about best friends, there are not many choices that come to my mind. Of course, I have many friends, and all of them have something that I appreciate a lot, but I cannot say that I have many best friends.

I know that this may sound like a cliché, but my best friend is my mother. She's been there for me since the day I was born, is the one she who knows all about me: my joys, my fears, the strongest and the weakest points of my character. She can understand all this and supports me unconditionally.

Whenever I feel sad or I have a problem and I don't know how to solve it, mom is there to comfort me. Or when I am happy, she is the first person I can share that with. My entire world is centred around this wonderful woman.

Physically, I lookvery much like her: a tall and thin brunette with blue eyes. But her hair is short and straight, while mine is long and curly. She wears glasses, which give her a bossy appearance. Her style is classic, nothing unusual or strange. She wears casual items of clothing which are well cut and fit her very well.

People who know her would say that she has a pleasant personality, and they can find a good piece of advice with her, whenever they need it. I can definitely say that, too. I know she is there for me and for all the members of our family, as well.

From my point of view, she is the best example of someone who can combine family and career extremely well. I've never seen anyone doing this so well before. One can say that this is her greatest hobby, apart from travelling and going to the gym with her friends. Unfortunately, this does not happen too often. Her work and her family take most of her time, and she tends to forget about herself. She says that our happiness and smiles make her joy and satisfaction.

If I continue speaking about her, I will probably never end, so I think I should stop here and close my presentation hoping that one day, I can be like her.

#### THE BEAUTY OF FRIENDSHIP

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There is nothing more beautiful in this life than a good friendship!

Friendship is one of the most precious and beautiful relationships in this world. This relationship is a blood relation, however do a lot more than all blood relations which we cannot imagine and express into words.. True friends never feel bad in spending their precious time and feel greatest joys of them whenever their friends need help in bad moments of life. We should not get tired and always search for the good friends in life because it is hard to get, but not impossible.

True friends always become together throughout the life together with fulfilling their responsibilities towards their family. Friendship is a lovely relationship memorizes us with sweet moments all through the life. We see movies, listen songs, see TV serials, eat food, study and other works together. Some questions arise in the mind of everyone such as why good friends are necessary in the life, why true friends have more value than other relations in our life, what is the truth of this invisible bond which holds two or more friends together for years or lifetime, what lessons a true friendship teaches us and so many questions.

My mother is my best friend. She loves me and cares for me. When I am in any kind of trouble I seek help and solace from her. She gives me generously of her time, and does all she can to comfort me and make me happy.

She is tall and slim. She has long blonde hair. She has got an oval face with small eyes, a high nose and a small mouth. My mom is very beautiful, especially when she smiles. She is helpful, caring and honest.

My mother always wishes me well, and prays for my good health, happiness and success. I cannot thank my mother enough for all that she does for me. I am grateful to God for giving me such a wonderful mother. I love my mother, and hope I can make her proud of me!

# FRIENDSHIP AROUND ME AUTOR: HUTU TAMARA, CLASA A VI- a A SCOALA GIMNAZIALA NR. 2 BOTOSANI

I have a friend whom I know since we were babies. We grew up together. Our mothers were also friends. I do not remember much of the period when we were little children but the photos in my album show me that we had some great moments together.

The oldest pictures were taken in the park. We were playing together in the sand, then going down the slide, then up on the swing, running, cheering, singing out loud, fooling around. In the town, at the mountains, at the seaside. Then we went at the same kindergarten. Photos with our smiley faces during the Christmas celebrations or Mother's Day, wearing funny princess dresses, hang on the walls of my room. They are all dear to me.

When I look into the toy-box I see the toys we shared when playing together. I have never thrown away any of them because, when she visits me, we sit around the box and laugh at sweet memories of our childhood. The toys are a part of our life and so are the characters on the TV cartoon channels we have grown up with. There are also the story-books on the bookcase shelves. My mother used to read to the both of us whenever she came to spend the night at my house.

So every little thing in my room has a connection to our past friendship. Now we are at a different stage, a stronger one because we are so aware of it. We go to school together, help each other with homework, ask for each other's help when we are bullied by girls or boys at school, share the same boredom. We never fight. We do so many things together like we have always done and that is the beauty of our friendship.

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A real friend helps you when you are in need, comforts you when you are sad and never lets you down. If one day I get hurt in my schoolyard, I am never alone because my friends help me. You have fun together with your friends, play and laugh with them. Life would be so sad without friends.

I and my friends sometimes argue, but soon we forget about arguing and are friends again.

Friendship is a magical and indestructible thing thateverybody has with one or more people. I wouldn't be happy without friends.

It is good to have true friends and not make friends on interest. I admire the friendship between Ion Creanga and Mihai Eminescu, a true and sincere friendship.

I would like people to be friends with one another no matter their religion, country or language. If it were so, there would be peace all over the world. I truly believe that friendship can bring joy and happiness. So let's be friends with more and more people and why not with everybody?!

Message tom y future sel

Future has always something we have no ideea what can hide, so we don't know that are our actions whitch may change it, or it is up to fate which is written somewhere in the stars?

If I could write tom y future self, I would love to remind me of old days and childhood, to remember again the people and the moments whitch made me the person I am. I look like because i tis not worthing because there are moments whwn beauty is nothing whitout a brain and there are times when people are beautiful not just in apparance . I just hope I am not still too sky and maybe taller. I would ask myself that in times of darkness we can allways meet in the place of dreams, in the garden of hopes and in the forest of memories. Wise mwn always said that i tis better to let go the past, but in my opinion, past will always be a part of us, and the wise thngis not to le tis go, but to look back whitout feeling pain. I am sure that life gave and will give me lesson and I am going to learn them like those that learnt from books . I learnt to belive in wonders and I think with all my heart that. Iwill have thw power too dare to be myself and let the mask fell of forever and see life with my this mide eyes and maybe books won't remain the only wordles where you can be yourself. I hope I won't forget the dreams and the promises I madeand try ti make then real, but for that you need courage, dear heart. I hop that my proffesion will define every past of my.

After all, all I want the most in life is to be happy and to see every wonder this life and this world have to give and if it's not possible just to be hrave enough to dream because laughter is timless, imagination has no age and dreams are forever.

#### Friendship – the most precious gift of life

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Although *friend* is a word we use so often, it can be quite difficult to define. In my opinion, C JoyBell's definition is the most beautiful I have ever read. This author says friends are those wonderful people, those "diamonds in the rough" left in this world that we will find when we fall down because "they're the ones who pick us up, who don't judge, and we had to fall down to see them".

First of all, friendship is seen as a warm and pleasant relationship. It is that feeling that you are not alone and gives you courage to act in some of the most difficult moments. We all go through good moments and bad moments and it is helpful to have someone there to support us. It is much easier to face any obstacles if you have a true friend next to you.

Second of all, connecting with other people is essential for every human being. We all need someone with whom to share our ideas or our secrets, to tell them our dreams and our deepest fears. Furthermore, we all feel the need to be appreciated and accepted with our qualities and flaws. It is very important to be able to discuss anything that troubles us with someone who is trustworthy and honest. A real friend will always listen to your problems and will try to give you the best piece of advice with total honesty.

In conclusion, friendship should be regarded as something extremely important for each and every one of us, as something profound and sacred, because it is the most precious gift we could receive. Therefore, we should not talk about it as if it was something without importance and we also should not hurry to associate the word friend with every person we know.

#### The beauty of frienship

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The beauty of friendship is not something you can put into words. Friendship is essential for having a happy and fulfilled life. The base of friendship is trust which is built over many years of interacting and helping each other. Friends are people who help you when you need it most. When you're happy or sad your friends will laugh or cry with you. Befriending other people is what makes us human.

Spending time with your friends should always be enjoyable, that's why you should always tell them the truth. As your bonds of friendship grow, your friends might become as close as a family. They are the ones who have seen you at your best or at your worst. You should ask them for advice, then leaving them behind you can be a very sad and painful experience.

I remember the time I had to move to a different place and leave my childhood friends.It wasn't easy but I learnt to appreciate what I've got more. I still remember all those summer nights when we were playing *hide and seek* in the fields. Even though I'm older now, my old friends are there for ever.It doesn't matter if there is distance between us, our relationship is the same as at

the beginning. I've got silence and pleasure while I'm chating. I truly say that those good times are still lively into my mind. I personally think the beauty of friendship and the bonds of it along with the great memories will never fade. Friendship will always remain a pure and beautiful thing that anyone can achieve as interpreted from one of my favourite quotes "You don't need to save the world to find meaning in life."

#### The beauty of friendship

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Havingfriendsisvery important in everyone's lifebecause friends are always there for us, whwnever we need them. We need friends to share our problems, worries, all the moments of joy and happiness. Those friends are not easy to find, but when we find them we know they will be like family to us. Whenever we need them they will be there for us, no matter the late hours we call to ask them for advice or support. We need friends to go out with, share music, talk about boys and girls, and many other things.

It's great to have many friends because each person is different, and, in this way, we can learn from different people different things, or we can share common things and ideas with people who have the same interests. If we like computer games and one of our friends likes as well, it is so nice to share with our passion because he can understand us better than others.

Sometimes friendships last for a lifetime, and this is the most extraordinary thing, to share memories with our lifetime friends who were there for us in the most important moments of our lives.

When young, we find it either easy or difficult to make friends. Some of us are introverts and have a hard time in making friends, others are extroverts and this is the reason they have a lot of friends. Teenagers can, sometimes, be cruel in their appreciations towards someone's appearance, and this can lead to hurting other people's feelings. We must try and respect each other more, and try to know the others much better and so we could make new and good friends.

I have many friends, and truly believe that friends and friendship are things we cannot live without.

#### True friendship

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Real true friendship is essential to our humanity. We could not live without it. Ever since the beginning of humanity we have been offering the hand of friendship to one another. Friendship, like love, is a treasure, and gives meaning to life. Friendship is *so* powerful. It can build you up, it can break you down and it can be as strong or as shallow as you want it to be.

The question I have struggled with over the years is, "What represents a true friend?" Perhaps it would be helpful for you to pause for a moment and reflect. Who are your true friends? What makes them good friends?

As a child, I thought friendship was about hanging out together all the time and sticking up for each other when others were critical or cruel. In my adolescence, I thought a true friend was someone who liked everything I liked and never did anything to upset me. But I have realized that the defining quality of a true friendship is when the other person encourages you to be all you can be, challenges you to become the-best-version-of-yourself, and vice versa.

A true friendship is the most precious gift in people's lives. A person is very lucky he has true friends in his life. True friendship gives us memorable, sweet and pleasant experiences of many types during yourlife. Friendship is the most precious asset of one's life which he/she never wants to lose. True friendship leads people towards success without any demotion in their lives

Searching a best friend is not an easy process, sometimes we get success and sometimes we lose because of the misunderstandings between each other. It can be said that love, the most amazing feeling on Earth is incomplete if it is not supported by friendship.

Friends will be there to give you a hand when you need it and to offer you companionship, to offer advice or to share a smile. There is little doubt that we can enrich our lives by developing friendships.

## The beauty of friendship Matei Alexandra-Mălina, Liceul Tehnologic Bucecea, Botoșani

Friendship is a beautiful spell cast on blessed people. If friendship between two people is strong enough to resist over the years, then the spell was powerful and real.

In my fifteen years of living, I have met all kinds of people: tall, short, young, old, funny, serious, courageous, adventurous and so on. But those things do not really matter. I have always wanted friends with beautiful souls and who are as restless and lively as I am. And I found them, fortunately.

When I was a little girl, I wanted to be everybody's friend, willing to play and to spend time with any kid I met. Because that is what little children do: they put their faith into a magical power called "friendship". Even they cannot understand it, they believe in it.

Time has passed and I notice people getting old and lonely, losing their faith in friendship. Is friendship a rare thing nowadays?!

I have always paid attention to people's traits and gestures, because in this way I could imagine their characters and stories. I have always felt the people who do not believe in friendship lack the sparkle of the eyes as to those surrounded by friends who are kinder and more beautiful.

I think a real friend is the one that accepts your flaws along with your qualities. The one that, when you are down, he does not forget you. He is the one who helps you raise again.

When I look at my friends, I say to myself "I have been blessed by God to have these beautiful people to support and take care of me". Even if we fought a couple of times, we have always reconciled, because that is friendship and that is the thing that makes it beautiful: You always go back to the people you love and care about.

## THE BEST THING, FRIENDSHIP Mihaela Şchiopeţ

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Every person on Earth wants a beautiful friendship.

But what means the real friendship?

It's that moment when a person feels like you things like you and you can tell him everything that makes you mad.

Since I was little, everybody was avoiding me, I wanted a amazing friendship, I wanted a bestfriend.

But now I got it!!!

I fell free when I am with my best friend, I don't have secrets by her. She is my sis and I love her!!!

If you are a difficult person and you don't have friends, maybe it's time to change.

A lots o friendships are build by travels, so you should go in a travel!

A lot of people don't have brothers or sisters, so they wish for a friend.

Then now I talked just about frienships with kids but no one said that adults can also be friens.

Doesn't matter how old you are friends are everywhere!

One of the most beautiful qualities of true friendship ist o understand and to be understood!Friendship is one of the most important things.

Don't lose it!!!



#### THE BEAUTY OF FRIENDSHIP

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Friendship is one of the most important things in life, after family. In fact, friends are the family we choose.

I have many friends in my life and each one is special. My best friend's name is Dimi. He is as a brother for me.

The beauty of friendship consists of little things we do together: we laugh at his jokes, we spend a part of our time playing football, that is one of our common hobbies.

Playing football is our life, we are in the same team at the Football Club we have the same coach. We are both midfielders and we make a great team.

Travelling is our second passion. We never leave our without the other one. We went too many drips but my favourite was that from the Waterfall Bâlea . It was gorgeous. The landscape was laughing and singing with us, we got a lot of fun.

The beautiful moments spent with my friends are the sweetest memories in my life. Having friends does not mean only happiness. A friend in need is a friend indeed.

We trust and support each other whenever it is necessary. For example, once, I had an accident during a match. Dimi was by my side, he went with me to the hospital and he encouraged me all the way long.

The beauty of friendship is that people respect and trust each other, they care about their comrades and will never leave or betray one another.





#### The Magic of Friendship

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"A friend in need is a friend indeed" says a proverb.

A friend is a person who understands you, advises you well and stays close to you both in good and bad moments. A friend is a person you trust fully, whom you meet to without fear or shame and who gives you serious advice. A true friend will never flatter you when you really need to be shaken, he will never turn his back to you when you need him.

Friendship is that emotional bond between people, that unique feeling that makes you confident, a feeling that gives birth to so many beautiful stories and turns the man into a hero.

Life wouldnot be complete without true friends, but it would be poor in experiences. From our friends we learn right things, with our friends we share important moments of our lives. They are very important people for us.

Friendship isnot something material that can be touched, but it is an intense feeling that makes the friendly souls get closer, feel and love.

Together with our friends we share feelings, thoughts, moments, concerns, ideals. A friend knows there is no perfect man and he does not complain about your shortcomings.

Friendship is magic and you have to keep it that way.

## A miracle called friendship

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Friendship is one of the most valuable things in our life. As human beings we cannot live alone and need a loyal friend to share bad or good experiences from our life. Friends trust and support each other all the time. True friends always help each other in any situation.

I am a lucky person because I have a good friend from my childhood. She is a very special person in my life whom I can share everything and take support when I need. We both are in the 8th Grade and we study very well. Her name is Delia. She is tall and slim. She has got long straight black hair and small brown eyes with short eyelashes and thick eyebrows. She has got small dimples and a beautiful smile.

She has a nice character and a charming personality. She is a kind-hearted and reliable person. I can trust her, tell and share everything with her. When I have any problems, whether it is about school, family or anything else, I always go to my best friend to talk. If I keep my problems inside of me, I shall probably go crazy. We talk about everyting together, including secrets. I am absolutely sure that she will keep our secrets safe and she will never betray me. Trust brings us closer. If there is no trust, then our friendship won't last very long.

