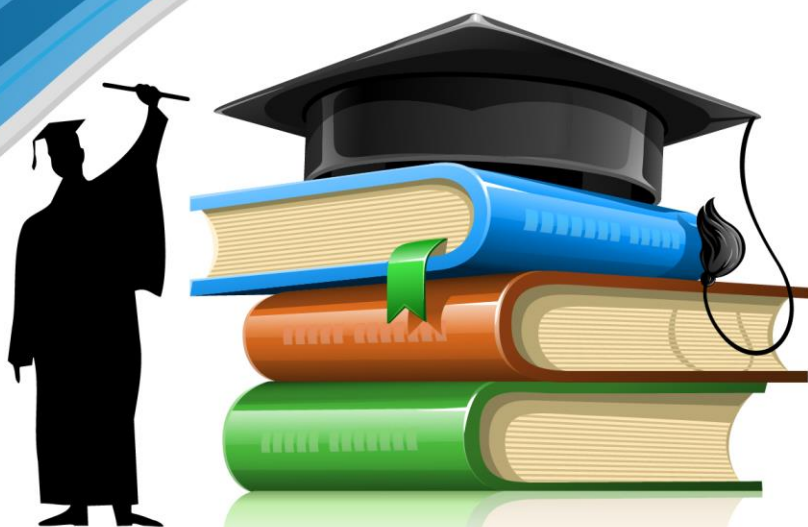


The Effectiveness of Grammar in Developing English Speaking Skill for Graduates in Saudi Universities



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Abstract:

The project focused on the importance of grammar and its effectiveness on speaking English fluently for the graduate students in Saudi college. Through this research, the researcher will face the problem of not speaking English fluently. The tool used in this research is a survey of a sample of English Literature Department students in King Faisal University. This survey included questionnaire papers for samples of 50 Graduates (25 male students and 25 female students).

As a result, we had discussed, the questions of: Why most of English Literature Graduates in Saudi Arabia do not speak English fluently? And What is the effectiveness of grammar in developing English speaking skill for graduates in Saudi Universities?

Introduction:

When we decided to choose English Literature Department for studying, our first goal was to speak English fluently and then understanding the others language. As this is the last term that separates us from graduation, we should be perfect in the English Language in all aspects, such as (writing, reading, speaking, listening, and grammar). Most of us as an English literature graduates, usually faces the problem of not speaking English fluently, probably because English is our second language.

As a matter of fact, grammar is considered the heart of the English Language, that we can begin from it to achieve our goal in speaking the English language fluently. Grammar is defined as the structure of expressions in that includes words, phrases,

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clauses and sentences. Through my research, I am going to treat the problem of not speaking English fluently.

Grammar is the body that formulates any language rules, but if I want to define it, I can say grammar is a measurement that specifies our speaking and communication, and it includes inflecting words, spelling, and how words are combined together to form sentences.

Languages are very important to communicate in many fields like teaching, business, learning, which all need you to communicate with the other parties.

Literature Review:

There are many studies related to the effectiveness of English grammar in Speaking Fluent English Language and also in communication.

Grammar is very important for communications. You will build a good relation with the others if you build right sentences and conversations by using right grammar and syntax.

According to Millis, (2014G.)

"English grammar is something that is treasured by everyone. We all want to improve grammar skills, so that we are able to communicate with some level of mastery. Being able to construct grammatically correct sentences is not only seen as a skill, but as a treasure that everyone yearns for. It is because of this that grammar lovers have created online channels that can help an individual enhance their English grammar skills so that they can be fluent when they speak the language. In addition to improving your



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grammar, the websites can also assist you while improving on your writing skills, so that you can dazzle people with your accurate and correctly constructed sentences".

If you are a graduate, you are on the first step of your future, because you are going to open your own business or you will be employed at any company. Success in your own work will be determined by your language.

According to Macfadyen, (2014G.)

"As you can see, the diverse forms of the English language, as well as their associated grammar conventions, are quite complex. As you might also expect, your use of basic English grammar will indicate your level of education or professionalism to your audience, be it a prospective employer, a potential partner, or the general public. Your grasp of the basic rules of English grammar could be of major significance to your future—economic or otherwise!".

Grammar can be defined as a sample of a trophy that holds the meaning of sentences, structure, phrases, words in the English Language. If you are at the elementary level or advanced level, you will need English basics' rules. Enhancing and improving stable foundation in English grammar basics will assist you combining sentences and then will improve your communication skills.

According to Bradley, (2010G.)

"I often use the phrase "visual design" when describing what we do as web designers. Recently I came across what I think is better phrase, "communication design." When we design and build websites our goal is usually to communicate something to an audience. Communication requires language. That language can be aural as in the spoken word, it



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can be gestural as in sign language, or it can be visual as in design. The more you understand any language the better you can communicate using that language. The visual language of design is no exception.

Design elements are like letters and words. When we add design principles and apply them to our elements, our words, we form a visual grammar. As we learn to use both we enable ourselves to communicate visually"

Because we live in Saudi society which forces us to talk in Arabic most of the time with our parents, family, friends, or neighbors, we need to practice our English language by ourselves. As graduates, we should focus on grammar skill through our own resources such as self-study books, modern mobile applications, or games for developing grammar skill.

According to AZALEAPENA, (2016G.)

"It's time to ask yourself:

How confident are you?

Your answer should be:

Totally confident.

And if this is true, you know you can definitely learn English by yourself, right?

