WHEN OUR LANGUAGE DIC\TATES LEARNING

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Are you afraid to fail in building the bridge of connection to your students? How will you characterize your medium of instruction on the way you communicate? Will it sustain the needs of the learners?

Everybody might agree that language is the foundation of learning. Through spoken sounds, we learned to utter words and its meaning. These words and acts made a concrete cycle of learning. I agree! As teaching facilitators we always say that our voices serve as an instrument to send and process meaning in this teaching career. It simply indicates how important the waves of sounds in reaching the minds of our students. Evidently true since even the linguists, they emphasized that speech, rather than written word, was the primary form of language. And language, becomes the soul in teaching.

The process of communication does not end in merely producing words or statements. Our actions compliment what we are saying too. This could bring impact to our learners’ lives. We learned the different types of learners, in this case, not only the auditory learners will benefit but also the visual learners. With proper gestures, facial expressions, and eye contact learners will realize that language is an essential part of communication and learning new things. This could be a good aid to our language. Yes, we are in the modern face of education, but the essence of a good language is always important and has to take its place in all aspects of teaching and learning from time definite.

Gouin’s (1896) emphasized the need to present new teaching items in a framework that makes their meaning clear, easy to understand, and the use of gestures and actions to convey the meaning of words.
Our actions and motions as a response to the students’ engagements can affect the atmosphere of our classroom scenario. It will affect their learning and it can also influence their beliefs. Whether it is positive or negative, it could leave marks to our students. Our temper means a lot. One wrong action can ruin our chosen career. Always remember the reasons why we chose this path. Yes, we dreamt of producing responsible youths that will be part of this country. Instead of entertaining negativities, be a positive reinforce. With that you will be remembered not only with what you teach but also with how good you are as a teacher and as example to you learners.

It is true that our language is an integral part of learning, our actions as well.

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