

**Report on Seminar on**  
**"Games & Activities to Make Grammar Learning and Teaching Really Fascinating"**  
**Organised by Department of English & Foreign Languages**  
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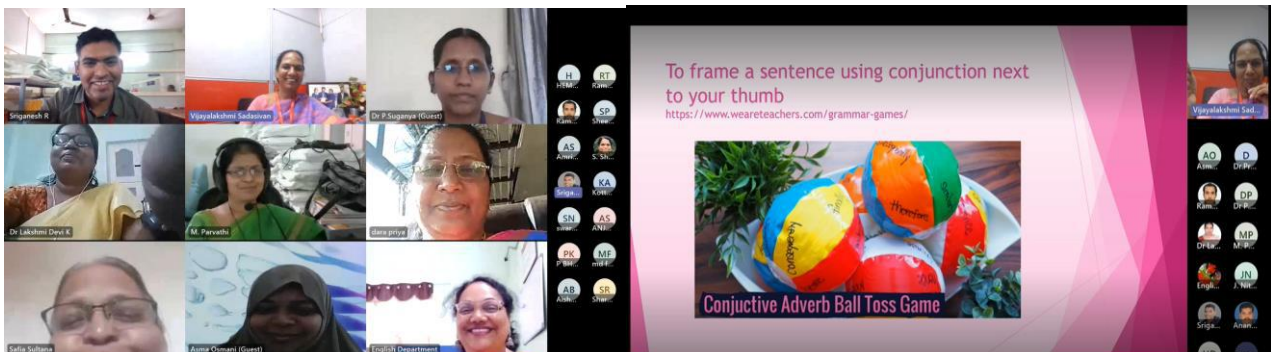
**Resource Person: Dr Vijayalakshmi Sadasivan, Associate Professor, School of Social Sciences and Languages, VIT, Chennai.**

The Department of English & Foreign Languages, Madanapalle Institute of Technology & Science, Madanapalle organized a One Day Online Seminar titled Games & Activities to make grammar learning and teaching really fascinating on 14th June 2023. The programme was started at 10:30 AM by **Mrs. M. Parvathi (Asst. Professor- Department of English and Foreign Languages)** who welcomed the participants on behalf of MITs, Madanapalle. Then she introduced the Resource Person **Dr. Vijayalakshmi Sadasivan, (Associate Professor, Vellore Institute of Technology-Chennai)** to the participants and thanked her for accepting the invitation. Later the Opening remarks and introduction of the programme were given by **Dr.P. Athahar, HOD of the Department.** Who also welcomed all the participants and expressed her gratitude. She made the participants aware of the practical activities for ESL classroom, which help to motivate the students. She informed the participants to attend two sessions and fill in the feedback form in order to be entitled to get their e-certificate of participation. She also informed them that they can post their questions in the chat box which will be picked up to answer.

The resource person after thanking the Management MITs Madanapalle, Principal, Coordinator as well as HOD English and Foreign languages, started the first session on Making Grammar Teaching & Learning Interesting in a question-and-answer way to stimulate the audience's interest. The following questions were asked:

- How can we make anything interesting?
- Let us say we have made the same BORING idlies and chutney AGAIN!
- How can we make it eye catching & appealing?

At this context, Dr. Vijayalakshmi has reminded the participants not to go for the lecture mode as the old concept of 'Chalk and Talk' got outdated and cited Confucius, a Chinese philosopher's quotes as



- *I hear and I forget*
- *I see and I may remember*
- *I do and I learn.*

She took her discussion further to the behavioral learning theory, which plays a key role in understanding the students as Information is transferred from teachers to learners from a response to the right stimulus.

The second session titled Making *Grammar Palatable* was resumed after the lunch break at 2PM. She emphasized the activity - based teaching and some of the innovative methods which are useful in classroom are mentioned

- Role play
- Watching drama or movie clips
- Watching videos or lectures with good examples.
- Jigsaw puzzle
- Information gap
- Problem Solving
- Decision making
- Opinion exchange

During the seminar the following web resource were suggested for the activity-based teaching.

1. <https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/>
2. <https://busyteacher.org/14387-how-to-improve-listening-skills-8-activities.html>
3. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MA3NFtLc22k>
4. <https://www.weareteachers.com/grammar-games/>
5. <https://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/grammar-vocabulary/grammar-practice/adjectives>
6. [https://www.weareteachers.com/grammar-games /](https://www.weareteachers.com/grammar-games/)

At the end of the session the resource person thanked the participants for their active participation. **Mrs .M. Parvathi invited Dr. K. Lakshmi Devi (Asst. Professor- Department of English and Foreign Languages, MITS)** to propose vote of thanks. The overall feedback form has been shared and 40 participants attended the online session and submitted their feedback.