The Educational Perspective of Constructivist Learning Theories with their Implications to Teach English language within Pakistani Context

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Abstract

This paper explores discussion of two language learning theories to highlight pedagogical steps. Number of great educationists, psychologists and instructors, teaching a second language (i.e. English) has promoted to build solid arguments for carrying educational paradigm through a constructivist approach. The study narrowed towards access of a context that visualizes instructional planning and learning of English language within Pakistani public and private sector schools. The educational paradigm selected to validate this study is described through language learning theories of Jean Piaget and Lev Vygotsky. Their theories have been used to describe different educational issues by creating a code of conduct within field of applied linguistics. These theories have forwarded the basis of viewing difference within event so child’s cognitive development either through ages to stages or ego-centric talk found amongst the children. Their educational implications are increasing in terms of supportive arguments through teaching of English language with observing of learning phases within children.

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1. Introduction

It is with the significance of learning a second language that tends to change the educational trends locally and world-wide. A great consort of controversy within the contrastive approach amongst researchers has been witnessed with innovative solutions of challenges to improve fundamental quality of learning and teaching. This stimulates as an accessible way towards finding new vistas that could help in carrying out research studies for possible suits of language programs that have been working for second and foreign different levels of language learners. The educational field itself is observed to be bound for its functioning within the stated paradigms of different research based learning theories. These theories are the result of two basic approaches that tends to define physiological and psychological built up of an active individual. Namely, behavioral and Constructive dimensions both as two separate set of child mental developments are acknowledged by educational theorists, Vygotsky and Piaget respectively. They have conclusively worked to describe the mental development of a child (Rummel, 2008) with two different sorts of strategic appealing dimensions. Their views mainly contrast with each other within respect to the model of educational framework. However, it is a positive sign for the educationists as a guide to prepare and teach any material after analyzing the contextual structure through appropriate developmental review of any given learning context.

2. Foundational basis of two learning theories (Piaget and Vygotsky): (Constructivist dimension)

Two of learning theories, Piaget’s cognitive construct and Vygotskiyan’s socio-cultural perspectives have been propagated to follow the underlying principles. Vygotskiyan theory is set under influence of frame reference that is linked to the constructive approach of structuring the mental capabilities within a child as important member of environment set to a direct influence. Piaget’s theory rests entirely with cognitive construction. (Chambliss, 1996) highlights two major proponents of Piaget’s theory; they are as “stages” and “ages”.

2.1.1. Brief review on Vygoskian socio-cultural construct theory:

The theory of Socio-cultural construct has an immense effect under profession of providing guidance. It promulgates the concepts to learn and acquire L2.
However, it is significant towards providing guide of developing L2 strategies with assistance to Zone of Proximal Development (ZPD), scaffolding and mediation process. However, it is usually more than to conceive for the L2 learner’s learning level under true developmental measure. (Lantolf, 2000) confidently forwarded the view for the human mind as mediated. It went further to cite Vygotsky in his work by stating that “he claimed about individuals to have no action directly with this physical world but directly towards their socio-cultural environment (Vygotsky, 1978 cited Lantolf 2000). Further stated that child is having a variety of objectives and demands that does involve a sense of belonging to this world with the help of tools. Vygotsky in his early stages of theory observed to mention that the stages of child is wholly relying on others, especially parents, who are initiators of child’s actions. They instruct them of what and how to do along with counter query of what not to do and intermediary of tools. According to Vygotsky, “tools” are tend to be defined as the artifacts that are self-created within minds of people under particular cultural frame to the historical situations in form of either symbols or sign patterns. The concept of “inter-intra psychological plane co-ordinates” have been explained by (Wertsch, 1985) while stating that any child possibly acquires the set of knowledge patterns via talks and sharing of thoughts with people initially termed as inter-psychological plan which is followed by assimilation. Secondly, a child then internalizes the acquired set of knowledge through additional suit within personal strategic interaction to knowledge. It is termed as intra-psychological plane. Vygotsky (1978 cited Wertsch 1985). Lantolf et al. (1994) describes the notion of consciousness within the educational field. This went along with another notion of meta-cognition. According to Vygotsky it assimilates the sum of function planning to adhere voluntarily about the memory deals with logic, solving of problems and the evaluation.

