

Role of films and radio in education

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Films

- In the field of education there is too much development of films. It is a good audio-visual aid in teaching learning process. It is complementary or substitute of physical teaching. It affects the whole environment of class with the mixture of sound and light. It coordinates pictures ,words, colors, objects and diagrams according to the objectives. It is gaining much popularity as a self instructional material.

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An educational film is one which contributes to the achievement of desirable educational goal by making effective use of motion pictures as a medium of communication.

Advantages

- It helps in modifying the interests and attitude of the students by providing information regarding different business activities.
- They can bring past and present in the classroom.
- They may prove as effective sources for recreation and entertainment.
- They are true to life experiences .we can get the experiences from every corner of the world.

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- The knowledge gained through the films becomes permanent.
- They help in inculcating right values among the students as well as the development of national and international outlook.
- They provide variety to the methods of instruction due to the presentation with movements ,change in visuals and life-related .They attract the attention and create interest.
- They work as controlling time factor also.
- They help in developing thoughts and actions.

Limitations

- Too much mostly.
- Lack of trained teachers.
- It is not possible to revise the visual at a time.
- It is difficult to think on the important facts while depicting the films.

Radio



Importance of Radio in Educative Process

- ▶ Radio has been playing a vital role in the field of communication since its origin.
- ▶ 1930s marked the use of radio in educative process.
- ▶ After the growth of the print, as an instrument for the dissemination of idea, message, information and knowledge, the spoken word appeared with fresh tonal values as the vehicle of communication.
- ▶ Radio amalgamates sound and it has got immense potentiality. It has the power to stimulate values, to stir imagination and to increase knowledge and understanding.

Role of Radio in Education

- ▶ **Radio extends the area of acquaintance:** The child gains knowledge only when he/she interacts with the surroundings. Radio widens the area of acquaintance.
- ▶ Radio brings world into the classroom through the means of description, narration, dramatization and so on with the help of original voice and natural sounds.
- ▶ “Radio has the ability to transport listeners around the world, backward or forward in time” - Forsythe.
- ▶ **It brings the people of rare contribution:** It helps the learners to get familiar with the eminent personalities who has given immense contribution to the society.
- ▶ Normally, it is not possible from part of the students to hear the voice of such people. It may be a great experience to the students.

- ▶ **It places events of current nature:** National and international events are portrayed to the pupil. This help the pupil to update their information regarding national and international events.
- ▶ Radio carries fresh information earlier than the same is found in the newspapers or magazines.
- ▶ **It helps in inculcating values:** Radio works with only voice and sound, it helps the students to improve their creativity and imagination.
- ▶ **It helps the slow learners and the pupils having poor sight:** The pupil listen to the teachers in classroom and they supplement the learning, by going through books.
- ▶ Radio broadcasting is a boon for the learners who have defective eye sight and those who are slow in learning.

- ▶ **It refreshes the knowledge of teachers:** A broadcast programmes carries more content than what is found in the text books.
- ▶ Various subject areas come into the fold of content. This helps the teacher to refresh his/her content knowledge in any subject/particular subject.
- ▶ **Well suited for subjects such as language and music:** Radio is suited for teaching music and arts. For Shukla ' radio specifically can provide opportunities for developing listening comprehension as well as improvement of vocabulary, pronunciation and formalities of speech'.

What makes radio popular.

- ▶ **Wide Coverage:** Radio covers wide geographical area. Even schools in remote places can access the broadcast. It can extend education to a greater student population at one time.
- ▶ **Cheap medium and low maintenance:** In comparison with other technologies, radio is regarded as the cheapest medium now a days. Even the schools with rural setting or minimal setting can have a radio with difficulty.
- ▶ Another plus point in favour of radio is that it can be **repaired easily and the spare parts do not cost much more**. Maintenance of radio is easily available within an institutional radius.
- ▶ **In absence of power supply, radio can be operated in battery.**
- ▶ **Infrastructure and experience:** Radio has got the well developed infrastructure for production of programmes as well as transmission of it. Authorised personnel and their experience is sought in this regard.

Utilisation of Educational Radio Programmes

- ▶ Radio concerns with one sense organ i.e. ear.
- ▶ Educational broadcast help the students to develop their mental ability.
- ▶ The canvas of imagination is so vast that the listener can paint it with variety, life and colour.
- ▶ For the effective use of radio programmes, some of the criteria are needed to be fulfilled; such as physical condition for broadcast, organisation of the class, preparing students for the broadcast, listening activity, post listening activity and follow up activity.