Bilingual Method of teaching English ---

Bilingual Method is one of the important methods of English language .C.J Dodson had developed this method of teaching Foreign language in 1967 as a counterpart of the audiovisual method. The bilingual method makes use of the traditional three P's: presentation, practice, production.

Schools use this method where two languages i.e. the mother tongue and target language are used. In this method, teachers use the mother tongue to achieve the target language.

Principles of the Bilingual Method: -----

• The understanding of words and sentences in foreign languages can be made easier by the use of mother tongue.

• There is no need to create artificial situations for explaining the meaning of words and sentences of the target language.

Advantages of Bilingual Method--

1. The teacher is able to teach English to the entire satisfaction of the students.

2. The students are also able to understand English well.

3. The use of mother tongue saves a lot time and makes learning easier. Complex things can be easily explained in the mother tongue.

Disadvantages of Bilingual Method -

1. Using this method, the teacher teaches English through English language and sometimes he uses his mother tongue and this practice diverts the attention of the students.

2. Sometimes it happens that the teacher of English language may not be good in both the languages. He doesn't get perfection in any of the languages as his labour is also distributed between the two languages.

Conclusion---

Bilingual method, focusing on the medium of instruction, clarifies the effectiveness of content-based language teaching and other methods, so language teachers can evaluate educational options such as mainstream, ethnic, international, or bilingual schools.