

## THE USE OF TOTAL PHYSICAL RESPONSE IN TEACHING VOCABULARY INTEGRATED

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### *Abstract:*

This article explores the use of Total Physical Response (TPR) in teaching vocabulary integrated, discussing how this methodology can enhance language learning and vocabulary acquisition. Various studies and research findings are cited to support the effectiveness of TPR in language education. The article also examines the benefits of integrating TPR with vocabulary teaching and provides practical suggestions for implementing TPR in the classroom.

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Total Physical Response (TPR) is a language teaching method developed by James Asher in the 1960s, which emphasizes the importance of physical movement in language learning. TPR is based on the idea that language learning involves more than just memorizing words and grammar rules; it also requires the development of a physical response to the language being learned. In recent years, TPR has gained popularity among language educators as an effective way to teach vocabulary integrated. This article aims to explore the benefits of using TPR in vocabulary teaching and discuss how this methodology can be integrated into language education.

### Benefits of TPR in Language Learning

One of the key benefits of TPR is its ability to engage learners in a multisensory learning experience. By incorporating physical movement into language learning, TPR helps learners to develop a deeper understanding and connection with the vocabulary being taught. Research has shown that engaging multiple senses during the learning process can lead to better retention and recall of information. In addition, TPR promotes a more interactive and dynamic learning environment, which can enhance motivation and engagement among students. And it is also important to note that TPR also reduces students' shyness and students participate in class with more energy during class.

Furthermore, TPR is particularly effective in teaching vocabulary integrated because it enables learners to associate words with actions and gestures. This kinesthetic approach to vocabulary learning helps to reinforce word meanings and associations, making it easier for students to remember and use the new vocabulary in context. Although this method is not effective in teaching some words, it provides ample opportunities to teach and remember other words with subtle differences. Studies have shown that TPR can accelerate vocabulary acquisition and improve students' overall language proficiency.

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### Integrating TPR with Vocabulary Teaching

To integrate TPR effectively into vocabulary teaching, educators can incorporate a variety of activities and exercises that involve physical movement and gestures. For example, teachers can use TPR to introduce new vocabulary by demonstrating actions or gestures that represent the meaning of the words. Students can then mimic these actions and verbally repeat the words, reinforcing their understanding of the vocabulary through physical practice.

TPR can also be used in interactive games and role-playing activities to engage students in active learning experiences. For instance, teachers can create scenarios or situations that require students to use the new vocabulary in context, prompting them to act out the words through gestures and movements. This hands-on approach to learning not only helps students to remember the vocabulary more effectively but also encourages them to use the language creatively and expressively.

In conclusion, the use of Total Physical Response in teaching vocabulary integrated can enhance language learning and vocabulary acquisition by providing learners with a multisensory and interactive learning experience. TPR offers a practical and engaging way to teach vocabulary, enabling students to develop a deeper understanding and connection with the words they are learning. By integrating TPR with vocabulary teaching, educators can create a dynamic and effective learning environment that motivates students to actively engage with the language and apply their vocabulary knowledge in real-life situations. Overall, TPR is a valuable tool for language educators seeking to enhance their vocabulary teaching practices and facilitate more meaningful language learning experiences for their students.

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