How to teach correct English pronunciation to elementary school students

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The new curriculum guidelines



"familiarizing pupils with the sounds and basic expressions of foreign languages."

However...

no specific instructions for pronunciation instruction are given.



Improve current English education

in elementary schools.



Significance of this research



The new curriculum guidelines have only been in effect for about two years.

 \rightarrow No data on the pronunciation ability of elementary school students

 \rightarrow We will refer to the old curriculum guidelines and to the question booklet of the old curriculum guidelines.

*Subjects of this research: 3rd and 4th grade of elementary school

Research methods



1.Questionnaire about their own elementary school days.

2.Fieldwork to investigate current English education and create a lesson plan.

Questionnaire results (1)



Q.To what extent did you acquire English pronunciation skills when you were in elementary school? (106 responses)

Can be pronounced as per diacritics.

Can't be pronounced as per diacritics.

Questionnaire results 2



Q.How satisfied are you with your current English pronunciation? (106 responses)

- Extremely satisfied
- Slightly satisfied
- Slightly dissatisfied
- Extremely dissatisfied

Questionnaire considerations



Many elementary school students do not acquire correct pronunciation of English



1. Sing the song called "A Whole New World".

Why?→This effectively improves listening skills.

Also improve pronunciation skills.



2. Let's Play English challenge

Card game to distinguish between English words with similar pronunciations.



Fieldwork results

[The current situation of English Language Education]

 Big difference in motivation between students who are learning English and those who are not.

[Improvements in lesson plans]

- The level of English vocabulary is a little high.
- The key is to make a difference in initial sounds.



Fieldwork considerations

 The lesson plans must be changed significantly to use simple English words for elementary school students.

 We need to come up with content that all elementary school students can enjoy.

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