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Developing Learner Autonomy during Distance Learning Process

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Background of the research

Student-Centered Learning

Student independent learning

Collaboration of students with each other

Students are encouraged to be creative

Responsibility of students for their own learning

Students are actively engaged into the learning process



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What is learner autonomy?

Autonomous learning the ability to take their responsibility about their learning in which the learners must be able to determine their learning objectives, define the contents and progression, select methods and techniques, monitor the procedures of acquisition, and at the end to evaluate what has been acquired through their learning (H. Holec, 1981);

Autonomous learning (or self-directed learning) is a “capacity to take responsibility for, and control of, your own learning” (S. Thornbury, 2010).

Aims of the study

1. To identify and analyze the aspects of the learning process problematic for students;
2. To formulate ways to address the problems as well as recommendations for their elimination and development of students' learning autonomy.

Methodology



- ✓ monitoring all cases of students' failures to complete tasks;
- ✓ analyzing the process of completing tasks by different students;
- ✓ interviewing students, their curators, parents and teachers of other subjects



Revealed problems

- ✓ low motivation for independent learning
- ✓ absence of self-control
- ✓ time management
- ✓ inquisitiveness
- ✓ ignoring teacher's and classmates' feedback on improving completed tasks

Low motivation for independent learning



students complete tasks without understanding how it can help him/her to achieve the aims set at the lesson



individualization of the learning process, i.e. choosing resources and tasks in accordance student's level of knowledge, interests and specific knowledge acquisition



<https://www.thoughtco.com/when-students-lack-interest-8086>

Absence of self-control



students are not able to assess the quality of the work they do, they doubt if they complete the tasks correctly.



step-by-step instructions with detailed criteria and rubrics for self-monitoring and assessment should be developed



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Low level of inquisitiveness



Students are not interested in the topic discussed during the lesson due to having access to a range of information



Student's personality and life experience must be the center of the learning process. Students have to be taught to let the information pass through their mind and emotions, develop their ability to answer high order thinking questions of Bloom's Taxonomy.



<https://becuriousnotfurious.net/2020/04/11/welcome/>

Ignoring teacher's and classmates' feedback on improving completed tasks

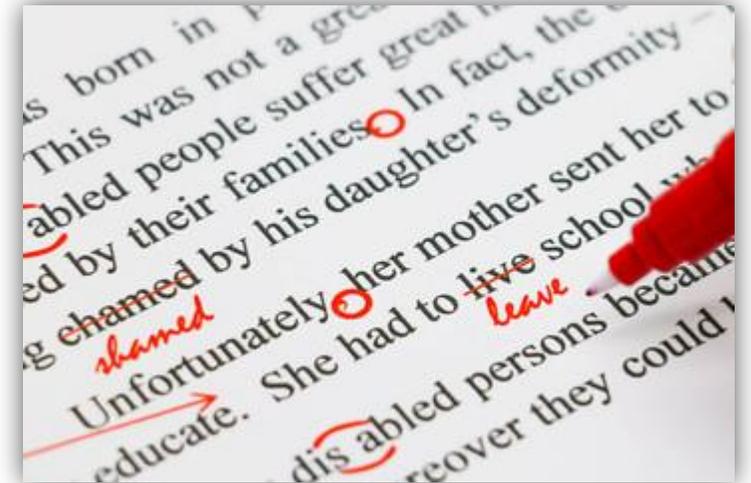


Some students demonstrate their unwillingness to respond to the given feedback what leads to making identical mistakes in further tasks.



Organizing peer-assessment activity, or making a student rewrite a composition (a task) after getting the feedback explaining that (s)he would be assessed only after that

My favorite shopping center is batyr mall. Batyr mall has everything, food courts, cinema, many boutiques with clothes, entertainment center "viking land", and much more. Batyr mall from inside looks like [a] big square building, shopping center painted brown, almost the building has a huge inscription "Batyr Mall". there is a hypermarket nearby. I often visit batyr mall with my parents or friends, because this shopping center are most popular and cool in my city. Peoples often byes clothes in batyr mall, like me, parents can leave their childrens in viking land and go shopping themselves. Also peoples visit cinema in batyr mall, cause there [a] good service, and every wednesday [there is a] discount 50% for tickets. Actually I shopping in batyr mall cause this shopping center is close to my house. I think batyr mall is a good place for relax with your family or friends.



<https://inventingrealityediting.com/2017/07/20/professional-book-editor-in-lexington-kentucky/>

D. Nunnan's nine steps to learner autonomy

Step 1: Make instruction goals clear to learners

Step 2: Allow learners to create their own goals

Step 3: Encourage learners to use their knowledge outside the classroom

Step 4: Raise awareness of learning processes

Step 5: Help learners identify their own preferred styles and strategies

Step 6: Encourage learner choice

Step 7: Allow learners to generate their own tasks

Step 8: Encourage learners to become teachers

Step 9: Encourage learners to become researchers



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