

M A THESIS IN LINGUISTICS

ENHANCING THE DEVELOPMENT OF  
ENGLISH SPEAKING SKILLS FOR  
SECOND LANGUAGE LEARNERS IN  
JAFFNA

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## Abstract

Speaking skills are often considered the most important part of an ESL course, and yet the difficulties in testing oral skills frequently lead teachers into using inadequate oral tests or even not testing speaking skills at all.

In the process of learning English as a second language, teaching methodology plays a vital role. In language teaching variety of teaching methods are used. Language learning is more effective when students are motivated to learn it willingly. The purpose of this research is to identify the most effective teaching methods of teaching, English speaking skills for the benefits of secondary and tertiary level students in Jaffna.

This research study has identified from theoretical aspect and practical aspect that communicative approach method is highly effective with modern technology. Hence, the researcher initiated this study to investigate actual situation of students in order to develop their standard in language learning. This study comprised of ninety students from secondary and tertiary levels. The instrument used for the study was achievement test. The study illustrated significant differences in the four different methods and the finding revealed that the communicative method in group activities was the best to be utilized for teaching of upper secondary and tertiary students.