

Is it right to use mother tongue in schools to educate children?

Class Objective: To discuss whether it is right to use mother tongue in schools to educate children.

Concept A Vocabulary required to discuss the topic:

- Mother tongue - The language which a person has grown up speaking from early childhood
- First language - The first language of the child learnt from birth and early childhood
- Native language - The language a child learns from early childhood. It is either spoken at home or in the area that he/she lives.
- Regional language - A regional language is the language spoken in a given area, region or state.
- National language - The national language is the language connected to the nation and is spoken by the majority of people in the country.
- Official language - The language identified by the state in which all official work is conducted.
- Medium - Something that is in middle position, the thing by which something is done.

Concept B: Arguments for and against the topic:

Arguments for the use of mother tongue in schools to educate children:

1. There is no second thought that a child should be taught in his/her mother tongue as it makes learning faster.
2. If the teacher speaks the mother tongue, the child feels connected and does not hesitate to ask questions.
3. Parents are able to help the children with their studies if they are taught in the mother tongue as it is more familiar to them and they need to take less efforts to help children.
4. Once the basics are clear, students can learn other languages as well.

Arguments against the use of mother tongue in schools to educate children:

1. India is a diverse country with people from various ethnic backgrounds speaking different mother tongues. Employment reasons have led the movement of people from one state to another. Hence, the society is mixed and the children have different mother tongues. In such a scenario, we require a common medium like Hindi, English or the regional language to impart the teaching.
2. In today's connected world, it is good to know multiple languages and children learn new languages faster. Hence, the medium of teaching does not matter as long as it is followed throughout their learning period.
3. Children find it difficult to switch from one language medium to another. Hence for children with parents who move frequently, they should select Hindi or

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