That's great! Because wherever you go, the English language is your best weapon (tool) for communicating with other people.

And if you're confident enough, you can skip all of the expensive English courses and huge textbooks and try to do things your own way".



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Grammar is like a big gate to the future, as well as, it is your chance to learn English like native speakers or may be better than them.

According to Folega, (2012G.)

"From reading complex writings to children's books, grammar will enable you to fully understand what you are reading or writing. Some people who are learning English as a second language make one simple, but massive mistake; they forget to learn English grammar. Even basic grammar is better than none, and the advance learning can always come later. Don't limit the way in which you can communicate with others by not learning all about English grammar. Once you have mastered English grammar, you will be able to communicate with everyone and anyone. You will be able to understand the complex and the simple. So, yes, grammar is vitally important – and that is definitely an understatement".

Significance of Research:

English grammar is very important to focus on because it contains (Writing, Reading, Listening skills), but How? For example, if you tried a book like "English Grammar in Use" by Raymond Murphy, in each lesson you will find a grammatical rule includes examples related to the rule and through it, you are practicing the skill of (READING). After understanding the grammar rule, you will need to apply what you learned by answering the exercise of each lesson and through answering the exercise you are practicing the skill of (WRITING). You might hear the same grammatical rule within

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an American movie or when you listen to an English radio program, so that will be (LISTENING).

I can conclude the previous examples by saying that sgrammar could be the beginning of the thread to speak the English language fluently and correctly.

Research Questions:

This project aims to answer the following questions:

1. Why most of English Literature Graduates in Saudi Arabia do not speak English fluently?
2. What is the effectiveness of grammar in developing English speaking skill for graduates in Saudi Universities?

Research Methodology:

There will be a survey of a 50 graduates students from King Faisal University - English Department - where he/she would be asked about their fluency in English speaking and how many times they use the English language per day/week/month. The same survey will include questionnaire of their relationship with grammar Skill and the extent to remember the Grammar rules, to identify the problems that might hinder their way to speak fluent English language.



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Ethical Considerations:

I have adopted the moral standard through my research as following:

It was taking into consideration the preservation of secrecy rights against all participants in the questionnaires to keep up the confidentiality. The participants' opinions have been respected, with maintaining their full dignity from any abuse. A written consent from each participant has been taken with his name and signature in the questionnaire. Data sheets which were not clear, have been excluded from questionnaire papers and the approved ones have been saved in safe files. Participants' opinions were adopted in the questionnaire without manipulating or affecting their personal opinions

Limitation of the study:

The study of my research included asking direct questions to the college students who are expected to graduate this year to know how much they are fluent in English language and What is the effectiveness of grammar in developing their English speaking skill. The study had faced some difficulties in choosing the students who will be included in this study because of their limitation time to answer the questionnaire.

I had selected samples of (50) students from King Faisal University (25 male students and 25 female students), who are expected to be graduate this year randomly, to guarantee more accuracy and correctness in results. Note that this statistic took place at the beginning of this semester.



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Expected Results:

Through the previous study and the statistics recorded by the samples studied, it seems that most graduates are facing the same problem of talking the English language fluently. About (17) male students of total (25) and (19) female students of total (25) agreed that only studying the English language is not enough to improve their fluency in English. They agreed that their problem in talking English fluency may be solved by enhancing grammar skill as an essential factor to improve their fluency.

Conclusion:

Finally, after studying the content of this project and the statistics of the questionnaire, I can accommodate the importance of grammar skill that could be the cause of developing and improving English speaking of the graduate students.

When I was collecting the information about this project, I faced a problem that the grammar applied in most sites was for beginners not for advanced level. So, worth mentioning that our subject is for advanced English level, almost beginners do not need to focus on grammar skill.

In my personal opinion, the grammar skill is very important for all mature students and for young students too, because it is the heart of any language in this world.

Also, here are some steps from my own experience to help students in speaking fluent English language.



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First of all; try to write a research about anything you like in the life. If you could not write it in English - Ok, that's fine – just write it in Arabic language and then try to translate it by your own efforts. The result will be really amazing when you find yourself thinking in English and talk in English and write some notes in English. This experiment will need from the student to repeat it every week one time at least to keep on connecting with the English language.

Second, use self-study grammar books and keep them in your home beside your bed.

Third, Download English games to help you in remembering the grammar rules. Likely, grammar is not just a serious lesson, but it is also a funny and interested game.

Fourth, you have to set in your mind the question of what is the aim of studying English literature? Is it for bachelor certificate or to just find a job, or to speak English fluently, or to understand the others language or all these targets together? If so, you should work on yourself and determine what are your goals? To improve and develop your second language.

Finally; it is not enough to just watch American movies or listen to English programs to improve your fluency in English language, because it is not an active operation. The most effective way to improve your English language fluency is to work hard by yourself.

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Appendix

Grammar Questionnaire				
	Question	Yes	No	No answer
Q1	Do you agree that you are not fluent in English speaking ?
	Question	Agree	Disagree	Maybe
Q2	Do you find Grammar Skills may help you to acquire fluent English?
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Q3	How extents of remembering the Grammar rules ?
	Question	Yes	No	Yes, But
Q4	Are you trying to improve your English speaking?
	Question	Yes	No	No answer
Q5	Do you find any other skills to improve your English Speaking?
	Question	Negative	Positive	No Answer
Q6	Q6. If the answer is yes, what kind of skill?