THE EFFECTIVENESS OF TASK- BASED APPROACH IN TEACHING READING

A Thesis submitted to the Department of English Education in Partial Fulfillment for the Master of Education in English

Submitted by Ganga Joshi

Faculty of Education
Tribhuvan University
Kirtipur, Kathmandu, Nepal
2010

THE EFFECTIVENESS OF TASK- BASED APPROACH IN TEACHING READING

A Thesis submitted to the Department of English Education in Partial Fulfillment for the Master of Education in English

Submitted by Ganga Joshi

Faculty of Education
Tribhuvan University
Kirtipur, Kathmandu, Nepal
2010

T. U. Regd. No: 9-2-329-159-2003 Date of Approval of

Campus Roll No: 1126/063 Thesis Proposal: 2066-08- 09

Second Year Exam Date of submission of the

Roll No: 280303/065 Thesis: 2067-02-04

RECOMMENDATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

This is to certify that **Ms. Ganga Joshi** has prepared the dissertation entitled **"The Effectiveness of Task- Based Approach on Teaching Reading"** under my guidance and supervision.

I recommend this dissertation for acceptance.

Date: 2067-02-04

Du Dal Mulumda Dhandari (Cuid

Dr. Bal Mukunda Bhandari (Guide)

Reader

Department of English Education
Faculty of English Education
Tribhuvan University
Kirtipur, Kathmandu

RECOMMENDATION FOR EVALUATION

This thesis has been recommended for evaluation by the following 'Research Guidance Committee'.

Dr. Chandreshwar Mishra	
Professor and Head	Chairperson
Department of English Education	
T. U. Kirtipur	
Dr. Jai Raj Awasthi	
Professor	Member
Department of English Education	
Chairperson	
English and Other Foreign Languages	
Education Subject Committee	
T. U. Kirtipur	
Dr. Bal Mukunda Bhandari (Guide)	
Reader	Member
Department of English Education	
T. U. Kirtipur	

Date: 2067-02-04

EVALUATION AND APPROVAL

This thesis has been evaluated and approved by the following 'Research Evaluation and Guidance Committee'.

Dr. Chandreshwar Mishra	
Professor and Head	Chairperson
Department of English Education	
T. U. Kirtipur	
Dr. Jai Raj Awasthi	
Professor	Member
Department of English Education	
Chairperson	
English and Other Foreign Languages	
Education Subject Committee	
T. U. Kirtipur	
Dr. Bal Mukunda Bhandari	
Reader	Member
Department of English Education	
T. U. Kirtipur	

Date: 2067-02-09

DEDICATION

Dedicated to my parents, brothers and gurus who have devoted their life to make what I am today.

DECLARATION

I hereby declare to the best of my knowledge that this thesis is original; no part of it was earlier submitted for the candidature of research degree to any university.

.....

Date: 2067-02-02 Ganga Joshi

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

First and formost I would like to express my sincere gratitude to **Dr. Bal Mukunda Bhandari**, the reader of English Education, Faculty of Education,
University Campus, Kirtipur who as my research guide provided me with all
sort of basic ideas and invaluable suggestions for carrying out this research
work from beginning to the end, I would not be able to present this thesis in
this form.

I am also profoundly grateful to **Prof. Dr. Jai Raj Awasthi**, the Chairperson of the English and Other Foreign Languages Education Subject Committee and my respected guru, for his kind help. I am extremely grateful to **Prof. Awasthi** for his regular encouragement for academic excellence.

I feel fortunate to thank my honorable guru **Prof. Dr. Chandreshwor Mishra**, the Head of the Department of English Education, University Campus, Kirtipur for providing me the opportunity to conduct this research.

My sincere thanks go to Prof. Shanti Basnyat, Prof. Dr. Govind Raj Bhattarai, Prof. Dr. Tirtha Raj Khaniya, Mrs. Tapasi Bhattacharya, Mr. Vishnu S. Rai, Dr, Laxmi Bahadur Maharjan, Dr. Anjana Bhattarai. Dr. Anju Giri, Mr. Prem Phayak, Mrs. Madhu Neupane, Mrs. Saraswati Dawadi, Mrs Hema Rawal and Mr. Bhesh Raj Pokhrel for their teaching and encouragement for this study.