We enjoy the company of each other. We talk and spend most of the time together. We have similar tastes and interests. We both like pop music and we adore pizza. We attend the guitar lessons, an enjoyable and challenging experience.

I am proud of my friend and I wish our friendship would last forever beacuse it is very difficult to find a real friend.

## The beauty of friendship

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The friendship is a sunshine, which penetrates in our souls, warming them. For me, the beauty of friendship is being built step by step with smiles. Friendship is a white flower what is lost in thoughts...thoughts what make up the childhood. Usually, most people find a warm heart in animals... especially pets.

My best friend is a star...a star which wasn't lost among other stars, because it forever finds the way to my heart. In the light of that star, two mild and protective eyes hide. In them, I find again comprehensive look of my friend, Lupi, which gave his soul to the sky. Such a drop of dew, is mirrored on our faces. Nothing is more beautiful than the brilleance from his serene eyes, full of friendship. It has been and will always be part of my heart and I will never forget it.

What does a best friend mean to you? A best friend is that who knows to forgive, to accept you as you are and no to try changing you. A real friend knows how to make you laugh when you are sad. In my opinion, friendship is a feeling which sends you on a endless way. It paints our life in the most beautiful colors, marking a light explosion. Such an unfinished painting, it waits in every moment to resurrect. For me, friendship is very important..., beautiful and I will always know how to cherish it.

Friendship is like a shadow that envelops our lives.

#### MY BEST FRIEND

## CARP RALUCA, ŞCOALA GIMNAZIALĂ, COMUNA BUHOCI, JUDEȚUL BACĂU

The name of my best friend is Miruna. She is my good friend and cares for me a lot. I met her in class 6 and became best friends. She is my true friend because she understands me very well and cares for my every need. I like her very much. I have never had any friend like her before.

She comes to my home and I too go to her home. Our parents respect us very much and like our friendship. She is so precious for me and I never want to lose her. Whenever I get absent in the classroom, she helps me in doing all the left homework.

She is much similar to me in many aspects. She never argues with me. She is an open minded girl and never feels bad for my misbehavior. She is very entertaining in nature and makes me laugh through her interesting jokes and talks in the spare time.

She is very cute and attractive, attracts everyone through her smile and nice way of talk. She promotes me always to do better in the classroom and exams. We are good at sports and academic activities. We manage to share things in our difficult times. We always perform better in the class tests and main exams.

#### THE BEAUTY OF FRIENDSHIP

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Friendship ... What a nice word! I am sure that each of us has a very good friend, with whom they understand it, and when I hear this word, "friendship", fixed to him, I think. A friendship can not be bought, a friendship is won, it is gained by works, by your way of being. A friendship means feelings and when I say feelings I do not mean the love between a boy and a girl, but the love that you have with your friend. Friendships can be from when you were born until they are gone, and they can be found at any time in your life.

A friend is a good companion for you when you are good but also when you are bad. He would do anything to see you happily, and when you cry he beats you to stop crying or he is crying with you. But if you lose that friend you hardly regain it, because he has lost faith in you and to trust in someone else is very difficult.

How I said before, friendships can be found at any point in life, for example you can know a person since you were born and you are not so good friends with him and you can know a person for a while and you realize you have a lot of things in common.

Of course, there are not only good people in our life and you will also give the so-called friends who are with you but for fun, and when you have a problem they are missing.

Even if, we can not have close relationships with any person in our lives, we also need to consider a friendship because friends help you to be in life what you are.

They upset you, they enjoy you, but they also teach you!

#### **JUST AN ILLUSION?**

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Once upon a time was a man who buried a shiny thing near his little house and created a map with a message" Who wants my precious treasure must be with pure soul and a big heart."

After much time, the map isaccidentally found by two greedy children. The map says that anyone who wants to be rich has to go into a dangerous wood to find house protected by good spirits. But first, they must escape from some ferocious beasts.

They go into that wood and at first they find a gilded gold ring but they aren't satisfied with it. They throw it away and go further. After a while, they find a fountain. On it, there is written "If you are thirsty, take a cup of this argent".

The first child isn't satisfied and goes for the next treasure. The second child takes the cup and goes home. The first gets to the house, digs deep into the earth and finds the treasure. The shiny thing is a coin made of gold!

Very proud of himself, he thinks what can he do in order not to share it with his friend. So, he puts it in his pocket. But soon he takes it out, to admire it...and...surprise! It has melted...as the coin is just chocolate and the pack is just a yellow paper.

He is so angry that he goes to the other child to share the other's treasure. But the first child doesn't want to share it. They start a fight and one child says that they havenever been friends and he used the other just in order to find the treasure.

But they haven't seen it it, because they didn't get rid of the ferocious beasts which were in their dark souls.

This is what friendship can be: a treasure or just an illusion.

#### Friendship

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For me, friendship is the most beautiful feeling in the world because it brings sunshine to our lives and makes us happy. The beauty of human relationships lies on friendship, love and sincerity. I am sure you heard the proverb "A friend in need is a friend indeed" at least once in your life. What does it mean? Does it refer to friendship? Yes, it does but it also points at the qualities of a friend.

We are lucky if we have a true friend. A true friend is the person we have a lot in common with, the person who understands and knows us better than we do, the person who stands by us when we go through hard times. It is the person we can trust and rely on. Even if finding a true friend seems to be more and more difficult nowadays, it is not impossible. We have to be careful to people, think twice when we want to make friends because trust is a flower we cannot find in any garden. This real friend brings out the best of us, encourages and supports us, tells us when we are wrong and is always ready for giving useful advice. True, honest and loyal friends are always there when we need them.

Real friends have their problems, too but their love and support make us stronger. In my point of view friendship has nothing to do with quantity but with quality. It is not about the person we have known longer, it is about the person who stepped in our life and stayed there when the door closed and all the others left.

#### My most precious treasure

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Friendship is one of the life's most precious treasure. True friendship is based on trust, understanding, care, etc. A friend is someone who will stand by you in trouble or in joy. A real friend will remain loyal to you, especially in difficult situations.

I usually make friends easily, so I have a lot of friends. I cannot imagine life without them. But there is one, who will always be in the first place in my heart. Her name is Alina and she is my dear best friend.

Alina is a charming girl. She is of medium height and she has straight brown hair and deep brown eyes. She has a lovely slim figure. She is not very sociable but she is a person who can be trusted. What I like best of her is that she is always ready to help you. When I got in trouble she gave me the best advice to solve any problems. She is a very good listener, she listens patiently and sympathetically to everything I say. She is a very reliable person, she never talks behind my back and I know that all my secrets will be safe with her. I confided my deepest secrets to her and she was the only one I told. I have full confidence that she would never lie to me and would never hurt me.

Alina and I are in the same class and sit next to each other. She is very good at all school subjects. She is always first in my class. All the teachers are proud of her school performance. She has won many prizes and has taken part in many school competitions.

She is original and has lots of new ideas in many fields of activity. She has a strong sense of responsibility and you can always rely on her.

We go everywhere together and both of us are rarely seen apart. My school is involved in an Erasmus Project. We are good at English and we have been selected to participate in the mobility activities. In May we are going in Bulgaria and we are sure that we will make new friends and memories to last a lifetime.

I am very proud to have such a loyal and helpful friend.

#### The Beauty of Friendship

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Friendship is the most amazing thing life can offer. If you have a friend, you are happy. If you don't have a friend, you are lonely and your life is boring. You can't buy friendship as its value is more than gold or diamonds. The love of your friends is priceless and cannot be bought.

Friendship means having good friends around you, friends that, in your heart, are like family members, and not that kind of friends who use you for help, money or other interests. On the other hand, if your friends need your support, you should help them, or you are not a real friend. A real friend doesn't lie to you and doesn't have secrets from you. He will or should always be honest to you.

Friends will always support you when you go through hard times. The day is more beautiful when a friend gives it a touch. Like food. A touch of salt is enough, and matters if knowing. A

friend knows you very well and you know him. A friend is someone who is always there for you, who listens to you when you need a shoulder to cry on or someone to cheer you up.

A friend is like a rainbow in your eyes: he means magic, beauty and colours. When you are alone, you live in a world with no colours, a world full of grey. A friend gives you wings to fly and makes you a better person.

Friendship is difficult to be described; it is that magical feeling which makes you stronger, full of life and happier.

Friends and friendship are very important to me and I couldn't live without them.

## THE BEAUTY OF MY FRIEND AUTOR: ROMANCIUC ANDREI, CLASA A VI-a A SCOALA GIMNAZIALA NR. 2 BOTOSANI

My friend doesn't talk, he just listens. He nods or shakes his head when I ask him something. He claps when I accomplish tasks. But he keeps silent. I know he is just a product of my lonely mind but still I trust in him. He keeps silent because he knows me well. He knows I do not like arguing, quarreling, fighting, disputing. I do not even like to be contradicted. I do not let others distract me because I am always concentrating on something. So he watches me attentively, with care, preoccupied and concerned. He gives me close and thoughtful attention. He is always there for me: during my great moments of personal success, but also during my week periods of failure.

The children around me ask: 'Who is your best friend? Does he have a name, a face, an account on Facebook?' He has everything, I reply, I just want to keep him for myself. I do not want him to be changed by your mercantile behavior. Because he does not care what clothes I am wearing, what smartphone I have got, whether I go to the Mall everyday or not, he is not interested if my father has got an important social position in our community, does not care if I smoke or not or if I go to fancy night clubs. He just accepts me the way I am and, what is most important, he listens and does not judge.' Grow up, imaginary friends are for little children!' my mum says. But I feel fine the way I am. I know, at the bottom of my heart, that when I meet my friend in the real life, I will recognize him in a million because I know what I am looking for: the beauty of friendship which I have been carrying in my soul since for ever.

#### A SPECIAL PERSON

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Nothing is more beautiful than a strong, long friendship. The feeling when you know that someone loves you, cares about you, laughs and cries with you, advises and argues with you when you do something, it's the best feeling in the world.

I met her eight years ago, and I don't regret anything. She was here with me when I needed her. If I were to describe how she looks, I would say she is very pretty. She has long black hair, black round eyes, a small nose, and she has dimples when she smiles. She is not very tall, but not short either, and she is quite slim.

She has the most beautiful soul, she's the kindest and bravest person I've ever known. She is a very nice person and she has a wonderful sense of humor. But she can also get a little depressed from time to time. Anyway, I can always count on her, she is honest and she gives me the best advice.

I remember the first time when we met: in the first grade, but we were so shy! In time, we became closer and closer. In the second grade, she came for the first time at my home. Now, we are the closest and we tell each other the secrets we know. We don't have any restrains.

But we had hard moments, of course. A period of time we hadn't spoken to each other. It was hard, but we have found each other just like we let. We speak everyday, in spite of the distance between us. Everytime we have the chance, we meet face to face, instead of the school year. We travel together, because our parents are close, too. We plan our trips, and then our parents make this happen.

Everyone needs a true friend, and a true friendship. I think that without her I would feel incomplete, just like a part of my soul disappears suddenly. "Some people arrive and make such a beautiful impact on your life, you can barely remember what life was like without them."

The beauty of friendship

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A friend is of much importance for everyone especially in the bad times. Actually, we know the truth about a friend in our bad times when we really need them and their help. Good friends always help us and be with us in our all good or bad times however selfish and mean friends be with us only in our good times and they left us in bad times when we really need them. A Friend in Need is a Friend Indeed is a famous proverb which tells us about the true friends in life. True friends are those who really help us in our bad times of the life. They never left us alone, they motivate us and always support whenever we need them. True friends become very special in our life and remain with us. It is true friends who prove this proverb 'A Friend in Need is a Friend Indeed'. Good friends always support in our difficulties; for whom it is not necessary to be from same field, same class or same cast. True friends always listen to you and correct the mistakes you do to bring at right path. True friendship is a most trusted and important relationship among all relationships in the life. It is very necessary for us to distinguish between the bad and good friends to get prevented from being cheated and get benefited all through the life respectively. A friend who remain same in all conditions (good or bad) and support heartily, really become the true friend forever. A Friend in Need is a Friend Indeed is a most famous old proverb which means that a friend who help us when we need him really become the true friend. A true friend never see the differences (whether financial racial, cultural or traditional), he/she just become ready to help in any condition. A true friend always gives and never has feeling to take in return. Every one of us needs someone who can help us anytime whenever we need him/her. He/she not only helps us but exchanges good ideas, views and thoughts, sorrows, hopes, joys and other feelings. He/she never cheats and always cares for us. He/she never become arrogant and never changes on getting wealth and power. They have very special role in the life of their friends. Some cheater friends have decreased the level of faith in friendship however they can never spoil this true relationship. It is more valuable than other relationships in the life. Some people do not make friendship because of the fear of getting cheater friends as they cannot recognize them earlier. Generally, we say friend to all those whom we talk but true friend becomes different and very special. Getting true friend is a blessing from God and every one of us don't have such friends. True friendship becomes noble and great but very rare. Having a good friend is a most precious earning and most precious possessions of the life. Without having a true friend our life is dry and dull. True friends give good and safe company to us and make our life happy, interesting and worth living. He/she understands us and our all needs. They appreciate and motivate us in our bad circumstances and try to solve problems by sharing all the joys and misfortunes. They become very good counselor and guide in our life as well as the source of joy, strength and courage. They never left us in darkness even they become rich, prosperous and powerful. Thus, true friends always prove the proverb 'a friend in need is a friend indeed'.

## The beauty of friendship

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Friendship is a very important thing in human life. If you do not have friends, speaking in the most sincere way, you do not have a beautiful life with happiness and you do not have many memories. Excluding the family, in general, the parents who gave you life when you get hard and are not beside you, you can have one or more friends to help you, at that moment you see your real friends. Usually friendship is seen as that warm and pleasant relationship that gives us confidence, gives us the courage to act in some more difficult moments. Friendship is that oasis we seek when we are powerless and hopeless. It's that light when no one understands us. Friendship is something profound that should not be spoken so easily. For a friendship to be of high quality, it is important that everyone contributes the best and completes the other and so the product will be a successful one. Also, a very important thing for a true friendship is to give up addiction. Everyone needs their moment, their intimacy and their own rhythm to act.

As Albert Hubbard said:

"A true friend is one who, even if he knows you well, continues to like you".

Friendship does not mean that you have known a friend for some time and you know few things about each other, that distinguishes you are just friends, you can not call true friends. Friendship is that sense of esteem, respect, trust, sympathy and mutual attachment that can bind two or more people, these things gaining over time, unable to be bought. To bind a close friendship, you need to help yourself well and hard, spend as much time together as possible to get to know you better and bring out the secrets and memories from the heart. People think friends need to share with them all and, more than that, be the first to find out. Totally wrong! This need for addiction will only lead to frustration, annoyance, and a superficial relationship. For a deep relationship it is not necessary to spend a lot of time together, but quality. A true friend will always be present in your heart, even if he can not be physically present and you can talk to him and feel his heat even from a distance. Friendship must be maintained, encouraged, and always respected To respect does not mean to agree with all the actions taken by the other, but to respect them, understand them, and let the person figure out where he is wrong. Of course, one's own opinion can be said, but without the need, without choking the person. There is another important thing that can destroy a friendship: friction. As long as we live with the deep fear that the relationship can end for various reasons, as a friend / friend can upset about small things, we only bring negative energy, waste time with unnecessary things and thoughts and stress them and the others. Friendship involves depth, involvement and desire for permanent evolution.

#### FRIENDS AND FRIENDSHIP

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I've always asked myself what is friendshipand how is like to have a good friend , in which to put all my trust in and to share all my fears , all my dreams and all the good or bad things that happens to me.

Until, one day, when I passed in the  $5^{th}$  grade and I met my best friend Ania. She is so with her feet on the ground as it's said, she is always there—for me when Ihave different problems, thoughts and misunderstanding with other children or with my parents.

