ENGLISH AS LANGUAGE...

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English? English subject or English language?

According to famous adage, English is a language and not a measure of intelligence. Yet, English is a must not only in school but also in the world beyond school. Language is one of the most functional means we have as individuals. Minus it, we could not think opinions nor could we participate in the activities that usually transpire in the society. Language is extremely significant in education. It plays a critical role in teaching and learning process. Besides, if the learner is unable to comprehend the language of instruction, then learning may not come about at all. Malekela (2003)

Consistent with the current educational demands, English Language has turned out to be a tool of interaction and transmission to facilitate both national and international communications in commercial, science and technology, schooling, foreign dealings as well as other extents. Correspondingly, English is a second certified language as well as a vehicle of instruction. Consequently, this becomes imperative to prepare student with applicable skills to allow them deal with the paradigm shift, from content to competence based teaching and learning.

At this instant, as indicated in the Education and Training Policy (1995) students who completed primary school are projected to have sufficiently grasped English to be able to get by with it as the medium of instruction all the way through secondary as well as tertiary school. Notwithstanding the presence of that policy for almost decade of years now students are not knowledgeable and effective in using the language.
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