

## OBJECTIVES OR GOALS TO MAKE THE ENGLISH TEACHING EFFECTIVE

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### Abstract

This paper focuses on how an English teacher can set about fulfilling his/her aims. It is totally concerned with the means how to achieve objective of teaching English. It throws light on all the four skills of communication i.e. how reading, writing, listening and speaking can be made effective; how the basic English should be taught and what a teacher should aim to teach English at Secondary school level to make the students fluent in the language and consequently their effecting their learning in college positively.

### INTRODUCTION

In modern era, an era of information and technology, English language has owned its special role in every part of the world. It is beautified with the phrase, “*The Window of the World.*” This is the reason it is being taught everywhere in the world. In the field of Education, English has its own place and identity. All the teachers know that teaching any subject is not as simple as it appears. In other words, we can say that teaching any subject should have some specific objectives and the success of a teacher totally depends on that. In short, a teacher should follow the basic principles of teaching, “Know what you do and only do what you know”.

### OBJECTIVES OF TEACHING ENGLISH

English has been placed as second language in India and rather than a medium of instruction, it is considered a language for attaining knowledge for majority of students. It is studied as second compulsory language in almost all the states in India. In other words, the students are taught English in India only to get its practical command; means to speak, read, write and understand English. Some of the aims which a teacher of English should keep in mind to teach the language effectively are:

- To enable the students to listen English with understanding
- To enable the students to use stress and intonation at proper places while speaking and also with correct pronunciation.
- To make them a good readers so as to comprehend the text.
- To make them to write correct an meaningful English in writing letters, applications, reports etc.
- To make their interest in learning the language.

- To make them efficient in editing, writing and reporting.
- To make them good speakers so that they can present themselves with fluent English without any pause or hesitation.

### WHAT IS THE DEFINITION OF OBJECTIVES?

According to the Dictionary, objective is “*something that one’s efforts or actions are intended to attain or accomplish*”. (Random House Kernarman Websters’ college Dictionary 2010k)

Means if a teacher aims to improve the speaking skill of his students he has the objective to enable the students in speaking and for that he has to adopt all the methods and skills to improve the speaking. In the same way, a teacher can improve reading, listening as well as writing skill. Therefore, a teacher’s desired goal to improve his students in a particular topic will be his objective.

### QUALITIES OF A GOOD OBJECTIVE

An objective having the following qualities can be characterized as a good objective:-

- It should be totally aimed at the improvement/betterment of students.
- It should be brief and to the point.
- It should help the students to modify their behavior.
- Psychological principles should be strictly followed in a good objective.

### AIMS OF TEACHING ENGLISH

- While teaching English, all the four skills should be focused as four are equally important for learning English.
- In the early stage, the students must be efficient to listen and read while writing and speaking at the later stage.
- A student must be able to write compositions like essays, themes etc.
- Other than text books, the students must be able to read other books like novels, poetry etc.

English is studied as a second language and sometimes, at many places, it is considered foreign language. It was at top most position in India at the time of British Rule and even after 67 years of independence, it is enjoying reputed position in India.

It is regarded as *lingua-franca* and used as a medium of instruction in almost all the universities in India.

In modern era of globalization, when everything like trading, shopping, banking etc. takes place electronically, English has reached at such a level that it has become “must” to learn for the students. Therefore, a teacher’s objectives are more or less dutiful because a teacher has to set up his objective to as to make his students acquire practical command over language.