I have great sense of pleasure to express my deep sense of gratitude to **Mrs. Madhavi Khanal,** Librarian of the Department of English Education for her administrative support.

Similarly, I would like to thank **Mr. Devkant Joshi**, the Principle of Learning Realm International School, Kalanki, Kathmandu, who has given me the opportunity to conduct my research work in his institute. I would like to thank the students of class nine for supporting me directly or indirectly during my practical work.

Likewise, I feel pleasure to express my particular thanks to my parents **Mr. Ram Lal Joshi** and **Mrs, Tulsi Devi Joshi** who have who have struggled a lot to make what I am today. I am extremely grateful to my brothers **Mr. Pawan Joshi** and **Devendra Joshi** who are source of inspiration for my achievement

Date: 2067-02-09 Ganga Joshi

ABSTRACT

The present study was conducted to examine the "Effectiveness of Task-Based Approach on Reading". The objectives of the study were to find out the effectiveness of task based language teaching in teaching reading and to suggest some pedagogical implications. This study was conducted in Learning Realm International School, Kalanki Kathmandu, Nepal. The students of class 9 were taken as the sample of the study. First, the researcher took a pre- test and on the basis of the result of pre- test, real teaching was started. The researcher taught for 25 days using Task- Based Approach. The action research was conducted to find out the effectiveness of task- based approach on reading. After the completion of teaching, a post- test was taken. The results of both the tests were compared to determine the effectiveness of task- based approach using action research on teaching reading. It was found that task- based approach was found to be effective.

This thesis work consists of four chapters. Chapter one consists of introductory of related area of the study. It includes objectives, significance of the study. Chapter two provides the details of the methodology and the procedures followed by the researcher in the collection of the primary as well secondary data. Chapter three consists of analysis and interpretation of the data. The data were analyzed and interpreted on the basis of the average score in the pre- test and post- test. The last chapter, describes the findings and recommendations derived from this research.

LISTS OF CONTENTS

Declaration	i
Recommendation for Acceptance	ii
Recommendation for Evaluation	iii
Evaluation and Approval	iv
Dedication	v
Acknowledgements	vi
Abstract	viii
List of Contents	ix
List of Tables	xii
List of Abbreviations	xiv
CHAPTER ONE: INTRODUCTION	
1.1General Background	1
1.1.1 Task- Based Language Teaching	3
1.1.2 Framework of Task- Based Language Teaching	8
1.1.3 Procedures of Task- Based Language Teaching	10
1.1.4. Types of Task- Based Language Teaching	10
1.1.5 Components of Task- Based Language Teaching	11
1.1.6 Advantages of Task- Based Language Teaching	13
1.1.7 Reading Skills	13
1.1.8 Reading Skills and Task- Based Language Teaching	14
1.1.9 Types of Reading	15
1.1.10 Action Research	17

1.1.10.1 Characteristics of Action Research	18	
1.1.10.2 Process of Action Research	18	
1.2 Tools of Data Collection		
1.3 Review of Related Literature in Action Research	21	
1.4 Objectives of the Study	22	
1.5 Significance of the Study	22	
CHAPTER TWO: METHODOLOGY		
2.1 Sources of Data Collection	23	
2.1.1 Primary Sources of Data	23	
2.1.2 Secondary Sources of Data	23	
2.2 Population of the Study	23	
2.3 Sampling Procedure	23	
2.4 Tools for Data Collection	24	
2.4.1 Test Items	24	
2.5 Process of Data Collection	25	
2.6 Limitations of the Study	26	
CHAPTER THREE: ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION OF D	ATA	
3.1 Holistic Comparison	28	
3.1.1 Objective Test- based Comparison	30	
3.1.1.1 Multiple Choice	30	
3.1.1.2 True, False or Not- stated	30	
3.1.1.3 Gap Filling	31	
3.1.1.4 Opposite Meaning	31	
3.1.1.5 Similar Meaning	32	
3.1.1.6 Matching Items	32	
3.1.1.7 Jumbled Sentences	33	
3.1.1.8 Cloze Test	33	

