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MODULE III: TASK-BASED LANGUAGE TEACHING (TBLT)

1. Theoretical Foundations of Task-Based Language Teaching

Task-Based Language Teaching (TBLT) represents the logical maturation of Communicative Language Teaching. Rather than organizing the curriculum around isolated linguistic items (verb tenses, prepositions, or grammatical rules), TBLT organizes language learning around the execution of meaningful, communicative **tasks**. In TBLT, language is acquired through authentic use rather than studied as an abstract theoretical code.

> METHODOLOGICAL DEFINITION **What Constitutes a 'Task' in TBLT?**
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> According to applied linguist David Nunan, a pedagogical task is "a piece of classroom work that involves learners in comprehending, manipulating, producing or interacting in the target language while their attention is focused on mobilizing their grammatical knowledge in order to express meaning, and in which the intention is to convey meaning rather than to manipulate form."

Rod Ellis articulates six defining criteria for a true pedagogical task:

- A primary focus on meaning (learners are concerned with communicating real messages).
- There is a gap of some kind (an information gap, opinion gap, or reasoning gap).
- Learners rely on their own linguistic and non-linguistic resources to complete the activity.
- There is a clearly defined, non-linguistic communicative outcome (e.g., solving a mystery, agreeing on an itinerary, drawing a map).

2. Typologies of Tasks in Language Pedagogy

TBLT curricula systematically employ diverse task categories tailored to specific cognitive and communicative objectives:

- **Target / Real-World Tasks:** Activities that individuals routinely perform outside the classroom in real life (e.g., booking a train ticket, ordering food in a restaurant, conducting a job interview, writing a complaint email to an airline).
- **Pedagogical Tasks:** Classroom activities specifically designed to stimulate communicative negotiation and language acquisition processes, which may not have direct real-world equivalents (e.g., spot-the-difference picture puzzles, balloon debate simulations).
- **Language-Focused Tasks:** Tasks designed to direct learner attention to specific linguistic features (Focus on Form) within a communicative context, such as editing an ambiguous draft to eliminate miscommunication.

3. Cognitive and Structural Sequencing: The Three-Phase Task Framework

Pioneering ELT specialist Jane Willis codified the classic, highly influential three-stage TBLT framework that balances fluency, accuracy, and complexity:

Task Phase	Core Instructional Activities	Primary Pedagogical Function
1. Pre-Task Phase	Topic introduction, schema activation, brainstorming, introducing key vocabulary, demonstrating task model.	Reduces cognitive load, establishes communicative purpose, sparks learner motivation.
2. Task Cycle Phase	**a. Task:** Learners perform the task in pairs/groups using existing linguistic resources. **b. Planning:** Learners prepare a spoken/written report of their findings, consulting teacher for guidance. **c. Report:** Groups present their outcomes to the whole class; teacher provides encouraging feedback.	Fosters authentic spontaneous fluency, peer negotiation, and structured formal composition.
3. Language Focus Phase	Analysis of specific linguistic features from the task recordings/texts, targeted practice drills, error correction.	Develops grammatical accuracy, expands lexical repertoire, consolidates language form.

4. Opinion Exchange, Information Gap, and Problem-Solving Tasks

Effective TBLT classrooms deploy specific interactive task structures that mandate genuine interpersonal negotiation:

- **Information Gap Tasks:** Learner A has information that Learner B lacks, and vice versa. For example, two students possess incomplete flight schedules and must ask each other questions in English to coordinate an international meeting. Communication is mandatory for task success.
- **Opinion Exchange Tasks:** Learners engage in structured discussions on open-ended social, ethical, or cultural dilemmas (e.g., debating whether artificial intelligence should replace human teachers). Learners must articulate, justify, and defend their personal opinions while respectfully interrogating opposing viewpoints.
- **Problem-Solving and Ranking Tasks:** Learners collaborate to resolve a complex challenge with limited resources. In the classic "Desert Island Survival Task," groups are given a list of fifteen items (e.g., compass, mirror, nylon rope, bottle of water) and must reach unanimous consensus on the five most critical items for survival, justifying their rankings through reasoned debate.

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