2.1.2. Brief review on Piaget’s constructivist theory of developmental stage:

The constructive theory of Piaget focuses on cognitive development which explains about individuals that are not able to comprehend and employ the information successfully unless they have not been exposed to it earlier. It is because humans have to “construct” their personal knowledge through their prior experiences. It assures them to create the ground of mental images (Rummel, 2008). Jean Piaget in his study has enunciated the four major cognitive developmental stages. It ranges from an infant to the young adult. Averagely, it does occur as universally following these consecutive stages in specific order:

A. Sensori-motor,
B. Pre-operational,
C. Concrete-operational and
D. Formal operational (Woolfolk, A., 2004).

A. The first stage is observed between the ages from zero to two years (0-2). The child is found to be in sensori-motor stage. During this phase, the child does experience the world either in form of senses or through movement. It is followed by a child action to develop “objects permanence”. It is an earlier round of understanding about object existence incase if not found within the visual surrounding of a child. The last round of this phase starts with an understanding of actions within a child that seems to cause in connect with another action. For example, hitting a ball on wall will bounce it back. A kind of goal-directed behavior observed within a child. It is with children that this entire phase can back the actions, but still cannot play back the thinking.

B. Second stage falls between ages of two to seven years (2-7). Child is in the preoperational stage. About this phase, it is observed for child to have not been skilled with abilities of different mental operations. It is because the child lacks an ability to perceive with acts. The concept of “egocentrism” centers in this phase that means to lay the fact within individual to assume for others to have a share in their points that is generally a shared view. This focuses on children as they experience their engagement for collective monologues that sketches an image where every child is talking without any interaction amongst each other. Second priority of this phase is given to an aspect of acquiring a basic skill that is “conservation”. To understand this, it is the value of something as a residue of thought with apparent look that might not remain the same. A child in this stage is generally observed that it is unable to perform the renowned Piagetian’s conservation problem regarding solid and mass. It is because child has not still developed the counter thinking – “thinking that is back-stepped, like of start from ending up to the initial description of something” (Woolfolk, A., 33).

C. Third stage falls between defined age limit from seven up to eleven years (7-11). In this phase further to the elementary years, learners are observed to have learnt best as per the work on discovery type of learning. It comes with their engagement to the tangible objects.
D. The notion of “Reasoning processes” is important to highlight for this stage. According to Piaget, there are fundamental three logical based skills for acquiring knowledge that develops during this particular phase. They are self and general identity and the way to compensate to process of reversing the phenomenon. Now, an individual learns to state that "any individual or thing will remain same over the time elapsed (identity). They also perceive that any action can cause alterations on an object or other (compensation). The very important and new notion that comes to knowledge is “seriation”. This is the systematic arrangement of given objects but certain to a fact of surrounding physical aspects. It is with the measurement that child can be seen to have a capability of classifying objects by paying focus on particular aspects then to group.

E. Fourth and the final stage about cognitive development is termed as formal operational phase that averagely occurs in age of eleven years to adulthood (11+). Individuals up to this stage (not universally applicable to all, but according to Piaget) have an ability to abstractly think. Critical mental skills like inductive and deductive abilities are grown. People develop the potential skills to solve problems through various sources. There is a visionary scope for individuals to think in a complex and hypothetical manner. People are capable enough to find the best possible answers through applying of principles. It is often with the help of an ability to perceive ideally. The learnt new skill of meta-cognition that is to (think within thinking) also defines a crucial factor for people in formal operational ranks.

3. The prominent features of learning theories within constructivist paradigm towards their educational implications throughout World and specifically to Pakistani context.

