TEACHING READING USING ICT

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In previous years, with the rapid development of emerging technologies, the integration of Information and Communication Technology has progressively attracted the attention of teachers. A simple combination of hardware and software will not make integration naturally follow. Teachers need to plan thoroughly before they start ICT integration into a curriculum.

Likewise, technology is essential in teaching and learning English. ICT improves the way should reading be taught and enhances student's comprehension. But it is not a simple task, since most of the teachers are used to teach Reading in the traditional way, using only the blackboard and chalk. It will be a big challenge and adjustment for us to integrate technology in teaching Reading. But our country had already developed its policies on ICT with the objective of upgrading English teacher competencies in improving the quality of teaching and learning of English.

Teachers should maximize the use of interactive teaching and the integration of ICT as reading methods that would motivate students to develop their reading abilities, make them competent readers and enable them to analyze and critically evaluate selections or paragraphs. Such abilities are required in our changeable society, where mass media now plays an increasing role in shaping our opinions. "21st Century Education for All Filipinos, Anytime, Anywhere". This means integration of Educational Technology transforms students into dynamic life-long learners and values-centered, productive and responsible citizens. Nowadays, technology is very significant, and it plays a big part in our daily lives. Likewise, technology is essential in teaching and learning English. ICT improves the way should reading be taught and enhances student's comprehension.

One of the keys of this strategy is to empower students, teachers and school administrators. Engage them in trainings and seminars, particularly teachers, about the integration of educational technology in teaching to empower them. Having proper knowledge about ICT, the teaching-

learning process will be carried out well. With the help of technology, we will see how students develop their reading abilities and skills to make reading easier and more enjoyable for them.

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