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Lecture 01

English for Specific Purposes vs. English for General Purposes

Introduction:

We have to admit that the study of the English language is very important nowadays. It is the basis of better communication between people, either specialists or not. Today English is the channel for technical progress as it enables the rapid exchange of information and research of the common global problems. Any specialist of any field of science should properly use both ESP and EGP in order to communicate.

EGP	ESP
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Generally the focus is on education.• Course content is more difficult to select since the future English needs of the students are hard to predict.• As a consequence to the above point, it is important for the content in the syllabus to have high surrender value.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Generally the focus is on training.• As the English is intended to be used in specific vocational contexts, selection of appropriate content is easier.• Thus, the aim of an ESP syllabus may only be to build a restricted English competence (because it has particular use of vocabulary).

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