

3. Audio Aids ✓

Audio aids are those teaching aids which students hear for learning. These include radio, gramophone, tape-recorder etc.

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These are used in the present times on a large scale for teaching work. They were actually made for recreation, but they found effective application in the educational field, and have come to be used widely and beneficially. They are advantageous in the following ways :

1. Radio programmes make up the shortcomings found in textbooks.
2. They widen outlook of students and teachers.
3. Radio programmes are presented by scholars, who present programmes with different outlooks and viewpoints, they also present topics from psychological viewpoint.
4. They are interesting and impressive. They are made more effective with the help of music etc.
5. They can be used to teach a large population at one time.
6. Some limitations of radio can be eradicated with the help of tape-recorder. Off-school hour programmes can be recorded on them for use during school hours.
7. Radio programmes can also be recorded for future use.
8. Radio discussions, talks and lectures etc. too can be recorded.

9. Gramophone too has proved very useful in the educational field.

Radio has several merits, but it is not untouched by some limitations. It cannot be replayed if needed. Also, students remain passive listeners in it, they cannot ask their questions. In the end, radio programmes and talks overlook the principle of individual differences.

While using radio programmes, a teacher should keep the following points in view :

1. Good radio set should be procured.
2. Good seating arrangement should be made.
3. Students should be motivated for this purpose.
4. In the end of radio programmes, the teacher should answer any queries from students.
5. Students' acquired knowledge should be verified in the end.