She is full of life, she is the only person in which can Itrust, she gives me advice to choose the good from the bad ones and her advice are a breath of air for me and helps me to see things from another point of view.

At school if we are quarreling ,we are getting back fast and we pass through that as nothing happened . Ania is the best friend in the world, she means everything for me and I hope will be like this forever, until we won't be on this world!

#### **FRIENDSHIP**

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My best friend is Jessy and we have met sometime during our childhoods in a park at the outskirts of the city.

If I remember correctly the park was called "the rêver amussment park". Me and my mom went there for fun and the machines. We went to the rollercoster, we saw the animals but I've wanted more than anything to go to the spoky house. Once we reached and bought a ticket but the guard stopped my mom saying that no adult are allowed.

I and another 10 kids entered the house and partied ways in this labirint. There were fake skeletons. Spiders, mummies, ghosts and creepy portaits everywhere. After about five minutes of walking somebody dressed like a zoombie chased me then I collided with Jessy and that was the first time we saw each other. The zoombie was still chasing us until we reached the end .

Me and Jessy spent the rest of tha day toghether. The problem was that I forgot to ask her about where she lived .

Some years have passed and I entered school...with Jessy, we were so happy to meet I almost fainted of excitment. From that day we kept an eye on each other.

She is at the time of writing thirteen years old,she has brown eyes,blonde hair and her favorite t-shirt with a mokey whichshe always wears.

She is very funny, ironic and has this six sense of danger, when we crossed a road after school she pushed me out of the way of a car.

Jessy told me that she wants to become a great doctor or a scientist in the supernatural field.

This is my best friend.I LOVE THE BEAUTY OF OUR FRIENDSHIP!!!!!

#### The beauty of friendship

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Friends are a very important part of mostpeople's lives. Who can understand you better than a friend? Who can stand by your side when you are in difficulty than a friend? A friend is the person with whom we share our problems and ask for advice; he is the one with whom we share our dreams and ambitions, the one we rely on, the one we trust, the one who is honest, the one we consider "our second family".

Having in mindthispoint of view, I must admit thatmybestfriendis a simple boy, named Remus with big blueeyesandbrownhair. He isquiteshort but thisdoesn't stop himtobe a daydreamer just likeme, otherwise, sinceheisreally confident hewillsucceed in everythinghedreams at, andthisinspiresmealot, too. Remus isthat special personwhocan accept me for what I am, whocanlendme an earwhen I wanttocomplainandwhoistherenexttomenomatterwhat.

Nobodycanunderstand me betterthanmyfriend. We have a lot of things in common: we are bothaddicted to computers, webothlisten to the same sort of music and webothwouldlike to work in IT industry. Once wehad a homework at Maths which I didn't know how to solve; Remus wasthere and helped me and the second daywehad a test that I got a higher mark thanhim, but hedidn'tmindbecauseheis not selfish and hewants all the best for me.

To describe a real frienship in wordsisdifficult. A real friendmakesyousmilewhenyoucry, knows the lyrics of yourfavouritesong, respects yourdecisions, encourages youwhen in doubt, heisyour second half.

The essence of friendshipissincerity and givingoneself to yourfriendwithoutthinking of gettinganything in return. An oldproverbsays « A friend in needis a friendindeed ». This meanswe have to devoteour time and patience, to forgive and forget all the quarrels and disagreements. All these qualities I found in Remus, mytrusted friend.

conclude with, as far as I amconcerned life withoutmy best reallyboring. friendwouldbemiserable and **Althoughitis** not easv to findafaithfulfriendnowadaysbecausemost of them are arrogant and competitive, everyperson in this world should have a friend.

#### The Beauty of Friendship

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Friendship is a very important thing in our lives because it brings us together. Everyone has one or more friends that they can always count on. Along with the family, friends are some of the most important people in our lives. Without them, the world would be much colder. By this I mean that people would be just strangers for others.

Friendship is the foundation that links two people who consider themselves friends and share the same interests and likes. It is born out of a sense of sympathy, respect and esteem to a mutual attachment between the two people. Friendship without these feelings cannot exist.

To have friends means to be a rich person. When you need help and get it from your friends is the best feeling in the world. On the other hand, if your friends need you and you are there for them proves you are a good friend. Nobody lives without friends. It is very important to have people around you, to have fun with, but also to have a shoulder to cry on. Make friends during your life and try to keep them for a lifetime.

#### FRIENDS SHOULD BE FOREVER

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Friendship it's a relation which you have with someone. It's a relationship which everyone needs and must have , because a good and a trustworthy friend is nearyou when you need and when you have trouble .

Afriend is necessary because nobody mustn't stay alone, so, everybody needs someone to talk with, laugh with or cry with, also to confess, to share the happy moments but that person should be the most trustworthy person in the world, the person who is there for you without giving anything back.

Friendship is something extraordinary and at the same time could show it's bad side. We can't trust all our suppose "friends" and we can be driven on other roads by them only by their envy. Not all the people are trustworthy and maybe almost of your friends can lie to you and cheat you showing the dark side of friendship!

So if you don't have a best friend or a confident, in which you can trust, don'tsay all your secrets to them and beware of it's negative influence and appreciate the good, happy friends even if they are as many as your one hand finger, friendship should be forever if it's possible and beyond!

In conclusion we should appreciate our best friends and it's sure that friendship should be just like a beautiful jewelry which we should take care of, and "polish" it to shine more and more,,,,

#### The Qualities of Friendship

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Many of us have people in our lives whom we feel boned to and entrusted to. They may beour family ,a colleague from your workplace or a simple person. Time and distance have no power to damage the bond we have with these people.

A question arises: why do we have this kind of feeling /emotion onlyfor a few people we know? The more we look for the answer the more elusive it becomes. What brings people together as friends?

- 1. Common interests
- 2. History
- 3. Common values
- 4. Equality

There still seems to be an extra factor , similar attraction which brings people together romantically , for no reason that any person can identify. Humans can't live alone without friends, they need to interact ,tosocialize, to give or receive pieces of advice.

Friendships are maybe the best aspects of life: a combination of trust, chemistry and attraction.

#### Friends are beautiful

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Close your eyes and what you hear Is just your heart at first you feel Then colours strike into your mind As shapes and things just come to life.

Then everything just clears up And there you see the one you trust That person whom you'd share your time Most precious moments of your life.

You call him friend as it appears Because you cherish that he's sincere He tells you what is best for you Without expecting flaws of rules.

There are no words describing right To keep a friend is like a fight To have a soul that cares the most For what you are and what you hold.

#### WHAT DOES FRIENDSHIP MEAN TO ME?

## HERCIU FILIP, ŞCOALA GIMNAZIALĂ, COMUNA BUHOCI, JUDEȚUL BACĂU

I believe that friendship is one of the most important things in our life. I believe that no matter who you may be everyone needs a good friend to count on; nobody should go through life with no friends. You should be able to have that someone you can tell everything to and no matter what you both are there for each other. Nobody is perfect and people should be willing to accept you for who you are. To me friendship is really important and I do not take advantage of it one second! I have worked hard for my close friends that I do have now and never plan on losing them.

I know that I can have one good friend that I can go through life with. Personally I think friendship is that most important thing to me. I can tell my friends ever secret I have. Friendship is a fine gift out of the many that life can bring. Friendship can be a commitment. I have more then one or two real, true friends, with that I feel blessed. A real friend will listen and offer advice during hard times. I believe nothing can replace a true friend, not money, cars, problems, and definitely not boys. I know that my friends support me in basically every decision I make.

Personally I have developed a strong friendship with my friend Ana. This has taken a couple years to build and we have had our moments. We are here for each other for any issue and are always willing to put down what we are doing and listen to each other. She has turned into like one of my sisters. Ana knows every little last thing about me you can ever think of. Yes, we have had our fights, they have been rough times, but we always manage to get over them. I know she is the shoulder I can cry on when I need to.

Friends can also give you a lot of helpful tips because friends are honest when you do or say something wrong and do not tell you that was good just to make you happy. They help you to improve yourself in every way. Most of all friends forgive you. I can do everything wrong but my friends sill stand next to me and are will to give me that second chance. The definition of a friend is a person whom one knows, likes, and trust.

#### SECTIUNEA III – ESEURI LICEU

## Friends should be like books, few but hand selected

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I have always believed in friendship. I believed in it even when I didn't have friends at all. And because I have not ceased, I have finally found it. Friendship could be, for some people, the last wealth, a testament of love taken from themselves.

As a child, I was a lonely and misunderstood girl and my only friends were the dolls which I used to dress in the most beautiful dresses and whose hair I used to braid. I never complained about my friends which did not speak, but in teenage I understood that I needed people to face life with, people to carry in my arms and, and people to protect me in need. People who will never have to leave. But if they do leave, please God, don't make them leave forever.

At the beginning, I tried to find friendship at locked doors. I made many friends, people for whom I would have brought the sky among us. But they didn't want such big things. They taught me to run away from home and to lose nights in the search of happiness. I dressed like them, I looked like them, but I have not found the promissed happiness. I did not want to lose them and I did everything I could to keep them close to me. They were many, but they left one by one. And then, I missed my childhood dolls, which were alone and dusty on the shelf, with torn dresses, because I left them.

And I started again, looking for other people, brighter people. Oh, and how I searched again! Sometimes I thought that the earth was too big for me, that I will remain alone, belonging to no one .... . And when I felt tired of so much struggle, all of a sudden, people appeared in my life like cherry blossoms in a tree which lost its hope.

I never asked for too much from those who chose to stay by me, as I did not ask too much from my own life. The relationships with my friends remained secret, unseen, because I didn't want to allow anyone to break them. There were stormy days, the wind has often tried to untie my ties with the people I love. However, it did not have enough power...

I am a girl whose story started 18 years ago and, looking back, I realize I've never been a popular girl in my high school. I sprouted around my few friends, who believed in me. For strangers my soul is, maybe, as lonely as a withered leaf. For friends I have prepared the most beautiful flowers.

My best friend is a former classmate and we understand each other and with no words. When the doors were closed for me, I always ran to her and I found support. Because she walked through my soul and met the traces of some lost battles; sometimes I call her my sister. She was, is and will be...

I believe in friendship and I will always remain faithfull to love. I do not want many friends, because they will get lost on the paths of my soul. I just want someone to whom I will give a little of my hidden joy, someone whose wounds I will sometimes have to wear, someone to stay next to me, to receive the blows that we receive day by day, dividing them between us in silence.

Once I used to have many friends, but they did not have the courage to fight for our friendship. How alone I was when I was not alone! However, some people come and go. Others

come back, but they don't find us anymore. Fortunalety, some remain forever. Some of them forget, some of them forgive, others don't. Like the dolls of my childhood, some people were with me, but they never made me laugh.

I still laugh like a child when I am with my best friend, we still smile to all people in the street, she still braids my hair, we still think that our friendship will last forever.

My dolls? They never had many friends. They just had me...



#### MUSIC - AN ATTRACTIVE TEACHING TOOL

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Recent research has proved that listening to relaxing music, whether it is pop or classical can make people happy, bringing them pace, relaxation and euphoria. Due to listening to the right kind of music, sick people are also known to have experienced a full and faster recovery. It was also proved that music develops concentration and memory, brings members of a group together, stimulates learning, turns learning a language into a fun experience, helps students be more motivated. Music has always played a significant role in people's life. Music works as the absolute antidote when one feels stressed out and tired. Music has helped people master difficult moments, complicated situations and stressful periods. Playing the right kind of music can transport people into a different world where worries, stress and tense situations seem to have disappeared.

Music comes with many compensations which are well known not only for adults, but also for children and teenagers. Children enjoy listening to music while teenagers seem to depend on it. Music is listened to almost everywhere because we have the possibility to play it on different devices. One can enjoy music at home, in the park, in the street, in pubs and clubs, in shops, in supermarkets, at school, in the gym, etc. For most teenagers for example, listening to music has become more than a hobby, more like an addiction.

Listening to music does not function only as a free time activity. We have to acknowledge the fact that it is widely used in teaching, especially foreign language teaching. If we were to refer to teaching English, using music to improve different skills is no longer an innovation. I, as a teacher, have became accustomed to use English and American songs quite often. These songs represent a real source of input and at the same time veritable materials. My students can easily acquire new language and genuine pronunciation by using them. Different structures can also be fixed.

But not just any kind of music is good in classes. Teachers should tactfully choose the songs that include the grammatical and lexical structures which must be learned. So, what songs should be chosen? – I, of course, use those which act as efficient teaching material and which develop skills and help my students use accurate language. After choosing the right song, I prepare handouts with the lyrics of the song but I take out some words or structures. Then I let the students listen to the song and complete the missing words or structures while they listen. Depending on the level of my students, I place the missing words taken out from the lyrics somewhere on the handout (on top or bottom of the page) but I mix them, or I let my students try to figure out the missing words while they listen and don't give the missing words at all.

Music helps me a lot in the process of teaching English. The frequency with which teachers appeal to songs during their classes all around the world demonstrates this fact. Songs can be real educational instruments as they also reflect culture and develop students' overall motivation of learning a foreign language. Good teachers adapt songs in such a way as to suit a particular theme and to meet students' needs and aspirations.

Listening to and singing songs are some of the activities children and teenagers adore. These kind of activities can change the boring routine of learning a second language, bringing some kind of freshness to a rigid curriculum.

So my advice to foreign language teachers is to use as much music as they can during their classes. It doesn't only help them teach all kind of structures and vocabulary but it also brings students together helping them socialize and exchange ideas and opinions. It is easy, joyful and students just ove these kind of classes.

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#### FRIENDS SHOULD BE LIKE BOOKS, FEW BUT HAND SELECTED

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Friendship is a great thing especially when you have best friends. You can tell everything and get over everything together. Friendship has some obligations: you have to be honest and demonstrate that you are trustworthy unless that person has doubts .

Friendship is very important in everyone's life. We are not alone in this world, we are surrounded by people, so for our own good, it is important to get on well with everybody. There are specific situations when two or more people have many things in common and they become friends.

Friendship is based on trust, honesty and loyalty. True friends are rare, because these qualities are very hard to find. This is the reason why it is often said that animals can be better friends than humans.

A friend is the first person you want to call when you hear good news. A friend remembers that you don't like ketchup on your sandwich, for example. A friend will accompany you on the most boring events and make them seem fun. We need friends to comfort us when we are sad, and to have fun with us when we are glad. We need friends to give us good advice. We need someone we can count on to treat us nice. We need friends because we are social in nature, and having friends makes us feel secure. Friends help us all, friends are there for us. Good friends are there for us, understand us, and we understand them. Friends help us communicating with others.

All in all, friendship is important not only in social relationships, but also tells a lot about each of us as persons.

#### FRIENDS SHOULD BE LIKE BOOKS, FEW BUT HAND SELECTED

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Friendship is an affective and cooperative relationship between human beings, characterized by a sense of sympathy, respect, mutual affinity. Friendship requires you to develop an attitude of mutual benevolence. Friendly support is known when needed or in the crisis of loyalty, good faith and altruism.

The friendship relationship is based on mutual trust. The opposite of friendship is enmity: "Be good to me, to be good to you", "Support me hard, support you too." Man can't live alone because of his adherence to a social structure. Very often, friendships are born very quickly, but we can truly call a friend, to whom we can share our fears, the joys, the troubles of life, and in rare cases, perhaps one we entrust our life to one. As Elbert Hubbard said: "A true friend is the one who, even if he knows you well, continues to like you." From my point of view, an extremely important ingredient is needed: the knowledge of the other in depth. As long as we do not know enough about the person next to us, we will hardly be able to integrate this. Knowing the faults and accepting them makes you a true friend.

