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The Department of English was established in the year 2008 and from then it has been taking measures to enhance and enrich the students by providing them ample opportunities to strengthen and enhance their life skills. The department aims at the improvement and enrichment of the students' skills and to achieve that it creates opportunities and provides platforms to bring out their talents and skills by the following activities.

Role-Play

- Vocabulary Games
- Self- Introduction in a chain
- Group Discussion (GD)
- Just A Minute (JAM)
- PPTs
- Videos

Role-Play: The students are provided with a situation and they just assume the respective roles and enact. Participating in the activities like Role- Play provide the students to improve their communication skills and also to boost their confidence. Role- Play paves the way to enhance fluency and accuracy and the students love to practice speaking in English not only in the classroom but also outside the class. It helps the students to communicate properly and also to seek and give information in their day to day life.

Example:

Mounika: Excuse me. I am looking for the Mastermind Computer Training Center.Can you please direct me how to get there?

Niharika: Sure, go straight and take the first left,walk past the new bus stand and you find the Mastermind Computer Training Center on your right..

Mounika: Thank you so much.

Niharika: welcome/you are welcome/it's ok/ok.

Vocabulary Games: Vocabulary plays a very important role in communication whether written or spoken. Keeping in view the importance of it, the department conducts different kinds of vocabulary games like chalkboard acronym, word chain etc. to enrich the students' vocabulary. These activities not only help the students to improve their vocabulary but also to learn and remember their spelling.

Chalkboard Acronym:

- P..Pet
- O..Orange
- E...Eight
- M...Mango.....POEM

- C...Color
- L...Local
- A...Apple

- S...Science
- S...Sympathy.....CLASS

It is best used when we deal with different types of nouns, word roots, prefixes, suffixes, collocations, figures of speech, synonyms, antonyms, British English, American English, phrasal verbs and idioms etc.

★ **Self-Introduction:** The students will be formed into two groups and each student has to introduce herself to the student standing in front of her and move on to another student and so on and so forth. When they participate in such an activity they will gain confidence and will be freed from the phobia of speaking. Further, it provides an opportunity to learn things in a fun and relaxed way and makes them efficient to deal with real life situations.

★ **Group Discussion:** The students will be divided into several groups and will be assigned a topic and they discuss among themselves in the group and present the same to the entire class. By doing this the students will develop life skills like communication skills, critical thinking, creativity, problem solving, collaboration, team spirit, and time management etc. The topics like adjectives, adverbs, nouns, portmanteau words, punctuation, spellings can be done excellently using Group Discussion. In addition to the grammar topics, it is best used in dealing with poetry, drama and prose. It is best used with writers like RK Narayan, Rabindranath Tagore, poets like Shelley, AK Ramanujan and Charlotte Bronte, etc.

★ **NAME:** This is an impromptu activity, wherein the students have to pick a slip and do the activity whatever is there on the slip. This generally provides an opportunity to the students to showcase their talent, skill and speaking without any hesitation. In addition to that, this activity helps them to manage time and express their opinion in the given time. In addition to that It improves their spontaneity. Topics like favorite food, color, place, subject, vehicle, movie, actor, singer, dancer, player, politician, best friend, favorite animal, best etiquette help the students by creating a favorable situation to participate in the activity comfortably.

Example: My favorite color.

My favorite color is blue because it is pleasant and it symbolizes serenity and it is so soothing. I feel so relaxed and relieved whenever I see anything which is blue in color.

My favorite place: Kashmir

My favorite place is Kashmir because it's a beautiful place to live in and we find fresh and juicy apples, a wonderful collection of beautiful flowers. And one of the major attractions is the 'house- boats. The Himalayas that are covered with the white and thick snow look gorgeous.

PPTs: Prepared PPTs for all the topics and used them effectively during the online and offline classes. In addition to the PowerPoint presentations, made use of Google slides, Docs, and Google forms to share information and to conduct quizzes etc. The complex topics are better explained using the PPTs and students enjoy learning the language and also the concepts.