

TRADITIONAL TEACHING VS. USE OF ICT IN TEACHING

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Education is very important. As education progress, the teaching styles of teachers are being compared. But which is effective, the traditional way of teaching or the use of technology. We don't know which of the two are really effective, but stating its advantages and disadvantages will give us ideas on which are better.

The traditional way of teaching is the old way which uses the chalkboard in teaching. There are advantages and disadvantages to this kind of teaching style. As to its advantage, the traditional way uses drills and routine, which promotes memorization and repetition of activities to retain knowledge. The chalkboard is the most important piece because it expresses all the learnings by writing the essential words and activities on the board. But the disadvantage of using a chalkboard is it is time-consuming, and as a teacher writes on the board, her sight is away from her learners, which will cause noise and inattentiveness to her topic. The most challenging task to do as a teacher is to maintain the attention of each learner to the topic because they have the short attention spans. The teacher must be very creative and energetic as she uses the chalkboard.

The use of ICT in teaching, incorporates different devices that can be used to make the teaching-learning process happen. Some of the devices use in teaching Information and Communication Technology, or ICT are the television, computer, laptop, speakers and projectors.

As the teachers also use technology such as computers and laptop in making creative designs to improve the qualities of their visual aids, multiple materials are produced in just a click of your finger. And with technology, looking for some activities and

assessment is easier. Even the use of instructional videos is just one click away, especially now that even a two-year old child can operate a devices like smartphones and tablets even if they don't know how to read. The application of ICT in teaching makes the teaching and learning process enjoyable, as the learners believe they are simply watching, but what they do not know is that the learning process also begins. And the more senses are involved in the teaching and learning process, the more knowledge they get. They learn more if they are involved in the process. But there is also disadvantage in using technology in teaching; one is the reliability of sources. Books are checked thoroughly before being published, unlike in searching for reference materials; some are not checked but published online. Another disadvantage is that using gadgets can cause misleading. For example, a learner will answer his assignment, but instead of understanding the work so he can answer it well, he will just look for the answer on some social media site. Also, using technology may lead to over-usage if not supervised well by their parents and guardian.

But still, it depends on the teacher on how she will execute her lesson; even the traditional way or use of technology is not enough if the teacher herself does not know the lesson well. As the saying goes "you cannot give what you do not have" As a teacher, knowing your goal and objective is very important so you will not lose track. And teachers are known for being creative. They know how to contextualize the available resources to make the teaching and learning process occur because teaching a culturally diverse learning requires multiple teaching strategies and styles. So, whether traditional way or the use of technology is effective as long as the teacher teaches effectively.

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