

NEW APPROACH IN TEACHING ENGLISH FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES AT ZHYTOMYR STATE TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY

It is supposed that after finishing schools teenagers have a good command of the English language. It goes without saying that we mean general English they acquire during school years. But reality shows that most students of the first year of study at Zhytomyr State Technological University (ZSTU) are not very good at everyday English as they enter the higher educational establishment having rather poor knowledge of the language.

Yes, English like any other language, includes such aspects as speaking, listening, grammar, writing, and no matter if it is for general or special purposes. Everyone who learns the foreign language, specially, at a university, should feel free to speak it.

English for specific purposes (ESP) and English for general purposes (EGP) have much in common. Foremost, it's their grammar. There is no specific grammar in ESP as the latter one, like EGP, uses the grammar which is common for both of them. Secondly, it's their vocabulary, Most words in ESP are taken from EGP, namely words which are borrowed from EGP to ESP in their general meanings and words that become terms due to semantic changes.

All said above proves that EGP is the base for ESP. That is why, the knowledge of grammar and lexis is of the first importance for school leavers when they start learning ESP. In other words, good knowledge of the language is necessary for students so that they could acquire ESP successfully.

It is the reason why teaching grammar and ESP vocabulary is always paid all the attention of teachers at ZSTU.

Taking into account that

1) the majority of applicants entering ZSTU have not very good knowledge of English for general purposes,

2) the process of learning ESP requires enormous efforts from most students and learners can't cope,

3) a lesson a week or every second week appeared to be not enough for developing students' grammar and speech skills in ESP,

4) students have to learn terms and general words and grammar simultaneously that is extremely difficult for teenagers because they have to study some subjects on their future speciality also,

5) after ESP course learning most students can't speak English free discussing both general topics and issues in their professional fields,

6) the wants of the management of ZSTU to prepare highly qualified specialists who will be of high demand at the present job market also due to their abilities to communicate English successfully as soon as they need it,

7) the wants of students to get enough knowledge of the language that will facilitate them to build their future career, the teachers of our department have

introduced the new curriculum for teaching English at ZSTU and this curriculum is being successfully implemented nowadays.

We hope our students will be among those happiest ones to benefit from their good knowledge of the English language learned at ZSTU while reaching their professional goals soon.