3.1. Studies that affirm the constructivist paradigm in educational field:

The general askance about this paradigm’s success in educational field was raised by (Gulati, 2008, p. 184) as; How far the constructivist approach has been regular with respect to its introducing of new learning strategies for learners to their social diversities? What are the peculiar issues related to its limitations in any place of designing a curriculum? These questions were open challenge to all psychological educationists. However, there are few of the examples where its application has been stated to generalize within some projects of students learning through discovering their own ideas, cooperating with fellow learners through learning and interacting. Constructivist theories (Piaget’s and Vygotskyian) no doubt have paid to value their demand by helping to create the milestone of designing the particular curriculum. These both theories tend to affirm the situation of solving the issues (Sutton, 2003). The prominent claim to support these two theories is that they highlight fact of learners where they are actively engaged to construct their current knowledge on basis of individual prior knowledge models. Therefore, it has surely answered the increased demand of utilizing either of two learning theories under branch of constructivism in the instructional field of teaching and learning. The basic theoretical framework of learning through problem solving (Problem Based Learning-PBL) is worth to citein explaining two language learning theories under constructivist umbrella term (Camp, 1999). This is one of the crucial method towards which the students can implicate their present knowledge to their real world situation. Therefore, according to (Fosnot, 1996) constructivists stated to focus on learning through processes that deals with the cognitive aspects within learners. It is in a way through interpretation or a recursive by relation with their physical and social world. Constructivism has been assuming to present a model that parallels as a ‘guideline’ that shall provide instructors step ahead in their teaching strategies by relinquishing their authoritative concern. It could be, where textbooks can itself be a property for learners where they shall actively pay their efforts with foremost responsibility to shape their learning stage” (White-Clark, DiCarlo, & Gilchriest, 2008, p. 44). Therefore, the curriculum that shall be modeled for the constructivist paradigm of learners be in a way where they shall represent themselves free to engage by shaping their learning texture and allow learners to construct their prior knowledge (blocks) from present classroom based schemas.

3.2. Brief view of earlier studies that served to define the educational insight of these two learning theories world-wide.

3.2.1. Contributions on Piaget’s theory in a way to validate it with refer to an educational scenario (a link to second language teaching):

Educationally, Piaget mentioned learners to be constructive for building their understanding of world order. One of the remarkable works has been done by David Wood in this respect. Where, he presented the experiment of Piaget on five year child, asking the quantity of blocks while playing with him. Child misunderstood it completely.
It was because of lack in operational dealing with query like one asked by David that presents the logical sense. It may be possible to give answer “five” by a child. However, the difficulty lay with the notion of counting numbers. It pictures of lacking the proper knowledge of number. It would have only been possible when child have reached to link with operational way of thinking. Therefore, one can state experimentally that the cause of amateur instruction and dealing to de-motivate child towards frustration in any context can be gauged through a parameter of implementing Piaget’s learning theory. For an instructor to be invariable for learners in any context throughout world shall have to somehow be principled by some provisions forwarded by (David Wood, 1988) to quote him:

“An instructor could give proper contents for positive cognitive development within arranged time and provided space by viewing learners to be free while dealing with the world through objects and the objectives that pay to increase further by the formation of operational understanding that is itself invariant. However, the foundation of these understandings constructed within child is by different passages. It is either through personal or social selected solving of issues that shall results in an autonomous learning without consult of teachers”.

But still many of the important discussions within Piagetian theory remarks the significance of an instructor. Taking the Piagetian classroom teaching, instructor is visualized to be flourishing the learners. Taking an example of a classroom that is exploited by the assistance of interest catching sites where instructors tend to encourage the processes of “assimilation” and “accommodation”. Donaldson views the consideration experimentally of the learners to comprehend about the requirements as “what to do with the tasks?” the example that was given by him was of a “landscape task” that was tending to be handled by applying amongst learners who haven’t gone to school yet. The instructor has to provide learners at times without interference in developmental process that is “but natural”, here one can cite the educational appropriate strategies after defining the goals by taking the theory of Piaget as model (cited from Richard M Gorman), as if his main aim of educational field for learners was perceived to be innovative discoverers and creative. It shall have to be followed by critical thinking within learners that could turn into step towards evaluation. So, the prominent goal of educational instruction in learning though it may be of L2 learners have tended to be based according to Piaget is of “new knowledge model construction” with its evaluation by the learner.

➢ Importance of Language:

Language, according to Piaget is considered as a complete scientific system that comprises of symbols that are for the representation of world phenomenon. It is in fact unique from the acts and operational view that was given to process about logical problem solving (David Wood).

