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LANGUAGE AS A SCHOOL SUBJECT

- Language – Introduction
- Medium to communicate/express our thoughts, ideas, feelings etc to others
- Preservation of thoughts or knowledge
- Transference of knowledge to next generation
- An electric wire that provides power to the whole school system
- It acts as an identity of schools

FUNCTIONS OF LANGUAGE

- Instrumental

  language is used to communicate preferences, choices, wants, or needs

- Personal

  language is used to express individuality

- Interactional

  language is used to interact and plan, develop, or maintain a play or group activity or social relationship

- "I want to …"

- "Here I am …."

- "You and me …."

  "I'll be the cashier,"

Function	Examples
Regulatory language is used to control	"Do as I tell you ...." "You need ...."
Representational Use language to explain	"I'll tell you." "I know."
Heuristic language is used to find things out, wonder, or hypothesize	"Tell me why ...." "Why did you do that?" "What for?"
Imaginative language is used to create, explore, and entertain	"Let's pretend ...." "I went to my grandma's last night."

Language as a school subject

- Centre of all school subjects
- Not the language spoken by students in school
- Language taught in schools are official languages of state/nation
- Those that have economic, cultural, political values become subjects
- Traditionally language subjects were called as service subjects
- Now language education has distinct value
- Teaching of language aims at developing the knowledge of various aspects of language.

Language as medium of instruction

- Languages used by schools for transaction of curriculum
- In Kerala language as medium of instruction is Malayalam
- Instruction may be monolingual, bilingual, multilingual or translingual
- LMI is decided by the school governing bodies