A Latin proverb says "True friendships are eternal," and I totally agree. To respect isn't to agree with all the actions taken by the other, but to respect them, understand them, and let the person figure out where it is wrong. There is another important thing that can destroy a friendship: FEAR. As long as we live with the deep fear that the relationship can end for various reasons, as the friend / girlfriend can upset for some small things, we only bring in negative energy, waste time with unnecessary things and thoughts and stress them and the others.

Friendship involves depth, involvement, and the desire for permanent evolution. The need to have others around us characterizes us precisely because we do not like the feeling of loneliness and abandonment that some friends would miss. I think we can only be friends with those we're compatible with. We can not be friends with everyone. We establish amicable relationships with everyone around us, but of them, only two, three succeed in getting closer to our spirit and thinking.

Friendship relationships are born on the basis of ideas and concepts of common life that make the people concerned look in the same way to address life's problems or to interest the same things that the friend has to do.

## A friend from a thousands

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Friendship is a concept as old as the beginning of mankind. A connection felt between two people stronger than anything in the world, something that can't be broken. In our age many people have forgotten what it truly means to have a friend, people being more busy with the number of people they are "friends" on social media. These are the "friends" we encircle ourselves with, without taking a moment to think if we truly know them and if we will be alone at our funeral while having thousands upon thousands of friends on the screen.

Friendship has as many definitions as there are people on Earth, but at the core it's still the same, even if people find it in different ways. These ranging from fishing trips with friends where you find the true meaning of friendship by making a stronger and stronger connection, to people you meet for the first time, but find the connection stronger from speaking a few words with them than most of the people you know. Friendship, even if it's a beautiful thing, can't be forced upon someone, the true feelings being formed from the self wows made by each in their minds.

"Nothing so fortifies a friendship as a belief on the part of one friend that he is superior to the other."-Honore de Balzac

Even if it's a wonderful thing with the passing of time the true meaning of a good friend has vanished in the face of the onslaught caused by the technology of our age, allowing people to feed their egos with number on a virtual website. Our senses of judgment have taken a big blow, transforming something that was beneficial to all the people involved into a competition just for the attention of people who don't know you more a few photo, a nice face at which to amaze until something else shows up. The biggest problem is that is making people care more and more about the opinion of people that shouldn't be in their lives, just another number in your friends list just so you can get their "approval" and make your ego bigger and bigger until it overflows. Not only this but it also encourages people to do stupid or even dangerous things for the entertainment of other people, distancing themselves from the lives they had, becoming just another cog in the system, winning their five minutes of celebrity before vanishing back in the crowd, but never losing their feeling of superiority.

"Be slow in choosing a friend, slower in changing."-Benjamin Franklin

Our lives as we grow become darker and darker for some of us, remembering with empathy their happy and sad moments from their lives, wishing to be able to share them with someone they care about. We start to wish, even crave, for a true friend that would understand us like an open book, someone who knows what we thing even before we do it and most important someone who cares about us as much as we care about them. This lust might push us on the other side of our existence, making us changing, making us believe we are worthless, that we are so unlovable because we don't have a friend. So we do what people do best, we adapt and we change, sometimes in better, but usual in worst attracting the attention of people we wouldn't have called friends when we were still the ones living. We hide between masks, conforming to the entourage just so we won't be thrown away ... left behind as something that has served his purpose, exploited and then left to rot in eternal darkness. At least that's what they thing, the battle in their mind, helplessly trying to stay sane, surviving as a fish on land while waiting for thei inevitable end. Poor souls, pitiful, aren't they? But it's not a rare thing, contrary these things are becoming more and more frequent, people becoming lost in the fog in their attempts of finding friendship, being able to reach the sunlight after being transformed into true abominations, at least that's what their previous self would thing if it would have still been there. But some find redemption, forgiveness, being able to come back into the light of their true existence, their true

themselves. Realizing that friendship can't be enjoyed if you're holding the mask of your demise as an instrument of realization in the social plane of existence. Because friendship doesn't require sacrifices to be formed, but it needs them to keep on existing.

"Prodigious facts alone do not persuade the sharpened mind"

People, sometimes, like to refer to good friends as book, due to their similarities at the core, many people finding shelter against the growing darkness of a stressful day by hiding in the universe of the books. But why do they do this comparison? Do friends help them rediscover the wonderful world they live in, using their experience and hobbies as leverage in order to show them new perspectives, feeding their fantasies as a good book would? The connection between friends is so close that they are able to not only feel, but also read them like an open book? These and many more consist the link between friends, it has no name, no language, for it needs no language. They come in many forms some with years of experience behind them, like books with thousands of sheets, while other come with only hundreds. Nevertheless, these who submit to their instincts might find resolution in their quest of seeing what the eves can't see. While some might hear different opinions they need to shield their mind against this assault of assumption, be their own masters and these "books" their own battles of understanding the mind that hides behind the preposterous masquerade of the human soul. Nonetheless in your petty pursuit of understanding what can't be comprehended, you must assure you don't consume these who follow you blind, these who's loyalty you have achieved though sacrifices and unforgettable memories. The hunter is often blind to his own demise, in this search of brotherhood with more and more souls, one must make sure he doesn't lose what he has already accomplished.

"Without wearing any mask we are conscious of, we have a special face for each friend"-Oliver Wendell Holmes

While in our nugatory belief of knowing oneself we are often ingrate to the differences between our manners when we spend time with our friends and when we live our day to day lives. It is foolish to assume one can truly find himself without the help of friends in his existence. Because in our chase of models of living and behaving we seal ourselves out of our own mind and true desires, the only key to the lock we have placed between our real self and the "better" person we choose to become is emblaze ourselves by getting lost in an ocean of being. When we allow our true instincts to come out of the cage that is our mind, is because we know we are loved and cherished by the people we alone bought into our lives, extending a hand only to see them extending theirs.

Many people have attempted to classify the term of "friendship" but the truth is there can't be one that would comprise all that it means for everyone. The definition of friend is changing as the time continues to flow in his endless hourglass, being witness to the history of mankind and all that came with it. From friends sharing drinks in a tavern while talking about their hunting expeditions, to friends becoming blood brothers transforming a friend into a "family" member. Friendship is a strange thing, it can't be forced upon people and you can't guess who could become your friend. We see thousands if not millions of people every day, sometimes we look if closer and we see a colleague we didn't see in years, we might stop and talk with him, or continue on our road. Friendships, like books, also have an ending, while some might show us walking into the sunlight accompanied friends, some might see us going in our separate ways. It is a stage in our lives, if we don't have enemies it doesn't mean they are our friends. We grow up, we forget and we start again, trying to find that person who will stay in our lives forever, the needle in the fan carriage. Some might get lucky and find them sooner than later, while others might forever be doomed to find friendship a hallow and ridiculous notion, in their insidious ignorance.

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#### "Friends Should Be Like Books, FewBut Hand-selected"

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Friendship is a relationship between people that get along and share common objectives in life. Depending on the person, this relationship can have very different meanings, for some people it can be something that nourishes your life and shapes your development as a human being, or just a plain friendship that you exploit for your own interests. Friends are being chosen by yourself, so before becoming friends with someone you really need to think if he is on the same page as you and if it will grow into a healthy relation that you can both benefit from.

This relationship needs to be constructed with trustworthiness, mutual understanding, compassion, loyalty and being able to empathize with each other. Most importantly, both friends should have a nice and fun time while they spend time together. Some people find it very pleasing when a certain friend is not being judgmental towards decisions and mistakes that were made by them.

The purest friendship is the one that you have in your childhood. It is the first contact we have except family. When people are young, they do not care about various benefits that come from that relationship. Having friends early in life can increase your social skills and accommodation in society later on. During the adolescence phase people tend to avoid peers whose problematic behavior suggest they may not be compatible and also drag them down. The relationships that we establish during this time of our life can be carried on even to our adulthood and beyond. Having friends at this stage of your life can increase well-being and mental health.

The quote "Friends should be like books, few, but hand-selected" illustrates perfectly how this relationship works. Having a lot of true friends probably would not happen, so, by comparing them to a book, we can see how the decision of being friends with someone is only ours. You choose what kind of book you want to read, the same goes with who you want to spend your precious time with. In a way, books act as friends and friends are often as useful as books. If someone tries to read a lot of books in a disorganized manner, he will not be able to grasp anything worthwhile from them and he will be left stranded in confusion. In the case of friends, if he tries to form connections with a large number of people, he will not be able to formfirm friendships with any of them.

Friends are precious people that should exist in everyone's life, nourishing them to the peak of personal development. While when we are young we think that friendship is endless. Forming one since we are young and pure could make this statement true, probably our eternal friendship has been already formed.

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#### Friends should be like books, few but hand selected

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Friendship is one of the most rewarding relationship that can take place between two or more people. It is based on trust, loyalty, affection and mutual respect. Having friends can give to oneself a feeling of belonging and a safe place to develop its emotions and personality, with no fear to have his own, unfiltered, behavior.

It is widely known that every human being has the ability to choose his own friends, based on any personal criteria. Some people enjoy being surrounded by lots of so called friends, because they want to be popular, but it's more likely that they know just a few of their names. Others enjoy having a group of people to whom they can talk openly and listen to each other.

Books are a very good analogy to friends; the way we choose our books is based on more than just it's cover. In order to know if we like a book we need to get to know a little about it by reading a few chapters or just the first one. This is also how we decide who should be our friend and who shouldn't. Getting yourself in a conversation with a stranger can give you a lot of clues about that person's personality and, if you enjoyed his company, you may consider pushing that simple talk to a beginning of a true friendship. People, like books, should not be judged by their appearance and be appreciated for their content; their way of talking and their way of just being.

A good book is a book to which you can identify, being able to solve some of your problems just by reading it, being able to develop yourself just by observing how the characters react to any situation and how they talk. A good friend can also have this influence on you. After being friends with someone for a long period of time you will see similarities between your behavior and theirs, even if you didn't used to do some things or talk in a certain way. A friend is a person with who you can have a lifelong experience exchange.

A friend is a person that never lets you down and is always going to be there for you. When you are spending time with that friend, you get a feeling that you two have been known each other for a longer time than you actually do. You know you have a friends when he knows everything about you, your good side and your bad side, and he's still there for you no matter what. He's happy for your success and sad when you fail. When you end up fighting with that person, he won't tell anyone your secrets because he knows you two are going to be friends again; it's normal to fight with a person due to the amount of time you've spent together.

Friendship is a feeling that ties two or more people together for their personality, for their way of talking, moving; the way they use a certain word, the way they laugh; their everything. Such connection can never break if it is a genuine one, because everyone is going to need a free time from life to spend with their friends with whom they can be themselves.

#### Only a few friends?

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Today I'm going to talk about friendship, this word full of emptiness until someone gives it an unusual meaning.

Friendship for me isn't something very hard to understand, but it's important to keep. I was 3 when I started to go to the kindergarten. That place was full of kids like me, and I started to communicate.

After that, school was another opportunity to talk with colleagues.

But this doesn't make sense anymore. I'm going to talk about books. Which are the criteria to choose a perfect book? A book full of feelings, dedication, spiritual involvement? Let's talk about my case, that should be "our" case. I used to have a lot of books in my library when I was in childhood. Coloring books, fairy tales, legend books, books with stories, all of them were there. But what are the balance between FRIENDSHIP and BOOKS? That's very simple. When we are younger, we experience more, we have our first steps in social groups, we make our first friends. We cannot know from the first time if they are a bad influence or a good one. We cannot know from the first time if we are in a toxic friendship or if we're not going to like those people over a long period of time. Their character, their habits, their issues, in a word, to like THEM.

I am in the process of growing up, so I started to cut people from my friendship list. I did the same thing with the books from my library.

I started to burn the books that I read again and again and make no sense in my head.

Now, years have passed and I am a terrible friend sometimes, but also the best. I am the most negativist person on the planet, I did the wrong things almost the time but I love them the most and I could do anything to make them happy. I have like 4-5 friends but they mean everything to me.

So, in conclusion, I think that friends should be like books, few, but hand selected.

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#### **Real friendships**

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Friends are among the most important people in our lives. It is pretty common for someone to spend more time in a day with their friends than they do with their families. They will always help you even in the worst cases, and will always want the best for you.

You can always trust a real friend to help you through any problem that you have, since a real friend will never betray you. During your life, you will always meet new friends, new types of people, every single one of them being very different from the others. Friends will give you experience in life, as, through the years, you will learn to recognize a good person that will also be a good friend, or a mean and bad person who would also be a very bad friend, and try to take

advantage of you, something that a real friend would never do. Though, a real friend wouldn't ignore your weak points either. A good friend won't tell you: "Hey, you are the greatest person I have ever met, you are perfect from just about any point of view!". No, that's a sign that someone is trying to take advantage of your goods or qualities. Instead, a good friend would tell you about your bad sideand try to help you become an overall better person.

Now, finding a very good friend is very hard. You will always have to deal with people trying to use your trust in their favor, but you will gain experience from all the friendships that you make through your life, either good or bad friendships, so that you will know how to dodge this kind of bad people like bullets, which is kind of impossible for your parents to teach while you are still a kid. That experience is going to matter very much during your life, just like your friends. Also, they will get to know you very well as a person, maybe as well as your family. They will always know what things you like or hate, and will always know how to make you happy. They will give you their advice, their honest opinions, and will always share their thoughts with you, as their trust will not require them to hide anything secret from you. Friends will always try to spend their time with you, even when they are very busy, because you matter to them just like you matter to your parents, and like they matter to you as well. Some friends will only talk to us rarely, until they stop talking to us at all, but good friends will frequently keep in touch, making them just as important as our families, as some friendships we keep unchanged from our childhood way to our old age.

So, in conclusion, friends are one of the most significant persons in our lives, as they teach us a lot and make us happier through the years.

#### Friends should be like books, few but hand selected

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Friendship is a feeling often experienced by people and is considered most important in human relationships. They say that friends should be like books – few but hand selected, and it is true. If we have numerous relationships, they are doomed to be superficial. Our attention becomes patchy when we have too many friends. A good relationship vitally needs a lot of quality time to be invested in.

Friends are those people close to us, to whom we share our problems, our grief, but also our good thoughts, our hopes and dreams, people who always have some good advice to offer and who make our lives complete. These are the true friends, the faithful and sincere friends. Having a lot of friends is not the same with having real friends. Real friends are like angels that look like people, who were sent by God on earth, to watch our steps in life, to make our life more pleasant and to offer support in the fight against the problems we encounter on the path of life. A friend can be anyone. Your mom or dad can be your friend, your brother or sister can be your friend, and sometimes even your grandparents can be your friends. But a true friend is the one who feels the way you do, the one who dreams the same dreams as you, the one who breaths the same air as you do ..... A true friend is the one who, in a difficult situation, does not leave you but is there for you and wants the best for you.

A real friend is the one who is willing to be with you till the end, no matter what, without having to tell you that, but proving it on every occasion. Unfortunately, real friends are difficult to find. Nowadays, people struggle to make as many friends as possible (online or in the urban environment), but it is impossible to have many and at the same time strong relationships. If we want deep, strong ralationships we have to limit to just a few. A true relationship is built in time, with love. And love means facts, not words; it also means help and compassion, emotions and feelings. A true friend is the one who enjoys his friend's happiness and gets sad about his misfortune. The true friend is the one who doesn't remain indifferent, but envolves emotionally. Nevertheless, true friendship is felt in difficult times in someone's life.

"Do not reveal your thoughts to everybody, but only to the ones who can heal your soul"these are the words of priest, called St. Antonie The Great. These simple words contain the whole essence of true friendship and refer to the fact that one should not confess his/her thoughts to anybody, but to those who really deserve that – to real friends.

#### Books should be like friends, few but hand selected

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"Books, friends, should be few and well chosen" said Charles Caleb.

I agree and I think that good books like good friends are few and chosen, the more select, the more enjoyable.. like friends, too we should return to them again and again like true friends, they will never fail us. Love is a friendship that has caught fire. It's quite understanding mutual confidence sharing and forgiving. It's loyalty through good or bad times.