It was for the Vygotsky that language was viewed not merely as the set of expressing words. However, it was the way to convey thoughts. According to him, language is basis of Socio-cultural construct. He claimed that individuals tend to “create a founding basis of principles and its constraints about the language itself. The constrictions have few possibilities. These constrictions help moreover in development of language. Donaldson even experimented about difference and being ambiguous for a child to guess the meaning of a word “more”, where the intelligent guess itself depended on it. It was simply to validate with Piaget’s stage of lack to a necessary stage of comprehending the required demand of logical retrieving the sense. It is of Vygotsky’s theory on socio-cultural construction that grounds to clear an image of consideration about possibility within a child to comprehend the issues having common characteristics with refer to its social environment. This is a fundamental contrastive point between Vygotsky and Piaget, where Vygotsky have claimed to view language that allows a child to be in “Free State of thoughts” that would surely help to develop the mental constructive stage. The opposed aspect that Piaget proposed was of individual to be on emerging point that is independent to social constrictions. As Vygotsky stated that the talks on different issues have to move from social environment (communication) towards the inner personal egocentric talk.

However, these both agree to some points, where they specifically have to put force on an activity that is found on learning and developing the critical thinking within learners. So far, to quote David Wood, as he shared his observation regarding the adults to help the low level aged learners for completion of tasks where they found themselves fail to succeed alone. It is to increase the developmental stage of creativity and knowledge. It is with the instinct ability of the teaching, where the learning itself is framed for the novice learners to be taught under the guidance of expert teachers.
3.2.2. Contributions on the part of Vygotskyian’s theory with respect to its validation in educational field (link towards teaching a second language):

The most important argument against Piaget’s theory by Vygotsky’s contribution about teaching perspective was that the concept of teaching itself is a relative in terms of intervening for proper cognitive ability to develop. Vygotsky even stated about instruction giving that if one should not identify, it is will be on the course of development only. However, the right arrangement form of instructions could produce an observation to a child’s psychological maturity. This on the side guideline also tends to bring a revolutionized notion within whole connective series between formative processes of a child, which might have been impossible while not carrying instructions alone. They were termed as “the systematic thinking techniques” by (Horowitz, 1986). They will surely be a final set up to plan, and to set goals for attaining them, either through draft or finally of formulating views that shall be made crucial part of instructing techniques to L2 learning classroom, especially focusing in a particular way towards the skill of writing. The social constructive model of paying instruction to L2 learners have now become the significant lesson of L2 teaching based classroom material. It was enunciated through an innovative “Approach of Genre” (Gee, 1997 and Badger et al, 2000). The preamble of Genre based Approach is rigidly theorized and practiced by adopting the “systemic functional model” as it refers to the describing of language use through genre based aspect with an in depth description between a relation of context to that of language in a referential cause of real language utterances that have being utilized (Gee 1997). Therefore, the force is put on social relation of language utilization with an accord to particular given context. It does affirm the ideas of Vygotsky’s social constructive theory where the part that language is given as the societal based tool is used for communication. Supporting this case, (Seedhouse, 2004) further gave an in-depth explanation of meaning for constructing and promoting fluency within L2 learner’s classrooms. It was in a suggestion to the parallel equal force on adopting structure-as well as accuracy in a sense along with knowing the meaning. An important working example of applying the socio-cultural constructivist theory that is ruled for L2 learner’s context has an obvious touch of task-based approach also. It is with this approach that has tried to create a social as well the cooperative frame for learning. Ellis (2000) have provided an evidence that Vygotskiyan theory have emphasized on learning through completing an objective with interacting amongst the learners by a process of scaffolding that helps in learning process. (Shayer, 2002) validated it with drawing a concept of “summative pool”. However, (Nunan, 1988 cited Seedhouse, 1999 in his work) refer towards the task-based situations where to “elicit the learners for instigating them all of their language tools that could use each of their language knowledge up to a certain limit” it was an issue raised by Seed house. Later, the realist view from another researcher “Kumaravadivelu (1993b cited Kumaravadivelu 2006)” that sides with using of a task-based activity that is not connected to any specific approach. Therefore, mentioned it is a helpful method for a teaching purpose mostly in language-learning focused tasks, learner-focused objectives and lastly towards the learning-emphasized tasks. He simply suggested sequencing of objectives for an appropriate way towards the issues of internalizing. The focus was also paid on regurgitation of statistics and also of repetition to the wholly accepted notions that tends to produce dull and uninspired students (Simister, 2004).Therefore it contributed to state for the students to be taught in way to make them creative that they could use their strategies while having an assimilation of learning acts to their personal world view. The next important problem is of having a “lack in motivation” that is observed within many of the L2 learners. This can slightly be attributed for the strict emphasis of instructing language structure that could not be much effective for any context towards motivating learner’s mental abilities. However, the notion of ZPD itself is an unresolved challenge for L2 language instructors. The call of (Shayer, 2002) promotes the cause of doing a research in this field for enabling instructors within each of the school subject in order to know that how far it should be ahead for the mental development of acquiring or learning, they choose for their students should be in position. In case of learning a language, (Williams et al, 1997) claimed for the ZPD that could be seen in form of complementary relation to an inter-language theory. It is as if the theory went to receive each of the learner’s stage of comprehending the system of a particular language that could be gradually formed into a systematic pattern towards achieving the target language approximation. Therefore the course of ZPD could be used as the process to gauge the level for knowing the learner’s current state of inter-language.

