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Lecture 01: Content Knowledge and Pedagogical

Content Knowledge

(Knowledge and Know-how)

Part 1

1. What is content?

- All that is to be taught and learnt
- It might include: information, new knowledge (grammar and vocabulary in case of EFL/ ESL teaching , skills, and attitudes.

2. What is content knowledge

- Content knowledge refers to the body of knowledge that a teacher has about the subject matter he/she is in charge of. It might include knowledge about:
 - Facts
 - Theories
 - Principles
 - Ideas
 - Vocabulary related to that subject
 - The grammatical system of the language

Example:

- A teacher teaching french as a foreign language should have a good mastery of that language. He/she must
- be knowledgeable about all the grammar rules of this language
- Have a big repertoire of vocabulary items about different topics
- Be a fluent speaker who masters accurate pronunciation of different utterances
- Be communicatively competent
- Know all the different theories of learning and different methods suitable for teaching a foreign language.

3. Significance of Content Knowledge

- Developing a mastery of content knowledge is closely tied to effective teaching.
- It helps teachers create connections between learning experiences and learners' real life situations
- It helps create connections between learners and their peers
- A good mastery of content knowledge allows for more confident delivery of information
- It helps make learners more engaged
- It helps the teachers design interesting lessons

