

MATHEMATICS AND LANGUAGE INTEGRATION: MASTERING MATH USING ANTONYMS

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Abstract

Mathematics, with its logical structure and strict rules, is rich in complex concepts that are defined and expressed through language. Opposite concepts, that is, contradictory concepts, exist both in language and in mathematics itself. This article shows the role and importance of mastering mathematical concepts using words with contradictory meanings used in elementary school mathematics lessons.

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Introduction

Today, education is one of the important factors determining the future of every society. A person's place in society, his success and achievements in life are directly dependent on education. President Shavkat Mirziyoyev paid special attention to the field of education and made it one of the most important tasks to improve its quality and educate young people in a comprehensive manner. The following speech of our President is a clear proof of our opinion. "We will continue to make full use of all our strength and opportunities so that our young people can find their rightful place in life. You are the trust and support of our country, the creators of our future," he said. Reforms in the education system, new curricula and pedagogical approaches pave the way for the development of the entire system and its formation based on modern requirements.

Literature Review

By using different approaches in the educational process, it is possible to organize the effective education of students and create an opportunity to better understand the subject. Based on this, we can get mathematics and language integration.

Mathematics and language integration, the process of explaining mathematical concepts through language, is an effective way to make mathematics more understandable to students. This integration uses language as a tool to explain mathematical concepts more clearly. Although each concept in mathematics has its own symbols, interpreting them through language simplifies the student's understanding. In this process, the use of words with opposite



meanings is more understandable for elementary school students. Opposite words (antonyms) are words that have opposite, opposite meanings. Elementary school students are introduced to antonyms. [2:319]. This is reflected not only in mother tongue classes, but also in mathematics classes.

The use of antonyms in teaching mathematics to elementary school students opens up the following opportunities:

- Clarifying the logical structure of mathematical concepts: Creating an opportunity to understand mathematical terms and laws more easily.
- Attracting students' attention: To attract more attention with the help of interesting and interactive teaching method.
- Accelerate the process of understanding: Facilitate the understanding of abstract concepts by expressing them through simple and familiar words.
- Development of logical thinking: to strengthen students' analytical thinking ability through contradictions and to enable them to explain topics in relation to each other.
- Show connections between math and life concepts: Strengthen understanding of topics in real-life situations by connecting life's contradictions to math using antonyms.

Methodology

The science of mathematics embodies many contradictory concepts. These concepts are the opposite of each other, that is, their place and definition are opposite to each other. Studying opposite concepts not only helps you understand the differences between them, but also teaches you how to apply them correctly in mathematics.

Discussion and Results

Here are the main opposite concepts used in elementary school math lessons: In elementary school math textbooks, we come across words with opposite meanings such as high-low, wide-narrow, long-short, big-small, and so on. Through such words, we can strengthen students' knowledge when conflicting concepts are explained through language, to increase students' logical thinking, imagination. We can see by giving examples of opposite words (opposite concepts in mathematics).

I. Explaining distances: The words "long" and "short" help in comparing distances and lengths. For example, by comparing the words "long" and "short" to determine the distance between two objects, children better understand the difference between objects. Through this, they form concepts of distance and length for themselves. For example, in the picture below, we can see that students are comparing the roads leading to school with the words longer and shorter, wider and narrower. Through this, it is possible to develop a number of abilities of students, such as intelligence, thinking, and attention.

Issue 2. Compare paths using the words "longer", "shorter", "wider", "narrower". What else can be compared in Figure 1? [5:6]





Picture 1

II. When explaining size and quantity: using the words "wide" and "narrow", "many" and "less", children learn to compare sizes and quantities.

Issue 4. On which side are there more balls in Figure 2: the left side or the right side? Who are less: girls or boys? If each child looks out of one window of the building, will the number of windows in the building and the number of children be equal? If each girl wears 3 daisies in her hair, will there be enough daisies in the school yard? [5:19]