3.3. Educational implication of these two learning theories in an educational context of Pakistan:

Within reference to the region of Pakistan, where instruction and learning phases of second language (to take English as a common example) have observed to be of less satisfactory condition. It is un-revolutionized with the current passage of demands.
One can confidently claim that for today even, the traditional concept of instructing and learning techniques have been employed. Like Grammar Translation Method (GTM) is famous along with its intensive feedback and utilized in all academic context of Pakistan. It is popular enough to teach English. One of the well-renowned studies was conducted by (Nomina Khattak, 2004) in this respect. It clearly has shown the percentile demand of using variety of techniques within different sectors of schools (public and private) to the capital state (Islamabad). The result has a probable frequency for concerned methods within public sectors to be of same nature. (Grammar Translation Method) is used around by 57% of the instructors and where 29% of them have used the direct method. Lastly, the small ratio of 14% was for other techniques that were introduced. Where, on the other hand, the condition within the private sectors was quite different from public, where Direct Method was largely employed of 60% and the next 10% was for (GTM). It was suggested by (Nomina Khattak, 2004) that states, teaching English language as a second language does varies within both sectors greatly. Coleman has listed four major deviations that were stated to be recognized by teachers around the globe (pp.2-10). First is of the teacher’s attitude towards self-conscious behavior, the nervous situation in learning context and uncomfortable format under the regular focus of 100 pairs of pupil. The most crucial was about teachers, who are not feeling confident to provide attention to every other individual in large classes of learning. Hardly any research has been done with refer to this field. It is with some of the private sectors that have been observed to attempt of going for the new constructive methods. One of the examples is of “Agha Khan Education Services (AKES) working under the Non-governmental organization branch (Muhammad Arif, 2004). There are some of the private field based Teacher Development (FBTD) seminars and regular programs. They have mission to forward of giving up the old traditional methods being practiced in the rural areas. There are some of the other well-renowned schools working on this agenda like, Beacon house school system and City school. With one of the other NGO based school instruction placed in Lahore is “Alif- Laila children Education Complex (ALCEC). Now with the help of educational reports on teaching, it could be declared that teachers of primary classes are on initial step for pre-professional phase within Pakistani educational system (Hargreaves). It is in comparison to the relative of post-professional phase that is applied throughout the world. It is because the teachers of context (i.e. Sindh, Pakistan) are still in vicious circle to strive under different issues of lingual, ethnic, culture based division of large number of L2 learners within classrooms. With this major confront, it is difficult to cover the given content with provided course books to assist learners of their intellectual grooming and comprehension. It is commonly observed in Sind region of Pakistan, that instructors do possess an authoritative attitude that is unaware with the basic needs and goals of the learners. Even the current abilities and competencies of the learners are ignored by the teacher. This however results for the learners who are kept unaware of hidden logic behind making their aim to learn a second or foreign language in terms of an English language. Instructors are usually concern with the traditional “Lecture based Method” that have proved to be a not beneficial. At times of taking exams learners are observed to be dependent on rote learning in order to clear their paper of English language as the compulsory subject for the examinations. There is an absurd situation of absence in peer-group talks on different issues. So far the contributions on this field towards teaching is present but still lacks the sufficient material that could cater the needs for development in order to revolutionize the present dump situation that is existing towards teaching and learning a second language usually in terms of English within Pakistani context. The teaching can prove to be beneficial if underlying principles are understood by taking child’s cognitive developmental learning skills and capacity. For that the theories of Piaget and Vygotsky could be sufficient enough to pay some remedies within Pakistani context in order to promote the idea of “discovery learning”. There are still some queries that must be researched on; here one can only pave a path for future researchers to adhere on these issues by taking them into their research studies within Sind Region of Pakistani context.