Friendship is a very vital part of life it helps people to obtain good qualities such as self confidence, honesty, dependability and responsibility. It also provides people with opportunities to interact positively with society. Friendship often grants people happiness in knowing that they have others to turn to for answers when dealing with rough situations and also in the moments when you simply enjoy life.

Changes in each person can affect friendship because when one or both friends change in different ways, they no longer share the interest that brought them close together.

I think finishing a good book is like leaving a good friend. We should never leave a friend. For me, friends are all we have to get us through this life and they are the only things from this world that we could hope to see in the next.

I love deep talks with my friends like, yeah, tell me about why you'd prefer to talk to your mom rather than your dad. Tell me about your favourite lyrics in the songs you listen to everyday and why they're your favourite. Tell me about the dog you had when you were growing up and how he was your best friend. Tell me about what kind of books you like to read when you're alone. Tell me about the things you think about right before you fall asleep.

Tell me everything because I care and I love to listen to people like I listen to some music lyrics and because I like to read people like I read books. I wish I could transform a human being into a book that I liked so much.

#### FRIENDS SHOULD BE LIKE BOOKS, FEW BUT HAND SELECTED

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Friends should be like books, few, but handpicked. This is really good life lesson that everybody should learn at some point in his or her life. Firstly, what defines a friend? Most people would say that they already know the answer, a close person, but friends are much more than that. A friend is a person whom you trust, you know you can always count on him or her no matter the situation. A friend will always be there for you, you'll go through hard and happy time alike, but a true friend will never leave. These days, every person has probably had a "false" friend. These are the worst type of people. They pretend to be your friend only to use you and gain something of their personal interest. Everybody should try to avoid these type of people because they can harm you or scar you. A couple of years back I had a friend whom I thought I could trust with my life, but it turned out otherwise. We had to do a chemistry assignment about Lewis' theory. My, so called friend, asked me to put it up on Google drive so he could read it and get an idea of what he had to write. I thought I could trust him and posted it, but it turned out against my beliefs. He came to school the next day with the same project and he insisted that I was the one who copied it. Our teacher believed him and gave me a bad mark. Since then I knew I couldn't trust him anymore. Such friends are dangerous, but they usually see to they're personal interest so they leave after a short period of time.

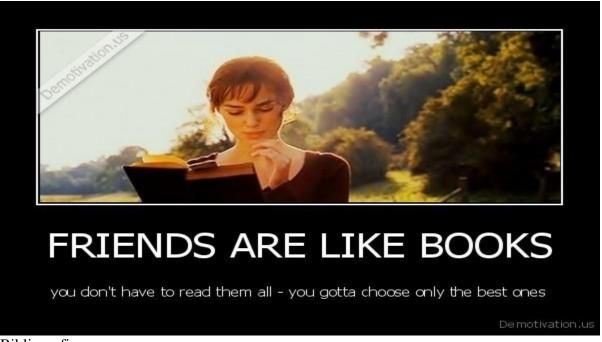
Why should friends be few, but handpicked? Let's say that you walk into a library. What do you see all around you? Books. Lots of them, about art, science, fiction, there is always something for everyone. You go in and choose only a hand few of books, because you can't read all of them, usually you choose books with subjects that interest you, for example, an artist is more likely to choose a book about art rather than a book about engineering, or a musician would choose something about the history of music or the biography of a musician rather than a biography of a footballer. It is the same with friends. In this vast world, we enter when we are born and all around us there are people, just like how books are in a library. All throughout our mortal life we choose friends based on some criteria that we develop as we grow up. Remember when you were a kid. When you met somebody in the park or at kindergarten you'd only talk for about 3 or 4 minutes then ask if you want to be friends. As we grow we make friends harder, but we keep those friendships for longer. I am a teenager right now, I have classmates, neighbors, acquaintances all such of people around me and even though I get along with most of them, especially with my classmates considering I spend most of my time with them I can't say that I befriended all of them. Yes, we spend time together, but we are acquaintances not quite friends. However, I also have a few friends that I chose carefully throughout my life until now. People that I know I could trust with my life and they wouldn't let me down no matter what. We have gone through many things together, both happy and sad times, but they have stood beside me never the less. This is what handpicking friends means, going through tough times alongside them and see if they stay or not.

However, this handpicking is also one of the most challenging parts of our lives. Like I said earlier, you have to see who stays beside you through tough times, but you can't share all your problems with everybody, as some people will use those opportunities to make you go through harsher times, because when you open up to someone you are the most vulnerable. So you firstly

have to choose the people you can open up to. This is always a gamble, but isn't life a gamble? You either succeed or fail, but either way we win something. If you choose poorly and the friend you thought you could trust turns out to be not worthy of it you can learn from that mistake the next time you try something like that. If the person you chose to trust turns out to be a trust worthy person you win a friend.

However, this trial that life presents us with, choosing friends, is something that a lot of people skip, and this is not a good thing. They think that everything will just be fine and every friend they have is a true friend, but this doesn't work out everytime. I know a person who did this and now she is really trying to make up for it, but it left a scar. She had a boyfriend that didn't treat her well, but she loved him truly. One time she wanted to break up with him and tried to reach out to some of her, at least she thought of them this way, friends. Some didn't answer her calls or texts and some told her that she'll figure it out, but one of them was the worst. One of her friends told her that if she loved him she shouldn't break up with him and she listened, because she thought that if her friend advised her so she ought to listen. This was a really poor choice. The person who told her to do this reached immediately to my friend's boyfriend and told him that she wanted to break up with him so he wanted to take revenge. He cheated on her and made her feel sorry for that, saying that he did that because she didn't love him enough. This left a scar on her and made her realize that she has to choose her friends more careful and pay attention to what type of person they are.

To conclude this topic made me think a lot about how my friends are and I am very grateful to have them. The phrase "Friends should be like books, few but handpicked" is something that every person should follow in his or her life and I can proudly say that I learned a lot from it.



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Friendship has been around since forever and it is a relationship of mutual affection between people. According to Aristotle, there are three types of friendships. The first two are situational and, by their nature, more fleeting. The third is much more substantial and very rare.

'Friendships of utility' are when we derive a mutual benefit from the friendship. When the benefit diminishes for one or both parties, the friendship fades.

Friendships of pleasure' exist when we share a common interest or pursuit that we both enjoy, but that may be our only connection with the other person. Friendships of utility tend to occur more frequently among the old: business partners, work colleagues, etc. Friendships of pleasure are more common among young people: high school sport teammates, college buddies, etc.

The third group is what he calls the 'Friendship of the good'. This group includes both mutual benefit(utility) and shared pleasure, but it is not based upon either; it is based upon virtue. You see the good in them and they in you. These friendships take time and intention to build and maintain, but they can be enduring and impactful and they may last a lifetime.

Most people feel that if a relationship is temporary, is meaningless. They should value those relationships too, and learn from them.

According to the quote 'Friends should be like books, few but hand selected', I have to add that the analogy of books to friendships is similar in the way that good friendships become just like good books, you'll get the best stories which then makes you grow as a person.

There are many things that makes a friend worthy of the name, and one of those things is the commitment of your happiness. A true friend puts your happiness before the friendship. A true friend won't refrain from telling you something you don't want to hear, even though it can ruin the relationship. Another thing is the good influence, a true friend inspires you to live up to your best potentinal, not to indulge your stagnation point.

So, with all of the arguments that I've presented, your friends should be handpicked, but, if your friends are few then you'll never be able to truly understand the difference between the different levels of friendship that can occur, from good acquaintance to true close friends.

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A friend is someone you love and who loves you, someone you respect and who respects you, someone whom you trust and who trusts you. A friend is honest and makes you want to be honest too. A friend is loyal.

In my opinion, every person should choose their friends carefully because you don't know if that person is ready to give everything to you, to be there for you. This is one of many reasons why we should get to know that person before name it our friend.

First of all, I had a bad experience in the past with a fake friend. I was so sure that she will be always there for me, I trusted her but after she left I moved on. I found what real friendship means when I finally got to know better three of my classmates. Two girls and a boy that now are my second family. The only thing that makes me sad is that I wasted so much time with someone who didn't deserve it. I would have been so happy if I had talked to them from the first day of high school. But right now it doesn't matter anymore.

Is true we can think about choosing a friend like we're choosing a book but something can go wrong in this situation too. Some people are choosing the book after its cover, like I did in the past, and if we don't get to know the person before telling her/him all our secrets then we'll regret it in the future.

Secondly, you know that you found your true friend when he is always there to ask you what's wrong to tell you that you're the best and to make you feel better when you're sad or angry. Your friend should always give you the best advice when you need it the most.

But because you have found a best friend, that doesn't mean he has to be your only friend. Someone told me you can't have more than one or two best friends, because if you have a group of friends, you can't tell all of them your deepest secrets. You'll probably choose one of them.

I don't believe this. We could even have more than a best friend. It's true that it rarely happens someone to even find two best friends not to mention five or six. But I'm pretty sure if you want to find them, you will.

The strength of the bond of friendship between two people can vary. If the bond is very strong, they are called best friends. This can usually be achieved by possessing the elements of friendship, by being kind, generous, loyal, honest and by having fun. With these qualities you can truly enjoy the bliss of friendship.



There are expectations, demands and complaints in friendship too. If friends don't match with your expectations, it does not mean you will break the friendship. It is all about understanding, realizing and helping whenever possible.

Friendship is both good and necessary. Man cannot live all alone. He is a social being. He needs someone to share his joys and sorrows. Generally, it is only people of similar age, character and background, mentality, etc., who can understand him and his problems. Friends are needed for support and for sharing.

I used to think that you don't need more than one friend but now I know that it doesn't matter the number. You should spend your time with people that make you happy and live your life while you still have it.

In conclusion, it's better having a few friends but enjoy their company than have hundreds of friends and can't trust anyone. This is why friends should be like books, few but hand selected.

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#### Friends should be like books, few but hand selected

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Friendship means that special relationship between two or more people when the feelings are pure and honest, friendship is that place where you can find your peace just in a simple hug, friendship is a representation of happiness through human bodies, is a faithful and loyal relationship between two or more people living anywhere in the world. Friendship can develop between people having similar or different passions, emotions or feelings.

Friends are for us like another family and like in each family we have to be always there for each other even if it's physically or psychically, a good word received when we need it the most, means more than anything for us. The relationship of true friends becomes stronger day by day, with care and trust.

In my opinion you don't need thousands of friends to be happy or fulfilled, you need a small group of friends that can laugh with you in your happy times and be there for you in your worst times, trying to make you see the good point in everything. You need a person that shows you the brightest side of things when everything is dark near you, a person that can make you love yourself like you deserve to.

First, I don't think that if you have a lot of people around you, they can give you the love you need. Sometime you can have the whole world by your side but feel like you're always lonely. Not all the people that are around you are your friends. People are always compared to books because each person has his story but not all the stories are good for us. We can't like all of them but after reading them we choose those stories that are important in the process of becoming grown up people and by the end of the day we remain just with the ones that are important for us.

With "friends" is exactly the same, by the end of the day we can see who will be always by our side, who will be with us not only when they need us, because finding the good friends isn't easy. Secondly, you have to know how to avoid or to exclude the negative people from your life because friends are like stars, they come and they go but only the true ones glow and shine for you every time you need. A friend is that person who can make you wish that you had meet him earlier because your life could be better. You know that you have true friends when they will never make you feel unwanted, awkward or lonely around them, when you can be yourself around them without any worries. If a small group of people can make you feel special or like you are at home then that's your second family. Yes, you're not going to find your true friends that easy and many time you will have to get through many "fights" but when all the people that you love will be around you, you will understand that the fights worth it.



There are moments in life when friends are needed to turn to, when one is in trouble, and facing difficulties. According to the great Roman Statesman Cicero "Friendship increases happiness and diminishes misery by doubling our joy and dividing our grief". Friends are needed in every stage of life. Friendship has no age limit. Every group of people- children, youth, elders, very elderly people have their friends. However, it is better to have friends of the same age group and cultural backgrounds. We spent much of our time with them. Their mental outlook, behavior, attitudes affect us too. Therefore, we have to choose our friends very carefully. We have to distinguish between fair-weather friends and true friends. True friends remain with us through thick and thin while fair-weather friends are found only during sunny days.

In conclusion, friends mean family, your second family. Maybe you couldn't choose your first one but you can do that with your second, you can choose who you want to be around you and who you think it's better for you. You can find someone that will never make you wonder if he/she is the right person to be next to you, someone who will listen without taking bad conclusions. People always will try to have you around them just because you can help them in many ways not because they really care about you.

Lasting friendship is indeed, a blessing. Good friends are great pillars of life. They help us to stand tall and erect in life. Friendship can make or break us. It can lead to good careers and proper living. It does not matter how often you meet your friends, but how much you care and feel for another in good times as well as in bad times. True friendship is a great asset in life. Bibliography:

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#### Friends should be like books, few but hand selected

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One of the most accurate definitions of friendship: it's the ability to understand and be understood. It is a two-way relationship based on mutual respect. When it is pure, faithful, honest, constant, and true, it remains for life. The ability to be a true friend to someone is one of the greatest virtues a human can possess. It can lead us to success or to doom. It all depends on how we choose our friends. In any relationship there has to be a certain percentage of friendship in order to make a successful relationship. This quality is the foundation of an ethical and pure soul. We all need a best friend not only because they will be there for us whenever we need them, but also because this mutual relationship makes us happier and better people.

We need to select our friends very carefully. We have to remember the maxim "All that glitters is not gold". In the same manner, we must not be moved by apparent show of friendship. Many remain with us in the guise of good friends and lead us to the wrong path. Today, many youngsters have become social nuisance mainly due to wrong company and bad friends.

A true friend is one who will always be there when you need someone. He will leave all his important works but will never leave you alone, especially in your difficult times. That is why it is said a friend in need is a friend indeed. Difficult times are the best time to realize who your true friends are. Blessed are the souls who have true friends. It does not matter how many friends you have, what matters is how many true friends you have. Friends show us how to live life in a different way; they are the ones who can change our viewpoints for good. There is no growth of the person without any friend. A friend is essential to understand life. Until now we have been looking at life the way our family wanted us to see, it is only when we see the world with the eyes of a friend that our view point changes.

Today, in the era of social media, we need best friends more than ever. We constantly form new connections via Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and forums. On some social media networks, these people are called friends. Social relations are multidimensional. We embrace values and norms that correspond to the rhythm imposed by modern life. We are changing the moral of friendship, and we need to go back to its roots. A true friend is there when we're in trouble, and that being there is not measured by likes, comments and shares. It's not measured with selfies shared on Instagram. A friend is there to share our moments of sadness and happiness. That support can be expressed through texts and Facebook messages, and it still works when it's real.



Our first instinct when making friendships is to get something in return. We are willing to give as long as the friend values our efforts. We need a best friend to share our happiness and misery, and support us through all experiences we go through. However, the value of friendship goes beyond making favors to one another. A true friend makes us happier, but the attitude we have towards them also makes us better people. When we are committed to a friend, we become an impersonation of good. We don't hate, we don't judge, and we don't place obstacles. We become a source of unlimited support and encouragement.

The kind of friends you have determines the kind of person you are. That is why it is advised to be careful before making a friend. Choose someone with good thoughts and character, because our thoughts and feelings are affected by the place we live in and by the people we live with. Be friends with someone who makes you feel free, positive and alive.

In conclusion, having one or two good friends is a pleasant thing. Not the number is important in this situation. When life offers you all kind of difficult situation, it is important to know that somewhere in this world; there are a few people eager to help you and to give you all their support. From this reason, friends should be like books, few but hand selected. Than having hundred of friends and to trust no one, it's better to have a few but enjoy their company.

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# Friends should be like books, a few but hand selected Dascalu Noem, clasa a XI a C, Liceul "Regina Maria" Dorohoi

What are friends? What do they help us with? In my opinion, a friend is that person who lifts me up when I am down, the shoulder I can cry on, the person who will silently listen to my problem and joyfully rejoice my success.

