WHY ARE TEACHING MATERIALS IMPORTANT?

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Imparting knowledge to the learners and making them skilled has been the main concern of the teachers. That is why teacher is responsible in providing a tool that will permit the easy transfer of competencies and skills to develop life-long learners. Every teacher is given a time to establish his own identity when it comes to the use of teaching materials.

According to Janovský teaching materials or instructional materials are the tools used in educational lessons, which includes active learning and assessment. Indeed, these are the things that support teaching and learning process. It refers to any materials and resources that the teacher uses to facilitate the transfer of learning and instruction. These are also materials used by the students to improve academic performance. It can be in a form of book and workbook. It can also be a printed material made by the teacher like a chart, handout, tarpaulin or picture.

It can also be a tangible material like globe, telescope or hand tool. These materials are very essential to learning, because it connects the students in real-life situation. It allows learning to happen. It makes it easy for the teacher to deliver competencies needed every meeting.

Teaching materials are tools made by the teacher to assess students’ performance. It can be in a form of written test, rubrics, project-performance, and knowledge output. These tools support teachers in evaluating the overall performance of the students every quarter.
Teaching materials can also be an equipment or electronic device like computer, television, speaker, microphone, and an LCD projector. These tools can make teaching and learning more interesting. It catches the attention of the learners and the more they see devices the more they want to engage to classroom discussion. These equipment motivate them resulting to active interaction of the teacher and the students as well as sharing of information between students.

Teaching materials are also resources like human resources. It can be a resource speaker whose expertise in a specific area of concentration is incomparable. It can also be a student whose ability to make a research and share learnings is evident. These human assets can share data to form a meaningful information to help students improve participation.

Teaching materials are also games prepared by the teacher. It can be a mind game, physical game or a combination of the two. These games help learners to enjoy what they are doing. It stimulates students’ attention and reveals their strengths and weaknesses.

Teaching and learning materials are indispensable element of learning. These materials will definitely help not only the teachers in the process of teaching, but also the students in the process of learning. Without these resources teaching is very tiring and learning is very frustrating. Teachers need to be creative and resourceful in using the right materials to help students involve into learning, because no one attains success without taking any risks. Remember that behind every successful teacher is a useful teaching aid.
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