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Demerits of Grammar-Translation Method

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Disadvantages of Grammar-Translation Method

Though Grammar-Translation method is in practice since a long time yet it has following demerits:

1. G-T method does not emphasise on these aspects — speaking, reading and writing.
2. It does not teach correct articulation, intonation and pronunciation.
3. English language has some structures which can not be translated into Indian language, eg. 'the'
4. Translation stops students from thinking freely.
5. This method helps in developing bookish English and preventing the delicate expression.
6. This method neglects silent reading, model reading and rapid reading.
7. This method tries to teach English by rule and not by use. Dr. Ballard says —
"To speak any language whether native or foreign, entirely by rule, is quite impossible."
8. This method is dull and uninteresting.

because students become only passive listeners.

9. Learning by this method lasts only up to examination because students learn rules by cramming.

In this way we may say Grammar-Translation method is outdated and old method of English teaching. Therefore Moore says —

“Having done the translation the pupil is almost as far from the goal as ever.”