

Coloquia Language Arts' Method

"Speak like you've never spoken."

"Think like you've never thought."

"Feel like you've never felt!"

Coloquia is dedicated to the notion that in order to be fully functional in another language, one needs to speak, read, and write it, as well as understand how native speakers differ in thinking and expressing their thoughts.

We strive to teach not only the "hows" of languages, but the "whys" as well.

Introducing the Coloquia's Teaching Method:

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Of all the different methods for language teaching, "The Smallest Class", has proved to be the most effective. Coloquia specializes in this method and has added unique innovations to make it even better. The result is a unique, personalized language arts program.

How Coloquia Works

Coloquia has an exclusive approach to language teaching that brings teachers and students closer together. It is based upon three principals:

1. Highly personalized interaction

Coloquia specializes in one-on-one or small classes of 4-6 students, for maximum learning efficiency. In addition, this gives students greater focus and time to ask questions, and also enables teachers to impart cultural nuances as basic skills are learned.

2. Customization

After an initial evaluation, Coloquia creates a custom learning program for each individual. Students can now learn at their own pace, without pressures of competition or artificial deadlines. Students learn in a conducive environment that promotes better learning. Our classes are highly flexible so they can be adjusted to fit the students' particular needs at any time.

3. Individualized progress

Unlike other programs, Coloquia's method does not depend upon a predetermined schedule of accomplishment. There are no regular tests, quizzes, or other typical "milestones of success." Instead, progress is measured according to the students' ability to absorb the language and its cultural nuances. As they learn more, they are given more. Instructors write periodic reports documenting the student's progress.

Coloquia Language Arts has developed a particular teaching method that allows students to learn at their own pace in an environment free of any type of tension, stress or pressure. Our main objective is helping students to reach their maximum potential in the acquisition of the new language. Therefore, we have worked to create a meaningful approach to teaching, paying special attention to the goals students want to achieve when learning a second language.

Coloquia's method is an effective combination of techniques and guidelines from different types of pedagogical sources. This has allowed us to develop a unique teaching method that can be applied, with some modifications, to several different levels of proficiency and learning styles. It is a flexible method that keeps students always as the main focus and the main protagonist of their own learning process.

When teaching children and adults our method is heavily based on the idea of active learning. Regardless of their level, students begin using the target language from the very first moment they enter the classroom. Active learning is a fast paced process that allows students to gain confidence and knowledge by engaging in hands-on activities. Students are presented with real life situation and every day vocabulary. We give students the opportunity to speak the target language within minutes of their first lesson applying the new concepts right away. With the close guidance of our instructors students develop a solid language foundation where knowledge is built upon.

Our communicative approach puts emphasis on communication promoting interaction between students and instructors mostly using the language being learned. We engage students by giving them opportunity to try out the concepts learned, use new words, and apply the skills and knowledge acquired. Our classes are heavily based on conversational concepts and situations. Students learn mainly by speaking, reading, listening, watching, writing and "completing their homework."

As part of our communicative approach, the classes are created using real-world elements that enhance students' learning process. Some of these elements may be: role-play, group or pair work, interviews, conversational activities, etc. Our professional and experienced instructors use the second language as much as possible during the classes to progressively teach the entire lesson using only the target language.

At Coloquia our purpose is to be the last language instructor your child has, reaching all expectations and succeeding in our mission to make your child fully proficient in the second language.