

**DEVELOPING THE THINKING
ABILITY OF PRIMARY STUDENTS**

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Abstract: *This article analyzes the importance of improving the thinking skills of primary school students and ways to effectively organize this process. The article discusses the methods of question-and-answer games, puzzles, creative activities, reading books and solving problems together to develop thinking skills. It also emphasizes the role of parents and teachers, the need to take into account the individual characteristics of children. The article may be useful for specialists in the field of primary school pedagogy and child education.*

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Thinking skills play a very important role in human life. Especially for children, this skill is a key tool for achieving success in life, mastering new knowledge, and solving problems independently. Elementary school students are at a time when they are most open and ready to develop thinking. Therefore, it is very important for parents and teachers to pay special attention to improving their thinking skills. This article will discuss in detail how to develop the thinking skills of elementary school students.

The process of developing thinking skills is one of the most important stages in children's education. During this process, a child begins to understand the world around them, seeks answers to questions that interest them, and learns to make thoughtful decisions. To support this process, parents and teachers can use various methods.

First of all, question and answer games are very effective in activating thinking. Constantly engaging children with various questions encourages them to think and search for answers. For example, by asking simple but interesting questions from everyday life, children try to express their thoughts. This not only develops logical thinking, but also improves language skills.

Secondly, thinking skills can be strengthened through puzzles, riddles, and logical games. Such games develop children's ability to concentrate, see a problem from different angles, and justify their own opinions. Through puzzles, the child not only consolidates new knowledge, but also increases his interest in learning new things.

Third, creative activities further expand the ability to think. Drawing, writing stories, or organizing games allows a child to freely express his thoughts. This develops creativity and allows the child to find new solutions to complex situations. When children are engaged in creativity, they expand their thinking and try to develop new ideas.

Fourth, reading books and talking about books is one of the effective ways to strengthen thinking skills. By reading books, a child increases his language skills, broadens his worldview, and learns to express his thoughts in an orderly manner. Sharing information from books with others and explaining his thoughts to them develops and strengthens a child's thinking.

Fifth, the process of solving problems together teaches children to think independently. For example, discussing small problems in everyday life with a child and helping to find solutions increases his responsibility. In this process, the child learns to express his opinion, defend it, and listen to the opinions of other people. It is also important to remember that each child has his own unique way of thinking. Someone develops thinking well through drawing, while someone else does it through words and games. Therefore, parents and teachers should take into account the individual abilities of each child and approach him accordingly.

There are several effective ways to improve the thinking skills of elementary school students. First of all, it is important to form in children the habit of asking questions and finding answers. Questions activate the child's mind, encourage them to think more deeply. For example, in simple everyday life situations, questions like: "Why does everything look bright when the sun rises?" or "Why does it rain?" encourage the child to explain his or her thoughts. You can also develop children's logical thinking through games and puzzles. For example, riddles, simple mathematical problems, or inventing new games activate children's thinking. In this process, they learn to make independent decisions.

Creativity also plays an important role in developing thinking skills. By drawing, creating stories, or singing, a child learns to express their thoughts freely. Such activities encourage them to find new ideas and look at problems differently. Reading books and then sharing ideas is also an effective way to develop thinking.

Reading books expands a child's knowledge, increases their vocabulary, and encourages them to think. Talking about the book they read with a parent or teacher teaches a child to express their thoughts.

Solving problems together also increases children's thinking skills. For example, when performing simple everyday tasks, it is necessary to encourage the child to think independently. This helps them learn to express their own opinions, make decisions and take responsibility. By regularly applying the above methods, it is possible to effectively develop the thinking skills of primary school students. It is also important to remember that each child has his own unique way of thinking. Teachers and parents should take into account the individual abilities of children and approach them accordingly. Thinking is one of the most important skills in human life. It helps us solve problems, learn new things and understand the world around us. Developing thinking skills is especially important for primary school students, because at this age they lay the foundation for acquiring knowledge. During this period, the child develops an interest in reading, learning and inventing new things.

Therefore, teachers and parents should pay special attention to improving thinking skills.

Developing the thinking skills of primary school children is one of the main goals of children's education. Thinking is the ability of children to understand the world around them, analyze different situations, understand cause-and-effect relationships, and express their opinions. If this skill is not developed at an early age, difficulties may arise later in the learning process.

To develop thinking, it is important to give students problem situations in elementary school. For example, asking questions such as “Why did this happen?” and “How can this problem be solved?” based on simple stories or events stimulates a child’s thinking. This method encourages children to analyze and discuss information rather than just memorizing it.

Working in a group also develops thinking skills. Students learn to think critically by exchanging ideas and hearing each other's points of view. In the process of solving problems in a group, the child learns to justify his own opinion, listen to the opinions of others and evaluate them. This not only develops social skills, but also strengthens thinking skills.

Conducting small experiments with students at school and at home also helps to develop thinking. For example, changes in nature, the movement of water, or simple chemistry experiments develop children's ability to observe, analyze, and draw conclusions. Through experiments, a child learns to apply knowledge in practice, not just to gain theoretical knowledge, but also to conduct experiments with his own hands.

In addition, it is important to organize various competitions, quizzes and logical games to stimulate students' thinking. Such activities expand the child's horizons, encourage them to seek new knowledge and think independently. Such activities also help the child feel confident.

Parents and teachers also play a big role in developing thinking. They should encourage the child to respect any opinion, ask questions, and learn new things. The more a child communicates and can freely express his or her thoughts, the higher his or her level of thinking will be.

Thus, to improve the thinking skills of primary school students, it is necessary to use interactive, problem-based, creative and experimental methods in the educational process. This not only facilitates the acquisition of knowledge, but also prepares children to think independently, make logical decisions and adapt to different situations in life.

Thinking is a very important and necessary skill for elementary school students. This skill allows children to understand the world, solve problems, and acquire new knowledge. To develop thinking, it is necessary to regularly use methods such as asking questions, playing games, engaging in creative activities, and reading books. Improving the thinking skills of elementary school students is an important part of the entire educational process. Thinking skills not only help children understand lessons better, but also allow them to make the right decisions in difficult life situations. Therefore, every child should be taught to freely express their thoughts, ask questions, and learn new things. With the constant support of parents and teachers, children can freely express their thoughts, learn to make independent decisions, and create a foundation for their future success. Therefore, each of us must work to improve the thinking skills of elementary school students.

Parents and teachers should use methods such as constantly asking questions, playing games, organizing creative activities, encouraging reading, and solving everyday problems together to develop children's thinking skills. This not only increases the level of knowledge of children, but also raises them to be independent, creative, and knowledgeable individuals. Therefore, it is important for each of us - as parents, teachers, and members of society - to contribute to the development of

children's thinking skills. Because an educated, thoughtful, and critical generation is the greatest asset for the future.

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