M.A. THESIS IN LINGUISTICS

LANGUAGE TEACHING METHODS ON PRIMARY AUTISTIC STUDENTS IN SPECIAL UNITS IN GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS

D.D.R.KOSPELAWATTE

Department of Linguistics
University of Kelaniya
March 2015

පුවේශ පුවේශ	1050
වර්ග අංකය:	AND THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPER

FGS/04/05/04/2008/110

Abstract

Communication is very important to every living being, especially humans for their survival. Communication is a process of exchanging opinions, sharing thoughts and knowledge. If someone cannot express his or her idea or feelings through speech, signs or body language that is called communication disability. Autism Spectrum Disorder is one cause for communication disability. It is come from one's birth. In this case drugs do not work well and many psychologists try to control this disorder by treatments. The research tried to identify some techniques to teaching the language for an autistic child. By discussing with some specialists in this field and the teachers who are working with the special students, that research realized some therapeutically treatments to manage the autistic students' disturbance behaviors. According to the research most of autistic children have got speech disorders, such as phonological and morphological errors of sounds. Autism is a disorder that can be reverse. It can be cured by using many teaching techniques followed in the research. According to the researchers one out of seven in boys and one out of twenty four in girls are autistics. It is a big percentage of the population. It should be a big damage for the society, if they neglected. Teaching the language to the autistic children may help them to move with the society.