

LOVE OF LANGUAGE

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Due to the pandemic, all children are required to stay at home to avoid Covid 19 virus. Various learning modalities were introduced to us such as modular distance learning and online learning. Almost all students use laptops, gadgets, cell phones and iPad so they can study and attend online classes. They use it every day in their studies by searching facts, sending their assignments and in communicating to their teachers. The use of gadgets also has good help to us, we can gather information and facts that we can use in studying. We can watch videos for better understanding of lessons. It can also entertain us by playing different games and watching videos.

Now that the face-to-face classes have started, the teachers had a hard time teaching the Filipino subject to some of their pupils. It seems that we can notice in today's youth their skill in speaking the English language. Some of them prefer to use the English language than the Filipino language. They are more comfortable to speak and understand English specially in communicating with others. This is the result of the frequent use of gadgets among our students. They find it difficult to compose essays, think of riddles, rhyme words and proverbs that are taught in Filipino subject. They are no longer familiar with other words in Filipino as well as the correct pronunciation. Sometimes they don't understand if the teacher explains using Filipino language throughout the discussion. They ask what a particular word means. The teachers are making a way so that they can be taught correctly and still get used to our own language. It is true that we also need to learn the English, but this should not be the reason for us to forget our own language.

Despite the advancement of technology in our country, we still need to consider using our own language. Language serves as a mirror of our country. Our race is identified by the language we use. This is the language that has become our tool so that we can be successful. Let us appreciate and use the Filipino language, our National Language, key to learning and discovery. Filipino language and indigenous languages are languages enriched by Filipinos. Let us continue to enrich it for the next generation.

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