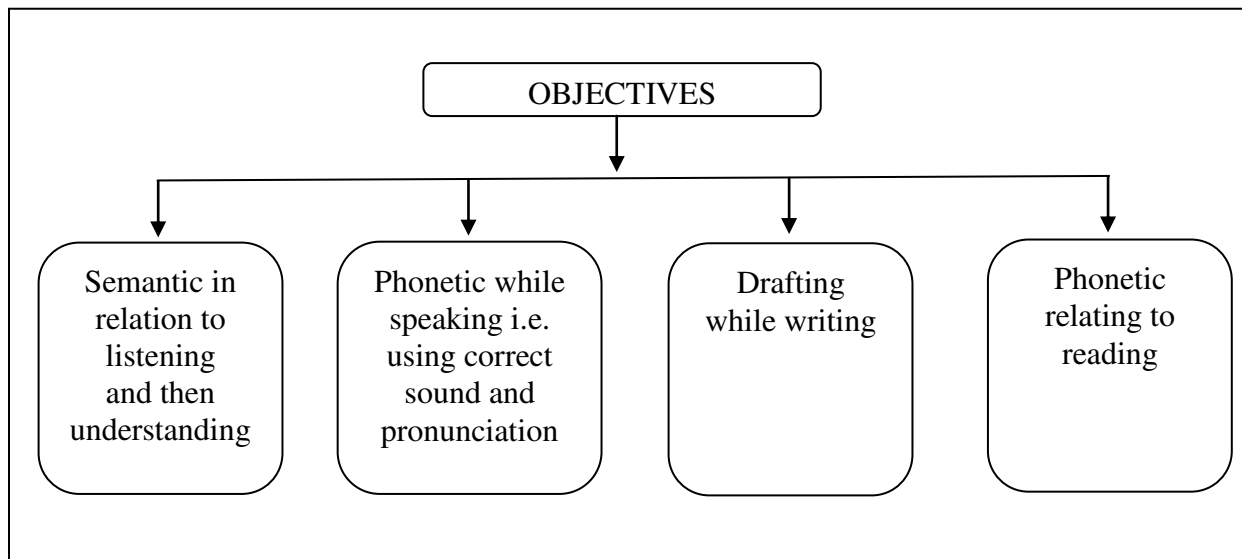
### MAIN OBJECTIVES IN TEACHING ENGLISH

English teaching has two perspectives:

- Teaching for language development
- Teaching for literary development

The given two objectives differ from each other as they are dependent on age and class of students.

The chart presents the objectives of teaching English.

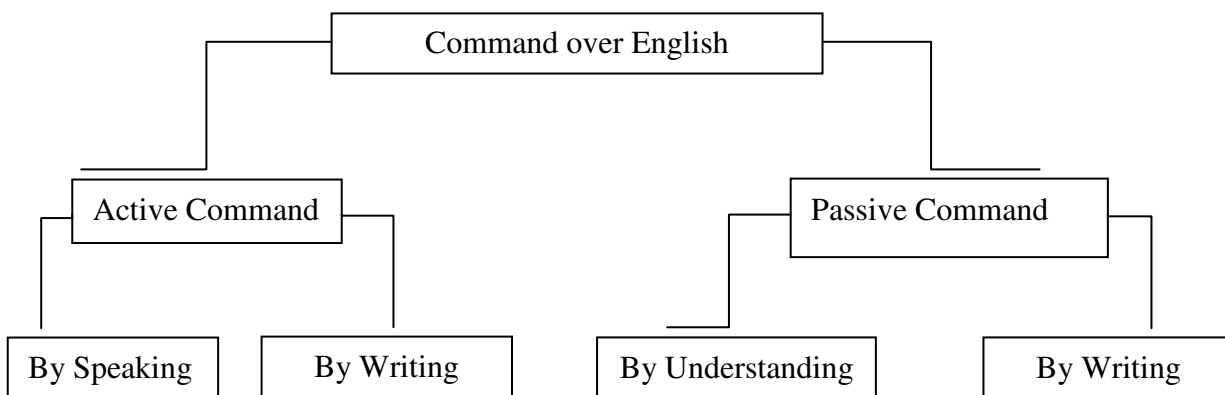


**Figure: 1 Four Fold objectives of teaching English**

**Fore fold objectives enable the students for:**

- Understanding the spoken words, i.e. recognition of sounds without any mistake and also to understand what is being heard.
- Using “Stress” and “Intonation” while speaking English.
- Enabling them to read English while reading some prose, poetry, drama and so on.
- Writing English by selecting right words to construct sentences.

It is very important to have command over Language. It can be better understood with the following diagram.



**Conclusion:**

We, Indians, have a mentality that passive knowledge of English for our people is enough. But it is a fact that without setting an aim or objective a teacher can't make an effective teaching of English language. A teacher has to set some goals while teaching a language and then carry on his or her work keeping a keen eye on goal.

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