

## **TEACHING OF PROSE**

### **“Prose is words in their best order”**

- ♥ Prose is meant for learning a language. Teaching prose means teaching reading with comprehension.
- ♥ The learners are taught the skill of reading. The next step is to teach them reading with comprehension. Reading with comprehension helps the learners to acquire new vocabulary and content words.
- ♥ The power of comprehension can be promoted through reading and listening. Teaching prose enables the students to understand the passage, to read fluently, to enrich their vocabulary and to enjoy reading and writing.
- ♥ It enables the learners to extend their knowledge of vocabulary and structures and to become more proficient in the four language skills. It develops the ability of speaking English correctly and fluently.

The main aims of teaching prose are:

**a) Literary**

**b) Content**

To achieve the literary and content, the aims of teaching of prose should be intensive and extensive.

### **INTENSIVE READING:**

Reading a text for accuracy is called intensive reading. It is done with the close guidance of the teacher. It forces the learners to pay more attention to the text. It involves the profound and detailed understanding of the text. It is primarily concerned with the developing of reading strategies.

### **The reading strategies are**

- 1. Judgment**
- 2. Reasoning**
- 3. Interpretation and**
- 4. Appreciation**

Intensive reading is more an exercise in accuracy.

Students do not read a text only for a specific purpose of information. A text is considered suitable for scanning of information, paying attention to the writer's intentions, arguments, ideas, style, etc.,

The students are expected to answer all questions which involve their understanding of the text, grammar, vocabulary, writing, etc., So, an intensive reading must be based on the structural syllabus.

- 1. It must be interesting.**
- 2. It should be well graded.**
- 3. Multiple numbers of colorful pictures are necessary.**
- 4. The pictures should stimulate an interest in the lessons.**
- 5. More opportunities for oral discussions before reading the text.**
- 6. Difficult words, phrases and ideas should be clearly explained by the teacher.**
- 7. It must have provisions for silent reading and reading aloud.**

### **AIMS OF TEACHING PROSE:**

The main aim of teaching prose is to develop the language ability of the students. It is the intensive study of a language. The language ability helps the learners to use English language without any problem.

### **GENERAL AIMS OF TEACHING PROSE:**

To enable the students

- 1. To understand the passage and grasp its meaning.**
- 2. To read with correct pronunciation, stress, intonation, pause and articulation of voice.**
- 3. To enable students to understand the passage by silent reading.**
- 4. To enrich their active and passive vocabulary.**
- 5. To express the ideas of the passage orally and in writing.**
- 6. To enjoy reading and writing.**
- 7. To develop their imagination.**
- 8. To prepare the students for world citizenship.**

### **SPECIFIC AIMS:**

The specific aims of prose change according to the subject matter like biography, play, story and essay.

### **SPECIFIC AIMS OF A STORY:**

- 1. The learners learn a few facts through the story.**
- 2. To teach morals.**
- 3. To mould one's character.**
- 4. Exposure to the style of story writing.**

### **SPECIFIC AIMS OF AN ESSAY:**

- 1. The learners learn a few facts through the essay.**
- 2. To make students curious about the subject of essay.**
- 3. Exposure to the style of essay-writing.**
- 4. To arrange ideas in an organized manner.**

### **SPECIFIC AIMS OF A BIOGRAPHY:**

- 1.** The learners are exposed to the lives of great men.
- 2.** To mould one's character.
- 3.** Aspiration for better things in life.
- 4.** To inculcate in them desirable sentiments.

### **SPECIFIC AIMS OF A PLAY:**

1. *To provide opportunities for self-expression.*
2. *To play different roles.*
3. *To speak English in the conversational style.*
4. *To mould one's character.*

### **DIFFERENT STEPS INVOLVED IN TEACHING PROSE:**

A prose lesson is not for memorization of questions and answers but for learning a language.

The prose lesson contains structure, vocabulary, grammar, views and ideas for comprehension.

The students read prose with comprehension and write sentences about the lesson using the correct structures and content words.

### **The steps for teaching of prose may be summed up as follows.**

1. Introducing the prose lesson
2. Teaching structures
3. Dividing the text into smaller units
4. Teaching vocabulary
5. Model reading by the teacher
6. Silent reading by the students
7. Testing comprehension
8. Testing application
9. Loud reading by the students and
10. Giving assignment