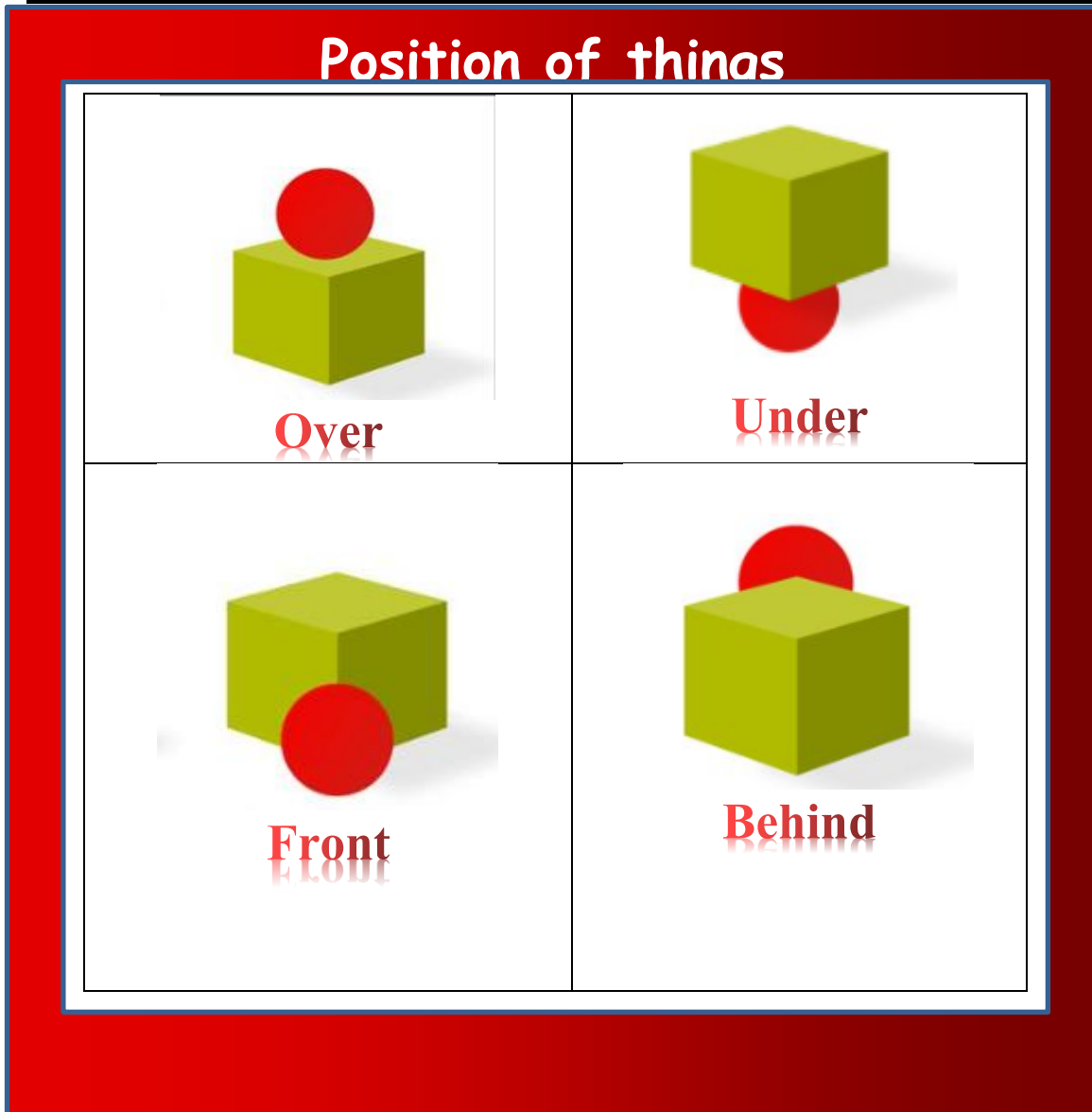


Picture 2

With the help of such exercises, students can use words with opposite meanings, use them, increase their logical thinking, and better understand the topic.

III. Spatial concepts: When explaining the mutual location of objects in Picture 3: "above" and "below", "right" and "left", "in front" and "behind", "above" and "below", students will learn the location of objects and will be able to compare them with each other.





Picture 3

IV. Explaining time sequence: Using opposite words like "before" and "after", "first" and "last" can teach students the concept of time.

Exercise 2. Look at the picture 4 and tell what happens before and after [5:14].



Picture 4

With the help of words with opposite meanings used in the exercises mentioned above, students acquire skills such as organizing the tasks they do in their daily life, creating their sequence.



V. Teaching numbers: By comparing the antonyms such as "big" and "small", "odd" and "even" in Picture 5, they will understand numbers better.



Picture 5

Making Math Easier using Opposites

Teaching contrasting concepts in mathematics through language makes it much easier for students to master the subject. Each contradictory concept creates its own opposite concept, which encourages elementary students to draw correct logical conclusions. For example, learning to add and subtract, compare large and small numbers, and divide and multiply numbers helps students understand the key differences in each math operation. In mathematics, the operations of addition and subtraction are related to each other and are also considered opposite operations. We can use the method of induction to explain these actions. The method of induction is such a way of learning, in which the teacher's thought goes from unity to generality, from specific conclusions to general conclusions [3:39]. Using this method, the teacher carefully selects examples, problems, and instructional materials in order to solve a law or derive a rule.

Issue 1: we use the inductive way to explain the connection between addition and subtraction operations to 1st grade students.

	$4+3=7$ $7-4=3$ $7-3=4$
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Each operation itself or its inverse operation is used to check that arithmetic operations are performed correctly [3:52].

Mathematic operations	Programme	Answers				
		1	2	3	4	5
Adding	$a+b=c$	$a-c=b$	$b+c=a$	$c-b=a$	$c-a=b$	$b-c=a$
Subtracting	$a-b=c$	$c-a=b$	$c+b=a$	$a+c=b$	$a-c=b$	$b+a=c$
Multiplying	$a \times b=c$	$a \times c=b$	$b \times c=a$	$c \div b=a$	$c \div a=b$	$a \div c=b$
Dividing	$a \div b=c$	$c \div a=b$	$c \div b=a$	$b \times c=a$	$a \times c=b$	$a \div c=b$

By exploring opposite concepts through language, students can be presented with mathematical concepts in a visual and logical way. By explaining the conflicts between concepts, they increase the interest of primary school students in mathematics and strengthen their knowledge with the help of practical examples.



Conclusion

The integration of mathematics and language creates an opportunity to make the educational process effective and interesting for elementary school students. Connecting antonyms to math concepts not only develops language skills, but also helps students master math terms. This approach develops children's thinking ability, allows them to understand the connection between different subjects and apply them in everyday life. Wider implementation of this method in the educational system increases the effectiveness of the educational process and encourages students to learn actively and independently.

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