

Teaching english to young learners

Teaching a foreign language to children means very delicate and special approach. Development of abilities to study foreign languages need to be started from the early childhood. It is quite vexed question as some people believe that this process can be harmful to their children. Experience of foreign researchers that exists proves that a foreign languages learning, if the teaching methods are selected appropriately, develops children and improves their educational and cultural level. Research show that foreign language has positive effect on child's memory, imagination, reason and attention. Learning foreign languages has positive effect on learning mother tongue, lots of young learners with general weak abilities showed good results in speaking a foreign language. Studies at the universities in the USA and Canada found that cognitive abilities develop better in bilingual kids than in monolingual.

There are many methods of teaching foreign languages but children are also different. You can choose any method but do not forget the following principles:

Firstly, don't make the child hate English from the very beginning, the process of education needs to be natural and thrilling. Do not even try to explain any rules to your kid, speech patterns must be introduced on subconscious level. A child will not even understand what the word 'construction' means. In this situation simple poems and songs can help where the content has no sense, the most important is rhythm and child's admiration. If a child does not understand a poem, first read it in Ukrainian and then repeat in English. Secondly, be a good actor, the result depends on your creativity, try to show everything like an actor for a kid to be able to guess what you are talking about. Do not wait for prompt result, be patient, use as much toys and games as possible. And the last, pay attention to every day interaction, children absorb the information fast but remember they forget it even faster.