The Lecture Method

Lecture Method is a process of teaching whereby the teacher tells the students his planned facts. The students listen and take notes. It is one of the oldest methods in use. The success of this method depends on the ability of the teacher to speak fluently in good tone and style.

The lecture method may be used in the following situations:

- When introducing a new topic
- To stimulate interest of learners in a new topic
- To clarify some misunderstood points
- When there are no appropriate or adequate text books for the learners



How to Use the Lecture Method

This requires adequate preparation, which should take note of the following factors:

- Consider the objectives of the lesson
- A good command of the language
- Preparation of the materials or lecture, supporting aids and examples to help drive home the important points.
- An interesting introduction to stimulate students to listen.

Advantages:

- It can cover a wide topic within a short time.
- Teacher can teach a large group at the same time.
- Fewer instructional materials are used.
- There is uniformity of facts given to the students.
- Students are given facts so they are saved the time and effort.
- Teacher has full control of what students are to learn.

Disadvantages:

- Students may be passive.
- Method is teacher-cantered.
- No communication or interaction among learners.
- Method does not encourage students enquiring or creative mind.
- Individual differences not considered or neglected.
- Students with hearing problems may not get the points.
- The Method assumes too much in respect of students understanding.
- As students are not involved, they may sleep off and they are prone to forget easily what is taught.

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