THE IMPORTANCE AND FUNCTIONS OF ASSIGNMENT IN THE CLASSROOM

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Assignment is a part of a lesson which tells the pupils what they are going to do and what they are going to accomplish in a lesson. It is a job to be done either at home or in class. It is also the chief means of stimulating and directing learning activities inside or outside the classroom for it helps in creating favorable attitudes toward the task to be done. Assignments can be the means of developing good study habits and independent work.

Assignment must be purposive. It is the teacher’s duty to ensure that all his/her assignments are significant and meaningful to pupils. The following functions of assignment are:

1. To set the goal or direction of the learning activity- pupils must know what is supposed to do;

2. To motivate the pupil and prepare him/her for the job to be done;

3. It deals with setting up definite learning activities to be carried out;

4. It deals with providing directions for the learning activity; and
5. Establish habit of studying regularly upon knowing the functions of assignment, we teachers are now ready to give it to our pupils in a meaningful way, so our pupils will do it willingly and effectively.

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