A friend is a brother you have never had. He is a true gift from God, that is why is important to cherish him. A friend is that person that helps you during hard times and does not turn his back on you because of a fight.

My first experience with my best friend was very unusual.

Are friends like books? Oh yes! My first opinion was a good one, maybe a little boring. Yes, she was a very nice person, a little too shy and silent, but that is okay.

I told myself that it was just an illusion. The more I invested in getting to know her, the more our relationship got deep, and I realize the opposite. The same way you read a book and maybe you find it boring in the beginning, but if you keep on reading you'll find out how the mysteries it hides. Never judge a book by its cover!!

Exactly like this was my friendship with my best friend. After a few years of friendship I found out she was not the person I thought she was. I discovered a completely different person, like an extra-terrestrial from the space with an inexplicable humor and an advance level of craziness.

Her positive spirit and energy can always bring a smile on my face even in my darkness moments. I love my best friend and I am very thankful for her. Together we can take the world!

#### Friends should be like books, few but hand selected

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We all need friends, aren't we? Friendship is one of the best things in the world, it is something special, something that unites people. A friend can make the world a better place. A friend is a person who always has your back, who supports you in what you do, who comes everytime you need and never lets you down. That person is always there no matter how difficult things can be. A friend is sometimes all you need to feel better. When your life is falling apart and everything is pressuring down, a friend is the light at the end of the tunnel, is the glimmer of hope that never dies. A true friend is priceless. I guess I cannot describe in words what it means to me to have a true friend, and luckly, I have some people whom I could call truefriends. Some people that love me for what I am, not for what I could do for them. It is said that friends are the family you choose and I guess it is true.

Nowadays people try to have or to pretend that they have a lot of friends and they are concentrating on quantity, not quality. In fact, when we talk about friends, it is about quality. When you focus on quantity, you do not see how the person you get in touch is, or it does not matter at all for you. Friends have to demonstrate that they are true friends and when do you prove that you are a true friend? When times are tough, that is when you demonstrate who you really are for that person. You have to celebrate his victories, you have to appreciate your friend and the most important thing, you have to be there no matter what. I know a lot of people and a lot of people know me. But not everyone is my friend and I am not a friend to everyone. Friendships needs a base, a foundation. The best thing is that you can always find a friend. It just depends on you and your behaviour. I thought a long time ago that I have a lot of friends and it turned out that it was not like that. I just knew a lot of people and we interracted in sort of activities in school or other places. I went through a difficult period in my life in which I encountered various family issues and I needed them the most in that period. At the beginning they were there for me, but in time, they left and they let me stand by myself. I did not understand why they did that. But now I am not angry about that because of them I learnt how to take care of my problems by my own and I learnt to be careful about the people I spend my time with. It is said that we are a combination of five people that we are spend most of our time so the people around us represent a decisive factor in our behaviour and in our growth. I think that

anykind of relationship between two people has to help them grow, to be better and to do better. If you are stuck in a friendship which consumes you, which does not help you in anything; you have to leave that friendship. Because some people do not match each other and we have to accept this.

One person cannot make a friendship work. It takes the both people involved in that friendship to make it work. People have to work so that friendship can resist despite conflicts, negative people around them, bad situations and, finally, time. But there are plenty friendships where sometimes seems that just one person work for it and that friendships survived in time. There are days and days. Some days one person gives 60% and the other person gives 40%, some days one person gives 80% and the other one gives 20%, but there are always 100%. And I guess this is all about in a friendship. You have to understant that sometimes the other person has a bad day and that person cannot be there 100% and in that case you have to do more, to work harder and to keep the stack up because the friendship always have to be 100%. It does not matter who gives more, it just matters that both of them give something for their friendship and work to improve the relationship between them. Each one keeps one's back and when the other one can not do something, is always another one that takes the lead and do what he has to do to keep their friendship. This is all about.

I guess friends should be like books, few but hand selected. It does not matter how many books you read, the thing that matters is the sort of books you read, the kind of books you read. If you read the good ones, you learn new things, you understand, you grow. If you read many books, but they are not that good, it means nothing. So this is the same for friends. You need to take care of which kind of people are around you because things are not always what they seem to be. You have to be selective with your friends and you have always to think about quality and never about quantity. And once you find a truly friend never let that friend go because this is the hardest "thing" to find in this world. To find a person that understands you by the way you look at him, that understands your words when you say nothing, that understands your silence and that understands your chaos is the best thing in this world.

Do not expect to find a friend if you are not a friend. Share smiles, share heat and always give a hand when someone needs help. Everything you do is like a boomerang. It always comes back. So, first of all, be the kind of friend you need and later you will receive what you deserve because everyone receive what they deserve. If you do good, you will receive good. If you do bad, you will receive bad. This is how things work. And when it comes to friends be selective, be careful. You have to appreciate your friends everyday and let them know how much they mean to you.

What would we do without friends? I guess it is better to not find the answer.

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#### LIFE LESSONS

I think that one of the best gifts God could give us are friendships. Friends are the part of our family we chose. Such a blessing is when our energies attract the right human beings for our soul!

But what happens when someone you think that is your soulmate turns into a stranger? Well, not really a stranger, but just someone you have (the best) memories (of your life) with, someone who cuts the invisible, but strong "rope" between you two, called "connection"? Let me tell you, even if it is not really simple.

First of all, I had the chance to be blessed with wonderful people around me since I can remember, at least this is what I thought. I am a friendly person, but being a person who loves people is hard- to be emphatic and always ready to be the helping hand is not always in my advantage, because the emotions and the feelings I have are always deeper, I always feel more and tend to show what I feel about the ones around me, because I think that people should know that they are loved and appreciated. Anyway, I used to have a really close friend. Otherwise, she showed me what a real friendship is. We know each other since we were 4 or 5 years old-she waslike my sister, not just a close friend.

Truthfulness, care, trust and integrity- our friendship was a sweet responsibility. I learned a lot from this connection through these years- respect, courage and how to be tolerant and understanding. It was so valuable! She was the first person I "ran" to no matter what I wanted to say or do. At some point, I was convinced that it will last forever, that she is my sister from another mother and despite what life would have had to give us, we would've faced it together. That friendship was a ray of sunshine or it was like the rain we loved so much to listen to- it was natural, fluid, humanely. It was like our favorite song we liked to dance to- happy, crazy and the

reason we went through a lot of things - maybe sometimes upset on each other, but spiritually, together. It was like our inside jokes and the way we used to laugh- unbidden, loud, everyone knew about it. It was like our favorite caramel chocolate or like the roses we love so much-sweet, beautiful, free, full of life. Our friendship was sun, songs, tears and laughs, it was running in the rain to catch the bus everytime we wanted to go somewhere, it was vanilla icecream and lots of photographs, funny faces everytime we looked into a mirror, random calls at midnight just to give each other some funny songs to listen to, or saying the same thing at the same time. Also, it was cooking pasta together and a lot of movies we never succeeded to watch until the end, and maybe we will never do. And now I realize that I will never be capable to describe our "magical happy made-of-crystal" connection without unbidden tears coming to my eyes, even if I thought I got over it. I never will.

Too bad that this came to me like a life lesson. It happens to people- they change, their energies and vibrations no longer resonates with ours. It is heartbreaking and you get to a point where you question yourself "Am I not enough? Did not I gave all my best?". The truth is that friendships do really are great things, but the people we love do not belong to us- how the saying goes, "If you love them, you let them go". And it is a fact, at least it was for me. Her happiness is my happiness even if it is a sad kind of happiness. That is friendship- being able to understand the other's needs and ideas, to be supportive. I still think about her as she is still here, with that safety belt (my friendship) on.

Even if it is not like that, I got to know and understand at a higher level what friendships are about, and I am still willing to give pieces of my heart to people. They will not be her, the given pieces of my heart will not be as big as the ones I gave her were, but they will be given with a lot of love and happiness. The perspective you have on people after this kind of friendship will be like an ocean- maybe you will drown, or maybe you won't, but one thing is sure: once you enter that ocean, the whole world becomes your friend. And now I am in that ocean- I have so much love left that I am willing to give to people and I have never been this ready to give it!

#### RECOVERY...

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I like to read, I mean I really like to discover how some words put together can make me think about some new things. I want to know how to be a good reader, this is all the problem in fact, as sometimes it's not enough just to read, you need to think over about what that author wants to say. I can discover what a book says, but there was a period when I didn't know how to read people, how to choose wisely, how to learn that not the number but the quality makes the difference.

I was dying inside that time, I was fighting with my demons and barely they won, because I was weak, and I didn't want to speak with anybody about the thoughts that were slowly killing me. I

learned that nothing is more important than communication, that a soul can be sick too. That you have doctors for those problems, and sometimes they are the persons closed to you, sometimes persons that are very far away from you. I was naïve.... I was allowing people around me to make me feel like an object. They were just playing with my mind so as I could never think right. I had bad and selfish friends, and sometimes I thought that they were just using me. We used to go to parties, we were rebels and we thought that the world was ours, but I didn't know at that period that I was mistaking so much. I made other people around me- those who really cared about mesuffer. And I didn't even notice. I had so manypeople around me but I felt very lonely, and I lived with this feeling for weeks, even months.

This happened until one day, when something inside me just gave up. I was terrified that I needed to feel like that forever and I was slowly beginning to realize what I had made. I left those people in their way and I reinvented my story. I made a new friend, not so popular, but I don'tcare anymore, because she understands me and doesn't judge me for how I look or for what I wear. I learned that not the quantity but the quality counts, and my best friend counts more than my old friends all together. Sometimes it is too hard letting people go, but it is better also for you and for them too. This is because I couldn't help them with their problems either. I learned that I can talk about my problems, and if I try to solve anyone else's problems, I might fail.

Still, we need to understand that first we are our own best friend, that we can write our own book, we can be the principal character, cause this is a true story, where the villain is just my other echo that keeps telling me that I'm not enough. And I mean, I know that. But I can't be enough only because I'm only human. When where humans enough?! I'll tell you when: never!

We're not enough even for us. So I'm trying to read a book, right now, with a friend or two that can discover me, without wanting to discover the alien inside of me. In the end I learned that I can be selfish, because this is a book about me, and I'm sitting beside some other books where I play a role. Moreover, I learned we're limited edition, special, with best parts but also flaws.

Although we can be judged, we don't have to hide from the world. There will come other 'readers', who will understand us better, who will discover that we have what they have always been looking for. We're special because we want to be like that, my friend is special because with her help I finally learned how to choose true friendships.

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#### FRIENDS SHOULD BE LIKE BOOKS, FEW BUT HAND SELECTED

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Someone once told me that the difference between your friends and your relations is that you can choose who you want to be your friends, but you have no choice at all about your family members. Some books are like our relations - set texts which we are supposed to read because we are told that, like broccoli ,they are good for us.

My name is Eliza and I am more of a reader - I like to think - to imagine different lives and worlds in my mind. Some of my reading is fiction and some is science fiction. Sometimes, when I think how science fiction began I think of stories that are unbelievable and, yet, while we are reading them or watching a film made from them - we want to believe them. In our mind and imagination we are really there.

In my mind and in my soul and in my life there is certainly a really wonderful thing: my best friend, Loredana. And she is really there for me!

I have never been on a desert island, just as I have never been ship wrecked and woken up on a beach in a strange land. But that is how I was and how I felt when I met this girl. 'Robinsoe Crusoe' was written a long time ago; it wasn't intended for children (but now it is very popular for them). Hundreds of years later,in another millennium...I. Alone? Yes, I was. Lonely? Yes, I was about to become. Illness, accidents, misfortune – they should be intended for no child on earth, but they had been part of my life. I left home. I was looking for a change, for new hope, for some sunshine in my life. And there she appeared, my beloved champ, offering me safety, love, trust, aim.

One of my favourite books is by Hector Malo. It is called 'All Alone in the World'. It is the story of a boy called Remi- he is sold by his stepfather to a wandering entertainer, and goes through many adventures and periods of good luck and bad luck – but, like my friend Loredana, he never gives up.

Never giving up – this is part of my life now, thanks to my friend. Staying strong – every setback gets me closer to my scope, Loredana inspiring me all the time. Positively influencing me by giving me the confidence to be what I want to be. She has become the rock on which I want to build my present. She has helped me see ambition instead of pain, solutions instead of problems, grounds for wish, light at the end of the tunnel.

Suddenly, when I met her, I began to see clearly. Do you recognize the feeling? I realised that I can do more and I can be a better person. How was it possible for me to become aware of these things? It was due to simply sharing our problems and getting my confidant's support. Despite our flaws, we support each other through challenging experiences. All Jonathan Swift had to do for inspiration for his book 'Gulliver's travels' was to look through a telescope the wrong end to see tiny people, and then to look through the correct end to see giants. But I think there are no 'little' people and there are no 'giants', there are no losers and there are no perfect people. I strongly believe that there are just challenges and people striving to achieve a desire in the face of difficulties.

I've discovered little by little that my friend is honest and trustworthy, kind, loyal, playful. She is an active person. She likes to run and to compete at athletics – and she is good at physical

activities. I admire her because she knows what she wants and she has the determination to go for it. She wears a Tshirt I gave her as a good luck charm when she runs in competitions.

In our relation, any moment can become a precious memory for us: doing homework together or making tasty meatballs, or even better... running in the park or listening to music or to the drops of rain.My bosom friend is a creative girl. She keeps diaries. She has an ambition to write about all the places (across Europe) where she goes to compete.

Nobody tells stories as well as my champ; she doesn't feel tense when she gets outside of her comfort zone.Do you remember the magic password to the cave of Ali Baba?It's like saying 'Open Sesame' and...she starts narrating, using a lot of emotion, being funny and bringing everything to life.

My hope is that Loredana and I will remain friends for the rest of our lives. We have unlike qualities as people, but I think this is good. She is passionate and determined about what she does. She is very physically active which gets me to do a lot more walking and running than I would do normally. Having a friend is so important in life. We can share our different viewpoints and perceptions of life. It is good for both of us to talk about our lives and listen with sympathy, to show we understand each other.

People say you can't judge a book by its cover.Loredana and I didn't know we would become best friends the first or second time we met. It takes time to build up trust in a friendship —but I know that we can trust each other and this helps me keep my feet on the ground. Sometimes I think Loredana runs so fast that her feet don't seem to touch the ground!

She will always be jumping higher and better and running faster. That is probably why we both enjoyed the same film we saw years ago .It is called "Apocalypto" and is about how a South American tribesman has to run for his life from Mayan Indians in order to save his life and get back to his family. Loredana told me she admired his determination and the thrill of seeing his physical agility.

Am I lucky to have such a beautiful relationship? Most certainly! I see some of my classmates spending hours online, and, sometimes, they seem to lose touch with the rest of us. I might say they ignore friendship in real life for friendship on the internet. Neither Loredana nor I appreciate what people call 'facebook friendship'. Facebook is beneficial for people around the world that interact or reunite. Nevertheless, we prefer face-to-face interaction.

Both of us feel we were born under a lucky star because we've met, we have so much in common, and so many things have happened - and they have strengthened our attachment. She is like a dearestsister to me, and a simple 'What's up?' always brightens my day.My friend picked me as her friend and I picked her. The most important thing is that we can sincerely share and care about what is going on in each other's lives.If we were books we would be very different, but we believe that is good, because we learn more from listening to each other, because each of us has distinctinterests and we are willing to share our experience.

I am grateful for her help in discovering myself and becoming courageous enough to live life on my terms!