3.1.1.9 Changing Past into Present Tense	34
3.1.2 Subjective Test- based Comparison	34
3.1.2.1 Answer in One Word.	34
3.1.2.2 Giving Answers	35
3.1.2.3 Making Sentences	35
3.1.2.4 Writing about Experiences	36
3.1.2.5 Writing about Future Plans	36
3.2 Time- on- task Analysis	37
3.3 Analysis of the Tests Scores	46
3.3.1 Analysis of the Scores of Pre- test	46
3.3.2 Analysis of the Scores of Progressive tests	47
3.3.3 Analysis of the Scores on the Post- test	52
3.4 Average Level of Performance in Pre- test and Post- test	53
3.4.1 Average Level of Performance in Subjective Test	54
3.4.2 Average Level of Performance Objective Test	54
CHAPTER FOUR: FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS	
4.1 Findings	55
4.2 Recommendations	57
References	59
Appendices	
Appendix I Test Items	
Appendix II Lesson Plans	
Appendix III Individual Scores	
Appendix IV Model Answer Sheets	

LIST OF TABLES

S. No.	Title	Page
Table No. 1	Test Items	24
Table No. 2	Differences in Pre- test and Post- test	29
Table No. 3	Multiple Choice	30
Table No. 4	True, False or Not stated	31
Table No. 5	Gap Filling	31
Table No. 6	Opposite Meaning	32
Table No. 7	Similar Meaning	32
Table No. 8	Matching Items	33
Table No. 9	Jumbled Sentences	33
Table No. 10	Cloze Test	34
Table No. 11	Changing Present tense into Past Tense	34
Table No. 12	Answer in One Word	35
Table No. 13	Giving Answers	35
Table No. 14	Making Sentences	36
Table No. 15	Writing about Experiences	36
Table No. 16	Writing about Future Plan	37
Table No. 17	Individual Scores on First Time- in-task	37
Table No. 18	Individual Scores on Second Time- in-task	38
Table No. 19	Individual Scores on Third Time- in-task	39
Table No. 20	Individual Scores on Fourth Time- in-task	39
Table No. 21	Individual Scores on Fifth Time- in-task	40

Table No. 22	Individual Scores on Sixth Time- in-task	40
Table No. 23	Individual Scores on Seventh Time- in-task	41
Table No. 24	Individual Scores on Eighth Time- in-task	41
Table No. 25	Individual Scores on Ninth Time- in-task	42
Table No. 26	Individual Scores on Tenth Time- in-task	42
Table No. 27	Individual Scores on Eleventh Time- in-task	43
Table No. 28	Individual Scores on Twelfth Time- in-task	44
Table No. 29	Individual Scores on Thirteen Time- in-task	44
Table No. 30	Individual Scores on Fourteenth Time- in-task	45
Table No. 31	Individual Scores on Fifteenth Time- in-task	45
Table No. 32	Individual Scores on the Post- test	46
Table No. 33	Individual Scores on First Progressive Test	48
Table No. 34	Individual Scores on Second Progressive Test	49
Table No. 35	Individual Scores on Third Progressive Test	50
Table No. 36	Individual Scores on Fourth Progressive Test	50
Table No. 37	Individual Scores on Fifth Progressive Test	51
Table No. 38	The Individual Scores on the Post- test	52
Table No. 39	Average Level of Performance in Subjective Test	54
Table No. 40	Average Level of Performance in Objective Test	54

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

Av. : Average

Sc. : Score

TBLT : Task- Based Language Teaching

D: Difference between Post- Test and Pre- test. If it is

positive, it indicates increase in the average score of

the pre-test and if it is negative, it shows the

decrease in the average score of the pre-test.

LRI : Learning Realm International

OSS : Oral Structural and Situational

P : Percentage

P1 : Pre- test

P2 : Post-test

S.N. : Serial Number

I % : Increment Percent

P.T : Progressive Test

ELT : English Language Teaching

CLT : Communicative Language Teaching