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Abstract

Studying English Literature will show you some of the beautiful and exciting ways in which Language can be used. This research is carried out with the intention of bringing out the ways and means of improving the students' language level by studying Literature. In order to find out how Literature helps in the improvement of Language a research was carried out. To continue the research, responses for questionnaire, continuous assessment marks, yearend test marks, sample test marks and the data collected from interviews, formal and informal discussions were taken into consideration. Through these analysis it was revealed that the Literary texts are authentic compared to the reading passages in the Language text books. This will facilitate and motivate the students and thereby create an interest in them which would ultimately improve two important language skills, such as reading and writing. The Literature student embarks on a route of competence, which comprises of reading skills, language skills and literary skills, whereas the students who do not offer Literature as a subject for G.C.E(O/L) lack expertise in English Language as they don't get the opportunity to read. Reading improves ones language. The idea that literature cuts across national and cultural boundaries and territories and speak a common language of humanity which makes the readers empathize with the diversity of the world and its varied life styles as well as with the multiplicity of life forms that exist on it. For Sri Lankan schools, the reading goals and linguistic aims are of primary importance: Hence Literature is one of the vital medium through which language can be improved.