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### "Friends should be like books, few but hand selected" Elev: Harabagiu Maria, Clasa aIX-a, Liceul Tehnologic Nr.1 Salonta

I have had experiences where I felt a closeness with a person who I had just met, and we were able to become friends instantly as if we had known each other for a long time. I can call that person a soul mate because I felt my soul drawn to him or her for no reason and irrespective of sex, age, and race. I have a friend, Alex, who I met just once nine years ago, and I remember vividly what we did and talked about even though I don't remember her face clearly any more. However, we have kept in touch with each other to this day. An event like this happens only occasionally in our lives because it usually takes time to become friends and to cultivate friendships. For that reason, we have different kinds of friendships, depending usually on how long we have known the friends.

The process of making friends can be divided into three stages: new friends and acquaintances, true friends, and best friends. There are many reasons why people become friends such as feelings of familiarity, having things in common, or having the same experience. For example, when I was taking an English class, I had many classmates, but I could not get to know everyone. Some of them became my friends because they were friendly and easy to talk to, because we spent time doing something together in class, or because we had the same purpose: a desire to improve our English. However, some of them remained only acquaintances because we didn't keep in touch after the course without definite reasons. They were friends at that time only, and the reasons for this that come to mind are that we led busy lives and that we didn't have much in common because of no longer being classmates. However, we shared qualities of

friendship such as warmth and encouraging one another at that time although we were only acquaintances.

Moving on to the second stage, a true friendship would be a deeper relationship; it is natural for us to be true friends if we spend time together and get to know one another. For instance, some of my former classmates are still my friends, and we sometimes have lunch, go



shopping, or talk on the phone even though we are not classmates any more. We are becoming true friends and building friendships because we are getting to know each other better gradually on account of spending time together. a result, we have trust, As understanding, and affection friendships. While cultivating a friendship, you might find a best friend whom you can confide in, whom you do all you can for without expecting anything in return, and whom you sacrifice your time or energy for

willingly if he or she needs you.

A best friend will accept and respect you, keep confidences, and be loyal to you. When you can get a friendship like this, it is not too much to say that you are fortunate, for it is difficult to find a best friend. That is so because it is hard to accept and respect differences in feelings, thoughts, and personalities, and also because we are afraid to reveal ourselves. Fortunately, my best friend, and I got over these difficulties. For example, we know each other's shortcomings, and if necessary, we advise each other to mend them. However, we can accept them because we know each other very well, so they are not serious problems in our friendship. Also we confide in each other and share our personal events and feelings no matter whether they are good or bad. We want to listen to each other's opinions even if we disagree or disapprove of them because we accept and respect each other, and we know we value each other's opinions. We have different kinds of friends in different parts of our lives, but not all friendships last forever.

However, they are parts of our lives and our memories even though some of them are only acquaintances. While building a friendship, we learn and benefit from our friends through their encouragement, affection, support, trust, and kindness. When we have a good relationship with someone, it makes us feel happy and joyful. And friendship makes us more human as it helps us to realize that others have the same needs as we do that friendship fills.

In the end, friendship helps us to see how precious life is and why we are living. Friendship is most valuable thing in our life because friendship is one of the most basic components in life. As the saying goes 'no man is an island (that no one in this world can live alone without friendship. Friends are very important in our lives. I believe that a friend is like a twin sister or brother, this is the reason we rely on friends so much and do not stop to think about life without them. One of the most beautiful qualities of true friendship is to understand and to be understood. In my opinion, the three most importance of friendship in our life are being a good listener, loyalty and a sense of humor.

It can be said that friendship is a divine word. Treasure it! Crave for it in life if you don't have one. Try to search out the one. Like our guiding stars they are always around us. We need

to have an eye to search the one out from the crowd. If you already have someone likewise, nothing like that. Value him or her most. If not, he or she is somewhere around. Figure them out!

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#### Friendship ... such a deep feeling!

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"Walking with a friend in the alone in the light!" (Hellen Keller)

dark is better than walking

Life is a rushing road towards our death. This gives us surprises at every step, whether they are pleasant or not, we should accept them as they are happily. There is always a shadow behind our deeds, while in the dark, we are the only ones to remain, the shadow leaves us, we become helpless, and the battle becomes more and more fierce. Suffering can break down our souls into thousands of painful pieces, and we, the scientists of our own soul chemistry, look helplessly at this painful process, especially if we are alone.

In my opinion, life is a strange comedy that mixes tears with smiles and smiles with crying. We and our lives are like two parallel lines that meet at our death. We are compelled to

live together with angels and earthly demons in our years of life. Such vicious relationships we have chosen to call "friends". However, life teaches us that friendships are not always the most valuable assets.

From my perspective, friendship is like a wheat field, from where you can always pick up only rich crops. True friends swim with you to the unknown, without knowing what is waiting for them there, and yet they do not let you down and run away. My mother always told me when I was little to be very careful when choosing my friends because a circle of friends is not done with a compass. At that time, I was not able to reveal the hidden mysteries of her words, but now I understand them perfectly. Parents will always want the best for us. Cherish your parents because they are divine gifts and friends are gifts that you offer yourself in this passing world. We are made to make mistakes, but from every mistake we learn something new.

Maybe the connections of life or retrograde Mercury have made me realize that you can count on your one hand fingers your real friends, unfortunately. I have met fake people who could play a theater play better than an artist with 30 years of experience on the stage, people who were besides me today, and tomorrow they left me for someone better than me and seldom, people with dignity who have chosen to stay next to me, know me better, understand me better, in order to be able to write in the near future at least two great volumes of prose about me. Pretty painful, right?

We have come to live the days in which we are surrounded by dozens of people in one place, but actually to feel very lonely. And no, it is not a depression episode of a rebellious teenager, but we are talking about the cruel and barbarous reality we live in. Friendships are responsibilities, not opportunities. To live life without the experience of friendship is not living. Life without friends is like a deserted island. The true ones resist time, distance and silence. Unfortunately, we have come to dehumanize ourselves gradually, and hatred and envy have become our main features.

We have to be very careful to whom we open our souls, because most people are hiding behind masks in a poisoned porcelain, a well-shaped one and which are real traps for our lives. In front of a real friend you can think out-loudly, because the language of friendship is not in words but in meanings. Practically, when you look at a true friend, you should see your own reflection. He should be your mirror and vice versa. A true friend will never betray you, will be honest with you, will share with you everything and will help you unconditionally whenever and wherever.

In conclusion, it is important to keep in mind the older people's advice, notto hurry when making our choices and to judge each situation calmly and deeply, not only with our soul but with our reason too. That's the only way we can get out as winners from this hard and fierce fight with life. Our destiny takes shape only when we make a decision. It is terrible to have no one to talk to when you are sad or happy ... but, be aware to whom you share all these! Friendship settles for less perfection and makes allowances for human weaknesses. It is loyalty through good and bad times!

The strong bond of friendship is not always a balanced equation; friendship is not always about giving and taking in equal shares. Instead, friendship is grounded in a feeling that you know exactly who will be there for you when you need something, no matter what or when. (Simon Sinek

#### Friends should be like books, few but hand selected

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I think friendship is the best and the most real relationship in people's lives. This statement is true if we choose the right person, of course. To find a real friend is complicated, it is hard. Friends should be like the books we decide to read, few but hand selected.

When we choose a book, we want it to have a beautiful cover, but more important, to have a beautiful story. There are a lot of books in a library, but there is only one which we truly love. Friends could be a lot of people, but only one or two are real friends who understand us, who laugh with us, who cry with us.

'Friendship' by Emily Gould is a novel about two friends learning the difference between getting older and growing up. This is the real relation between two persons which aren't in love. They are very close and they are always there one for each other.

Friends aren't the persons we know the longest. There is the possibility that we will be used or manipulated by these persons because they know our evolution. Real friends are always there for us. They say it and prove it.

So, it's hard to find a real friend like it's hard to find the most interesting and beautiful book.

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#### GOOD FRIENDS, JUST LIKE GOOD BOOKS

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"Good friends, good books, and a sleepy conscience: that is the ideal life." – Mark Twain

I have never related to aquote more. In my opinion life isn't about the amount of friends you've had but about the ones that have never let you down and always were by your side, espeacelly in the toughest times. In this cateogory of friends, books can relate easly as well. The book will talk to you when you want to talk, and it will keep still when you want it to keep still and there are not many friends who know enough to do that.

If you think, our friends with whom we spend most of our free time, with whom we laugh or cry together and our favorite books which we can not stop from rectiting are two totally different things, well my dear you are wrong!

Both friends and books teach us life lessons, make us laugh or cry, wonder why haven't we found them earlier after we realize the good they brought in our lives after meeting respectively reading them. Good books are just like good friends, there are only a few in our lives that we will never forget and the more selective, the more enjoyable they are. And yes, books can be compared with our friends, but that doesen't mean they aren't our friends as well. They are just a more quiet and constant version of friends, being always accessible and obviously giving us the wisiest advices.

As Groucho Marx once said "Outside of a dog, a book is a mans best friend" and that's pretty true, just for the reasons I've just enumerated but also because a book will never, ever, leave you, the only ones that leave you are the characters book, and it's pretty funny how you get so attached with a character from a book. For a lot of us a character can mean a model in our life, the characters that inspire us the most, the ones we have something good to learn from. Even a simple story can affect our lifes in so many ways, it all depends on the way you want to see the story, the action and what the author wanted to transimte. In a book anything is possible, that is the amazing part, and the good books that are inspired from realety are even better because you know the action that amazed you while reading really had place in past time, this giving you even more courage to think that anything it's possible, and I'm not talking about sad drama books, those are good too, you know, for your sensitive side of your personality. Me on the other hand I prefer romantic or adventurous books or why not combination of these two.I like these kind of books because they seem to take me literally in their stories, making me feel like it's real and I'm the one living all the fantastic adventures, but maybe it's just me liking imagining this.

Imagine If a friend could ever have this impact in your life as books have. I think our lives would be so much more different. Human friends obviously have their qualities as well. I could not imagine my life without my best friends, yes, we annoy each other sometimes, or even worse, get in serious fights, but those moments seem to be nothing compared to when we laugh hours, making jokes we only understand, giving each other advices even though sometimes they aren't the best, but we get through every trouble together, and that's a thing a book can not offer us. We make a lot of friends through our life, in childhood, adolescence and in the adulthood and why not even when we are older? The point is that it doesn't matter for how long you and your good friends know each other, it matter the loyalty they show for you, and you need to know that you're very lucky if you have a few friends that you know you can trust whatever it takes, and if he knows anything about you, and your true self, not the one you may or not may pretend be in public places, and he still loves you, well then you know you have found a friend for life.

In conclusion, my point from all the things I wrote is that friends and books are different but as well there are a lot of things they have in common, and I'm not talking about a one year or a highschool friend that you used to get along with and now you're not even wishing happy birthday to each other on your anniversary. No, I'm talking about those friends that even when they get on your nerves the most, you still know you love them, those friends that when you got away for a two moths trip, and when you get back and meet up again you realize how empty and boring your life was while being away, those friends that you do not need to text everyday to know they are your best friends, and still can count on them if something suddenly came up. Those friends are just like good books, few but hand selective, and you should never get rid of them and know how important they are for you. Feel lucky if you have them, they are your friends for life.

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## Friends should be like books, few but hand selected Mardar Alexandra

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At the most fragile age, children are bound to say what they think, to do what they want and to not know the consequences of making a mistake. As a child, one may want what he sees, and he may see what he wants. That might be the reason for always choosing the brightest coloured book in kindergarten and the one with the most pictures in the primary school. But as the child turns into a man, society and education make sure he knows that the appearance is just the cover. So, the new bright coloured books turn into old ones with many rows of black and white, and the pictures turn into secrets that can be discovered only if you have learned to read between the lines. Most of the people understand too late and some even never, that this skill learned in school is a life lesson.

Throughout life, as a human being, it will never be easy to be alone. And so, from a young age everyone tries to make friends, but what does exactly to have a friend mean? If asking a child, he will probably say it is someone you can play with, a teenager might say it is someone you spend quality time with and a mature man might not know exactly to answer the question but in his head a name will pop and the hearing of the world `friend`. As you grow old, you understand that having friends is not an easy thing, as nothing in life really is. A friendship that at the beginning seemed like fun, might crumble if not being taken seriously.

Just as you chose the brightest coloured book when you were younger, you will see someone with a cute smile, or a cool jacket, or he might be listening to the same music as you, and in your head, you will decide: he might make a great friend. The greetings will turn into full conversation and the smiles will become laughter, but soon, he might not wear that cool jacket anymore and his taste in music might change, the jokes will not seem just as funny anymore and you will understand that that beautifully covered book had nothing to say at all.

Not paying attention to cool jackets and fake smiles anymore, you will meet someone shy one day, not very talkative but his eyes will seem like an ocean of secrets, just like a fairytales book. You will make the first step in initiating the conversation, your curiosity getting the best of you. Your future friend will not respond immediately, but patiently you will learn that he is a wonderful person. He will like you back, you will share secrets and jokes. You will take care of each other and finally, you might call him your best friend. But soon, middle school will be over, and goodbyes will take the place of your smiles. Your friend will go off to another high school and you will hide that picture of you in your diary just like you placed all those fairytales book in their shelf.

Soon without noticing, you will find yourself surrounded by people. Sharing smiles, jokes and secrets will turn them into almost family. The long night conversation will keep you awake, just like a romance book, and it will not be just will laughter. The fights with your parents, the heartbreaks, the failures, those will all be shared between you. And so, tears might stream down your face more than once. As the time passes, the friendship will get stronger, but many obstacles will get in your path. The ending of high school will mark the ending of many friendships. With sorrow will you say goodbye to your friends but in your heart, you will forever keep the moments together, the tears and the laughter, just like you will place all your romance books in your bookcase. Sometimes when your soul hurts, you will find yourself with your phone in hand, dialing an old number you knew by heart, waiting for a voice you have not heard

in a while, to answer your 'How have you been?', just as often as you turnover the old romance books pages.

One day without even noticing, just like a book falling in your arms from a high shelf, you willdump into someone. The dump will be hard, and the book will be thick. You will look at the person you dumped into with fear, but he will smile. Words will not find their voice but nodding your head, you will leave the library with a piece of paper with a number onit inyour left hand, and with the thick old book in your right one. Late at night you will read a few pages and you will send a quick 'Hi' message, hoping you will not regret your action. In the bus, you will read the book just to make the time pass, and the buzzing of your phone will make a smile appear on your lips. Soon you would search for free moments, so you will be able to read a little more. Phone conversation will be longer, and your laugher will make him smile on the other side of the phone. There will be times when the thick book makes your hands hurt so you will place it on your nightstand and leave it there for a few days. The fights with your friend will make you cry, and you would turn off your phone. Shortly the `Forgive me` message will be sent, and although your wrists might still be hurting, you will continue reading. After finishing the book, it will not find its place in the bookcase. It will remain on your nightstand, often being read again and again even though you will not find anything new. Your friends will be telling you the same old jokes, and you will fight for the same old reasons, but never will your phone be turned off when he calls for having a problem.

As a child you don't know how to read, but as you grow old you start reading more than books. You begin reading people: their souls, their minds, their hearts, and you begin to understand that the most beautiful books must be read until the end. You must always prepare yourself for a tragic ending, but you ought never to forget how beautiful the whole story was. You'll be grateful for the smiles and the tears. As you open old books, memories will flood your mind and souls, and looking at old photos of your friends will do the same. Being old enough, you will understand the importance of reading carefully and patiently every book you have in your hand and every man that crosses your path, and once finished, you will not be afraid to open that book again in the future, and if you are, that means you haven't read the book with enough care, because as the most versatile writers in Afrikaans, Cornelis Jacobus Langenhoven, said: "Friends should be like books, few, but hand-selected."

#### Friends should be like books, few but hand selected

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A friend is someone we turn to when our spirits need a lift, someone who fills our lives with beauty, joy and grace and makes the world we live in, a better and happier place.

Friendship means understanding, not agreement. It means forgiveness, not forgetting, it means the memories last, even if the contact is lost. C.J. Langenhoven said once "Friends should be like books, few but hand selected". In a way, books act as friends. If a person read a lot of books he will not be able to grasp anything worthwhile. In the case of friends also, if he tries to entertain a large number of friends he will not be able to form true and firm friendship with any of them. Too many books might not help him to learn anything from them.

