

Background

- Also known as Reform Method / Natural Method / Phonetical Method / Anti-grammatical Method
- Reformers oppose to GTM
 - Vietor (1882) "This study of grammar is a useless torture. It is certainly not understood; therefore it can have no effect as far as the moulding of the intellect is concerned and no-one could seriously believe that children could learn their living German tongue from it."
 - Instead grammar should be acquired inductively by inducing the rules of how the language behaves from the actual language itself. " Never tell the children anything they can find out for themselves." (Jesperin 1904)

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- Founded by Francois Gouin, in 1860, he observed hundreds of French students learning a foreign language and concluded that learning a foreign language should be in the same way by which people learn their L1.
- It aims to use the target language to communicate with daily words.
- Grammar is taught inductively, in which students discover the rules.

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- It's to make up with the Grammar-Translation Method, which emphasizes reading and writing, fixed rules for sentences patterns, and grammar and translation skills.
- In DM: no translation, no native language but with meaningful context, realia, pictures, visual aids, demonstration and dramatization to help students learn words, preposition, grammar of the target language.