

コミュニケーション能力(Communicative competence)とは

Communicative competence: the ability not only to apply the grammatical rules of a language in order to form grammatically correct sentences but also to know when and where to use these sentences and to whom

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コミュニケーション能力の捉え方にはいろいろあるが、Canale と Swain [Canale & Swain 1980] の考え方を紹介する。

(1) Grammatical competence

This corresponds to Hymes' first aspect and includes knowledge of the lexicon, syntax and semantics.

(2) Sociolinguistic competence

This is concerned with the appropriateness of communication depending on the context including the participants and the rules of interaction.

(3) Discourse competence

This is concerned with the cohesion and coherence of utterances in a discourse

(4) Strategic competence

This is the set of strategies that are put into use when communication fails. These are of two main types: grammatical strategies that are used when grammatical competence fails, and socio-linguistic strategies that are used in situations when the socio-linguistic competence is inadequate. Some of the strategies mentioned in [Tarone 1981] are: approximation, circumlocution, repetition, emphasis, asking for help, miming, avoiding the problematic concepts, and abandoning an utterance already initiated.