Friends should also be chosen on the basis of character. In addition to Langenhoven, Stieg Larisson defines the friendship like it 'is built on two things: respect and trust. Both elements have to be there and it has to be mutual. You can have respect for someone, but if you don't have trust, the friendship will crumble'.

Aristotel defines friendship as "single soul dwelling in two bodies". Money and social status cannot stand in the way of true friendship. It is rightly said that prosperity wins friends and adversity tries them. A full purse always attracts friends while an empty one tries them.

Also, the choice of friends should be made very wisely. "Acquaintance with many, familiarity with a few, friendship with one and enmity with none" should be our guiding principle while making the choice.

A true friend should be self-sacrificing and noble-hearted. Charles Lumb must be thinking of some such friend when he said "Friend of by bosom, thou more than a brother/ Why wert thou not born in my father's dwelling?" Friendship cannot grow where there is any calculated choice. It comes like sleep: when we are not thinking about it; and we should be grateful, without any misgiving, when it comes.

Friendship is also a manifestation form of self-knowledge, a capacity of the human being to refer himself on others. August the third is the International Friendship Day for most of the nations in the world, time to recognize our friends and their contribution to our life. Friendship helps to bring peace and positivism to the globe.

I've personally realized that some people are fortunate enough to meet a person with they share a lasting friendship. Even though they each may follow separate paths, the thoughts, the memories and the times they've shared with each other will always remain as a treasure in their minds and their hearts. Wherever we may go or whatever will happen to us, those special memories will never be forgotten. Because as much as we love our friends, our friends will reward us back the effort, the love and the care we've given to them.

In conclusion, friendship is necessary for a quality life, but true friendships are the life-blood of the existence. In order to qualify as true friendship adventure and common spirituality or the makings for sustaining the bond just aren't present. Pick our friends carefully, examine their character flaws and attributes and enjoy the person fully, their influence in our life may be valuable.

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#### **A Definition of Friendship**

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In my opinion, friends are different from the other people we interact with because we have a lot in common with them - the way they think, the same affinities, the same moral principles, the same tastes and lifestyle, and what's best, that often good friends have different personalities, they are not "copycats".

First of all, friends are invaluable, I say these words referring to the real ones. They are the ones who give you a helping hand in hard times and they are almost always there for us, for some reason or not. True friends are the ones you can spend your whole life with. That is why I choose my friends with care, because it is not good to trust everyone and trust is a matter of time.

Secondly, there is the analogy of a friend with a book which is well known to all. The book is a true universe created by a genius man. A good, quiet friend who offers you absolutely everything you want. It helps you to see the world with other eyes. Without books, the world would be a great inferno. There would be no happiness, learned people, and wars would be more and more frequent. The book is a gift that you can open again and again. It has an immortal life every, reader seeing it with other eyes. The book expresses a true version of the world at all times. So, as the saying goes, "Blind is the one who did not read a book in his life." So who did not do this, I advise him to start reading a book, and he will certainly make a new friend.

In conclusion, the friendship between people today is gained in time. It is not bought or sold. It is a very beautiful virtue that encourages people to do great things.

#### The importance of friendship in my life

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In my opinion, nowadays, it is very hard to find a true friend because everything has changed... I don't know why, but everyone thinks that if you are surrounded by a bunch of friends you are happier, honestly, I prefer quality not quantity, because a lot of people are smiling at you, but all they want to do is to reach their target, but I think that blowing out someone else's candle doesn't make yours shine any brighter.

What's thegeneral definition of a true friend? Well, a true friend is someone who makes you laugh even when you think you will never smile again, actually they are like stars, you don't always see them, but you know they are there when you need them (even when you do not need them).

I personally think that in life, we never lose friends, we just learn who the TRUE ones are because as we grow up we realize it becomes less important to have more friends and it is more important to have real ones; having only good friends near you means protecting your soul, it

means protecting your soul from any disappointments that may follow. Everybody isn't your friend. Just because they hang around you and laugh with you doesn't mean they are for you and just because they say they get your back, doesn't mean they won't stab you at a certain moment. People act and perform well. Jealously sometimes doesn't live far. So it is very important to keep your circle tight and at the end of the day everything that matters is who is ready to stop your fall when you feel you have no power, this is why your friends should be hand selected!

Being an honest person, I have to admit that 5-6 years ago, I thought it was important to have a lot of people around me because that has given me some popularity, but I noticed that it does not matter how popular you are as long as your soul feels alone ... and the worst thing is not that you are alone, but that you are surrounded by "friends" that make you feel alone, and that should raise a question mark.

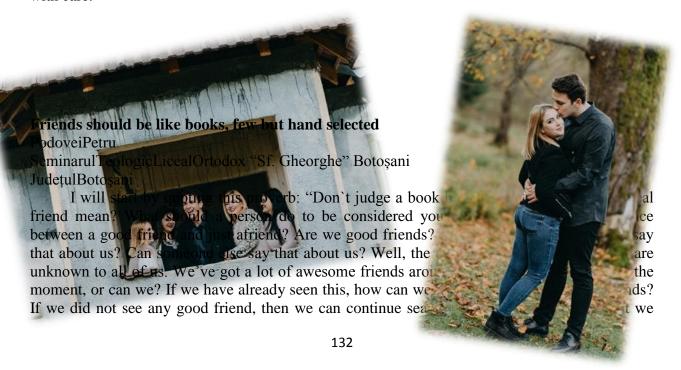
As Socrate said: "Sometimes you shouldput walls up not to keep people out, but to see who cares enough to break them down", I think it is the best advice for people nowadays, because friends are the family you choose, and also your friends can help you fly up on cloud 9 or let you in a free fall when your wings are broken.

I will also talk a little about Diana, the perfect example of a true friend. Why? Well, she is much smaller than me but if someone talks badly about me, she would be ready to "jump to a fight" just to defend me.

When I am sad (usually 4days/week) she tries her best to make me laugh or just to bring me a smile on my face.

We have been colleagues for 6 years ...., years in which she supported me and made my life much more beautiful and if someone asks me what the most beautiful memory in high school is ... I would say proudly DIANA. So, I totally believe in quality not quantity, this is why I can put all my soul in my friendship with Diana.

In conclusion, I think it is very important to be careful when choosing our circle of friends, to think twice before saying anything that over time may cost us, and I strongly believe that friends are like books, you have to read them to understand them, they have to be chosen with care.



should try to find them until it is not too late. And we should be careful who we call a good friend. Don't choose a friend to be your best friend just because he kisses you. Jesus had a "nice" friend who sold Him with a kiss. Take care who you call a friend. Friends are like books, a good book will be read and read more and more and more... But in the end, you have to take care to not tear any page of the book. It is like you've got a friend, and he's helping you to grow up and then you just break his heart. No! If you want to grow up and then abandon all people around, then stop! Never do this! Don't use your friends and then forget about them! Help them grow up just like they helped you!

If it ever happens to hit someone it is like you're hitting yourself. Everything you're doing is coming back to you sooner or later, but take care because it can come back twice or ten times harder than you started it! Make sure you are surrounded by just few people, few good friends, whomyou consider best for you. And don't choose five people who are exactly the same. A man does not need five forks and five spoons and five plates or five identical books. A man needs a fork, a spoon, a plate and a book. He may use them but he has to take care of them, to wash them, to clean them, and to never break them. If you break a plate, it's hard to put it back piece by piece. If you break a friend's trust, it's hard to gain it back, it is almost impossible. Take care about you and about the people who are around you! If you do that they will stand by you forever.

Once upon a time...there was a rich King who had four wives. He loved the fourth wife the most and adorned her with rich clothes and treated her to the finest of delicacies. He gave her nothing but the best. He also loved the third wife very much and was always showing her off to neighboring kingdoms. However, he feared that one day she would leave him for another. He also loved his second wife. She was his confidante and was always kind, considerate and patient with him. Whenever the King faced a problem, he could confide in her, and she would help him get through the difficult times. The King's first wife was a very loyal partner and had made great contributions in maintaining his wealth and kingdom. However, he did not love the first wife. Although she loved him deeply, he hardly took notice of her. One day, the King fell ill and he knew his time was short. He thought of his luxurious life and wondered, "I now have four wives with me, but when I die, I'll be all alone. Thus, he asked the fourth wife, "I have loved you the most, endowed you with the finest clothing and showered great care over you. Now that I'm dying, will you follow me and keep me company?" "No way!" replied the fourth wife, and she walked away without another word. Her answer cut like a sharp knife right into his heart. The sad King then asked the third wife, "I have loved you all my life. Now that I'm dying, will you follow me and keep me company?" "No!" replied the third wife. "Life is too good! When you die, I'm going to remarry!" His heart sank and turned cold. He then asked the second wife, "I have always turned to you for help and you've always been there for me. When I die, will you follow me and keep me company?" "I'm sorry, I can't help you out this time!" replied the second wife. "At the very most, I can only send you to your grave." Her answer came like a bolt of lightning, and the King was devastated. Then a voice called out: "I'll leave with you and follow you no matter where you go." The King looked up, and there was his first wife. She was so skinny as she suffered from malnutrition. Greatly grieved, the King said, "I should have taken much better care of you when I had the chance!"In truth, we all have four wives in our lives:Our fourth wife is our body. No matter how much time and effort we lavish in making it look good, it will leave us when we die. Our third wife is our possessions, status and wealth. When we die, it will all go to others. Our second wife is our family and friends. No matter how much they have been there for us, the furthest they can stay by us is up to the grave. And our first wife is our Soul, often neglected in pursuit of wealth, power and pleasures of the ego. However, our Soul is the only thing that will follow us wherever we go. So cultivate, strengthen and cherish it now, it is your greatest gift to offer the world.

Take care of you and of your true friends!

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#### Friendship

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For me, friendship is the most beautiful feeling in the world because it brings sunshine to our lives and makes us happy. The beauty of human relationships lies on friendship, love and sincerity. I am sure you heard the proverb "A friend in need is a friend indeed" at least once in your life. What does it mean? Does it refer to friendship? Yes, it does but it also points at the qualities of a friend.

We are lucky if we have a true friend. A true friend is the person we have a lot in common with, the person who understands and knows us better than we do, the person who stands by us when we go through hard times. It is the person we can trust and rely on. Even if finding a true friend seems to be more and more difficult nowadays, it is not impossible. We have to be careful to people, think twice when we want to make friends because trust is a flower we cannot find in any garden. This real friend brings out the best of us, encourages and supports us, tells us when we are wrong and is always ready for giving useful advice. True, honest and loyal friends are always there when we need them.

Real friends have their problems, too but their love and support make us stronger. In my point of view friendship has nothing to do with quantity but with quality. It is not about the person we have known longer, it is about the person who stepped in our life and stayed there when the door closed and all the others left.

#### Friends should be like books, few but hand selected

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All people need good friends. A really good friend is one with you can share your thoughts, feelings, desires, hopes and faith. According to the saying, "a friend in life is a lot, two mean a lot, three almost impossible" we realize that the "quantity" of friends does not matter but the quality.

My bestfriend is the most important to me. I met her in the kindergarten when she was very quiet while I was shy and very sensitive. Now that I grew up I can say I know her totally from the quiet little girl she became a sociable and little volcanic girl. With totally different temper we complete each other. We do not resemble her at all, she's more athletic, I'm more lazy. For ten years I have known all the qualities and flaws, I can say I read her as a book. Being in a gymnasium class I sat in the same desk .The high school has made us closer because, by a miracle, we hade almost the same exams . There have been three years of high school running in our pages in the book of friendship are multiplying every day with memories. There are so many memories that I cannot forget, memories and moments that I don't want to forget.

Yeah, I am lucky. I hope we can always be in this way. I am not complaining that I only have a friend because the title tells us "Friends should be like books, few but hand selected".

#### **FRIENDSHIP**

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What is friendship? A relation between two children. They are playing and spending time together.

Frienship gives the courage to act in some difficult moments. A friend can keep secret, desire for good for the other, sympathy, honesty, but also joy in the presence of the other person. A real friend is one who, even if he knows you well, still likes you. Friends are born based on common things, the same taste for music, the same way of spending leisure time, the same way of thinking and other common concerns. Surely, this helps a lot in creating a friendship, in maintaining it, but it is certainly not enough. The fact that the same opinions and preferences are shared does not ensure a lasting connection. Friendship must be maintained, cared for as a pet. You have to be loyal, not to lie and respect the other.

The real friend is not the one who praises the follies but the one who shows you when you are wrong.

#### My real friendship through my eyes

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Friends ... when we say "friends", we think to the most beautiful memories, adventures, hard times, good times and all possible things. When we say "friends", we think about a treasure, a precious treasure which needs to stay buried and taken care of.

My best friend is Beatrix, we know each other since childhood and we are still continuing our beautiful and real friendship unconditionally. She has a huge place in my heart and I would do anything for her, climbing every mountain and crossing swimming every ocean for her. She understands me ...a lot! And, she is always ready to help me in all bad or happy conditions, just like Lucius Annaeus Seneca said "One of the most beautiful qualities of a true friendship is to understand and to be understood".

We have to take care whom we are calling "friends", because other people have other goals, like to take advantage of you, hurt you and even if we meet new people in our life, we don't have to be mean, but offer them a chance of proving how they are, how they think and behave and it is absolutely forbidden to forget our best old friends.

Friends are something we can rely on as humans. They are there, when we have the worst days and even our best ones. We cannot ignore the fact that humans are brought together based one the strong connection between at least two persons, so we have to do the best to have a high quality connection, based on respect and honesty.

This life is anuntraveled road, and of course you will be disappointed by other temporary friends, but do not forget that after a storm, the sun will shine again and this is how life goes on! On this road, you will meet a lot of obstacles, but it doesn't matter, you have to jump over them and continue your road, with all good and bad things, especially the bad ones which are the most productive.

A true friendship should not be based on money, power or beauty. A true friend should be by your side even if you are rich or poor and not as beautiful as other people. For example, in my personal life, if I think better, the most beautiful people, speaking about physical appearance, used to have the dirtiest souls and the ugliest character. Maybe, you will meet an ugly person, maybe poor, but believe me, you can find in this kind of people pure gold. The sun shines in these people's soul, in the context that they are very kind people and the most important advantage about these people is that they want to teach you good things, to offer you protection, to be by your side, not to laugh at you when something is going wrong with you.

Make it count! Make every moment with your best friend count! Memories never die. This life is running fast, every moment is like a little diamond which is shining in our soul.

Take as many pictures as possible with your best friends, whenever, wherever! "One photo, one million memories". When you look at a photo, you think about what happened that day and you have the feeling that you live again perfect moments. These feelings are running through our veins. We thank God for that day, for all those feelings, for all those people who surrounded you. "We keep this love in a photograph,

We made these memories for ourselves.

Where the eyes are never closing,

Hearts are never broken,

Times forever frozen still." -Ed Sheeran "Photograph"

Ed Sheeran speaks about the beauty of a photoand about how many feelings and memories a little piece of paper can bring. Why do we have photos? Memories!!! We love to look at them; these photos can bring back those feelings and states of being. My life without my photos with my best friend would be empty and useless. I cannot imagine someone having no memories! So, in my opinion, we have to choose carefully our friends, because friends are something very important for life. If we find the true friendship,we should burry it deep down in our soul and don't let anybody destroy or touch it. Protect that treasure called friendship, with all your power! Fights are inevitable, it's impossible not to have a fight with you friend, but you cannot let a little obstacle to destroy something beautiful. And, for the final idea, I want to write a message for my little turtle, Beatrix, who is a part of me, a part of my life, and believe me, I feel so blessed when I think of her: "When the sun shines, we shine together, 'told you I'll be here forever, I said I'll be your friend, and for the rest of my life I'll be with you, I'll stay by your side, honest and true!"

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