- What could be the appropriate extent and ways through which the theory of Piaget’s language learning can prove to be fruitful towards effective learning of English language and its instruction within Sindh region of Pakistani context?
- Will it be practically possible to employ the socio-cultural language theory of Vygotsky to find same results that cognitive developmental theory can propose within Pakistani context?

If there are variations then what accounts for its causes as well the defined remedies?
The last important question;
• Is it possible to combine the theory of Vygotsky and Piaget’s notion towards the learning of the language? Does the variation in context of language learning can increase the integrative notion of English Language instruction and learning within societal constrains of Pakistani context?

3.4. Brief sample to rectify the past experiences within an Educational field with the implication of Piaget’s and Vygotskyian cognitive theories:

To validate the study within Pakistani context to employing of constructive theories, one can state (Margaret A. Boden, 1979), who forwarded the suggestion for different sorts of activities for children. “They were as of dressing dolls by lying them through tables were also crucial for the mental up gradation compared to the learning and of spelling to recite the following multiplication of tables. It is even not compulsory for learners towards the knowledge of the basic numbers or its equivalent for the sets as they all are some kind of technical for a child learner. She, by her own have realized that there are two of the dolls that needs two hats along with two walking sticks and two plates, so on. For the above discussed theories that were compared and contrasted views towards their educational practicality; can be practiced in order to give an efficient output within a learning context. Taking the example of a Piagetian’s theory based classroom, where the learners with the help of different technological instruments like multimedia, CD ROMs and of any video or audio tasks can present the huge goal of completing their opportunities that could be in a way to support the instructor. It shall also be helpful in creating a course of learning situation. Although, it is witnessed of lack in technologies to many parts of Sindh region, but still it is not compulsory to have computers, where even the instructor can employ the present material as of flow charts. It could be possible to even ask the learners of sharing the common stationerises to make the environment of the classroom like in a way more attractive and easy place to learn with no any hard and fast limitations. According to (Dewey, 1938) : “The prime concern of the educators could be that they must not be aware with the general rule formation only. However, they could have the true experiences with help of environmental situations that could accompany with recognizing of surroundings about being conducive with concern to share the experiences towards help in development”. So with too much focus on the writing as well as reading skills, the other physical activities could also be made for learners as part of their cognitive learning as well as the proper physical development. The teaching of literature to the learners shall be in a form of the ‘anchored-hook instruction’ under the inspiration of ideas given by Piaget. According to this, the learning as well as instructing materials could be designed in a way that shall ‘anchor’ the story. Hook the interests of the learners in an adventurous visit of a situation that will start with any problem for ideas to give answer and can be taken from any traditional books, even the text books, or the online children encyclopedia. To present a picture for asking the situation can be practiced in the language class rooms for the L2 learners. This usually instigates the ability of creativeness within the learners. Here working on one of the important notion of Vygotsky, the instructor must know the measuring criteria for ZPD within different types of learners. She can use scaffolding by giving hints and clues in completing the story. Therefore within the language learning classrooms, one must take care of the provided tasks that shall meant to be focused on representing the real life situations of the learners.

4. Conclusion

The witnessed remarkable works on the part of Piaget was to provide the field of education with a psychological based theory. The practicality in terms of learning and teaching was narrowed down towards describing the mental development within a child as a model. The child itself is considered as an active being that constructs and then validates its knowledge with the passage of time allowed by a particular stage. This stage makes him/her to be stated as an autonomous discoverer even the one who explores different phenomenon. Its implication within region of the world, taking the context of the study (i.e. Pakistan) shall be in a form where the initiative is taken to study its parallel design that is not denied in future for any cost. This creates a kind of self-determination within a child as being a part of a learner. Therefore, if it is constrained within an educational field it can prove to be described as a flaw. Whereas, the theory of Vygotsky that was on its part promulgated on the basis of Piagetian notion of taking child as model that constructs his/her own knowledge as being an active learner. This was the major role by Vygotskiyan theory that puts the designed frame of reference towards a social interactive phenomenon in the terms of learning as well as towards cognitive maturity. With this, the role of an instructor then seems to play an important one in a way to create a kind of a conducive situation where every other member of a classroom has to be as a part of the triangular relation that is drawn between an instructor and the learners as a whole with their social environment.
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