EMPATHETIC QUESTIONS HELP TO INCREASE ENGLISH PROFICIENCY RESULT

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“Empathy is seeing with the eyes of another, listening with the ears of another, and feeling with a heart of another.” – A place for Mom website.

Putting yourself in the shoes of others is also a way of understanding the situation and the feeling of someone currently in that position. Empathy is a big word for all of us. Let's not clean our hands and conscience but admit it or not, sometimes we used to ignore the importance of giving empathy to a person when it comes to decision making. We seldom took a blind eye to what is the right thing to do. But the importance of empathy in real life is a helpful thing not only for having a good attitude towards others, but also important in the learning process.

Empathy isn’t about giving out your organs or lending your 5 senses to be able to understand other people but it is simply as putting your thoughts, ideas, and perception on the situation or the problem provided. In that way, you can recognize the problem, comprehend the situation, and eventually come up with a possible answer.

The status of English proficiency in the Philippines right now is not good and it has been declining from the ranks of the English Proficiency index. According to ABS-CBN News, a 2020 report released by the international education company Education First (EF), the Philippines suffered a 7-spot drop in the English Proficiency Index. It is now ranked 27th. Over the past years, the country’s rank is stepping down from 13th place to 20th place. It is a very alarming problem, especially to the DepEd. Students nowadays find it difficult to answer open-ended questions as well as situational or contextual questions (Malaulan,2020).
Given the situation and the issue that needed to be addressed, the inclusion of empathetic questions in assessments and lesson activities is a great way to make students understand the situation and give the best answer through giving empathy on the problem given. Teachers will serve as a guide in directing students to the best possible answer. Adding the sense of empathy to the lesson also helps students to assess their attitude towards other people. Developing the empathic behavior of students helps them be considerate and be open-minded. Reading comprehension is also being practiced because they are going to decode the sentences and come up with their answer.

Learning other languages cannot be done overnight, days, months, or even years. It is a continuous process of understanding and acquiring knowledge. It is also difficult on the part of the teachers to think of ways on how to make their students learn with the given amount of time. Having a good relationship between teachers and parents is also the best way to increase student's skills. Results may be a hinder to the growth of the Educational system but there will always be a cure to aid these potential problems. If working together can solve any problem, well then don't forget to include empathy to comprehend the different perspectives of any ideas presented by a person. Remember, it’s all about empathy.

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