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# **Dedication**

To the soul of my father.

And to my mother.

The reason of what I become today.

To my wife and my daughters.

Thanks for your great support and continuous care.

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#### **Abstract**

This study aims at investigating (The impact of Using Grammar Translation Method on the Performance of Saudi Secondary School Students). This study attempts to solve the deterioration in the general standard of Saudis secondary school students'. The study applied the descriptive and the analytical methods beside the statistical tools so as to achieve the desired goals. The researcher used (SPSS) which known as (statistical package social science) pogramme, to analyze data. Therefore, the researcher used questionnaire for teachers (35teachers), interview for experts(5 experts) and test for the students (25 students). And he reached the results below:

Language is seen as a collection or words which are isolated and independent. Students cannot master all the four skills of English (listening, speaking, reading, and writing). In GTM there is no creativity and it is not based on scientific method.

The study recommended that teachers should use the most appropriate method while teaching foreign languages. Teachers should take the suitable decision at any given time to which method to be used or combination of methods. Teachers are recommended to stop all translation activities inside the classroom. Also the study suggested that teacher should apply other method of teaching to increase the students' learning abilities.

### مستخلص

هدفت هذه الدراسة لتقصى اثار استخدام طريقة ترجمة قواعد اللغة الانجليزية على اداء طلاب اللغة الانجليزية السعوديين في المدارس الثانوية. هذه الدراسة سعت لإيجاد حل للتدهور في المستوى العام لطلاب المدارس الثانوية السعوديين. طبقت هذه الدراسة المنهج الوصفي والتحليلي بالإضافة إلى الوسائل الإحصائية وذلك لتحقيق الأهداف المرجوة من البحث. كما استخدم الباحث الحرم الاحصائية للعلوم الاجتماعية في تحليل المعلومات. استخدم الباحث الاستبيان للأساتذة بعدد (35 أستاذ) والمقابلة العدد (5 من الخبراء) والاختبار للطلبة بعدد (25 طالب)

### من النتائج المهمة التي توصلت لها الدراسة:

ان اللغة تري كمجموعة كلمات منفصلة عن بعضها البعض ومستقلة. لذلك لم يتقن الطلاب مهارات اللغة الانجليزية الاربعة ( الاستماع والتحدث والقراءة والكتابة). لا يوجد أي نوع من انواع الابداع في طريقة ترجمة قواعد اللغة الانجليزية لأنها ليست مبنية على طريقة علمية.

اوصت الدراسة باستخدام الطريقة المناسبة اثناء تدريس اللغات الاجنبية. كما ينبغي علي المعلم ان يتخذ القرار الصحيح ويستخدم مجموعة من طرق التدريس داخل الصف. اوصت الدراسة كذلك المعلمين بعدم استخدام الانشطة و اساليب الترجمة داخل الصف. اقترحت الدراسة ان علي المعلمين تطبيق طرق التدريس التي ترفع من مقدرات الطلاب التعليمية.

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