

Unit 8 Total Physical Response

I. Terms

Total Physical Response (TPR)

A language teaching method that emphasizes the use of physical actions and gestures to facilitate language learning.

Goals

To promote comprehension and retention of language through physical movement and kinesthetic learning.

Total Physical Response Storytelling (TPRS)

A variation of TPR that incorporates storytelling techniques to engage learners in meaningful language use.

Method

A learner-centered approach that combines physical actions, commands, and storytelling to enhance language acquisition.

II. Important Tips

Total Physical Response is a language teaching method that harnesses the power of physical movement and gestures to enhance language learning.

Purpose:

Promoting comprehension and retention of language through kinesthetic learning.

Creating an engaging and interactive language learning experience.

Developing learners' listening and comprehension skills.

III. Techniques Used

Command-Response Drill

Using physical commands and learners' responses to reinforce vocabulary and language structures.

Storytelling and Story Retelling

Engaging learners in storytelling activities where they act out and retell stories using the target language.

TPR Games and Activities

Incorporating games and interactive activities that require physical responses to practice language skills.

Role-Play and Acting Out

Encouraging learners to role-play and act out scenarios to practice language use in

realistic contexts.

Gesture-Based Vocabulary Learning

Associating gestures with vocabulary items to aid in vocabulary acquisition and retention.

IV. Review Questions

A. Matching Questions

Command-Response Drill

Total Physical Response

Storytelling and Story Retelling

TPR Games and Activities

Gesture-Based Vocabulary Learning

A. Using physical commands and learners' responses to reinforce vocabulary and language structures.

B. A language teaching method that emphasizes the use of physical actions and gestures to facilitate language learning.

C. Engaging learners in storytelling activities where they act out and retell stories using the target language.

D. Incorporating games and interactive activities that require physical responses to practice language skills.

E. Associating gestures with vocabulary items to aid in vocabulary acquisition and retention.

Answer Key: 1.A 2.B 3.C 4.D 5.E

B. True or False

() 1. Total Physical Response promotes comprehension and retention of language through physical movement.

() 2. Storytelling and Story Retelling is a technique used in Total Physical Response.

() 3. Gesture-Based Vocabulary Learning is not a part of Total Physical Response.

() 4. Role-play and acting out activities help learners practice language use in realistic contexts.

() 5. Total Physical Response focuses solely on vocabulary acquisition.

Answer Key: 1.T 2.T 3.F 4.T 5.F

C. Multiple Choice

() 1. Which of the following is a WRONG description of Total Physical Response?

- A. Promoting comprehension and retention of language through physical movement.
- B. Using physical actions and gestures to facilitate language learning.
- C. Incorporating storytelling techniques to engage learners.
- D. Focusing on vocabulary memorization through flashcards.

() 2. What is one advantage of using Total Physical Response?

- A. Promoting comprehension and retention of language through kinesthetic learning.
- B. Rote memorization of vocabulary and grammar.
- C. Teacher-centered instruction.
- D. Limited use of authentic materials.

() 3. The technique of gesture-based vocabulary learning in Total Physical Response aims to:

- A. Associate gestures with vocabulary items to aid in vocabulary acquisition and retention.
- B. Engage learners in storytelling activities.
- C. Encourage physical responses to practice language skills.
- D. Create a relaxed learning atmosphere.

() 4. Total Physical Response is also known as:

- A. The Prussian method.
- B. The cognitive behavioral approach.
- C. The Classical Method.
- D. The TPR method.

() 5. Which two elements are associated with Total Physical Response?

- A. Comprehension and retention of language through physical movement.
- B. Native language and teacher-centered instruction.
- C. Fluency and communication.
- D. Rote memorization of vocabulary and grammar.

Answer Key: 1.D 2.A 3.A 4.D 5.A

D. Short Answer

Please state one advantage and one disadvantage of Total Physical Response.