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Proverbs and Folk Sayings in Teaching the Languages

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ABSTRACT The present paper is regarding the use of native language proverbs and sayings in teaching a foreign language. Based on the authors' experience, proverbs and sayings can be successfully applied to develop students' communication and translation skills in foreign language lessons. Proverbs and folk sayings have numerous pluses in teaching languages. Firstly, they are simple to remember; secondly, they develop thinking and colligation ability of the students. It is capable of understanding the history of the people whose language is learned by students, the national character and mentality, and the history of the country through proverbs and folk sayings, which enhance the process of learning the language and make lessons more attractive and vivid. The authors investigated the effectiveness of employing proverbs and sayings in their practical work. In this paper, there are also some exercises with proverbs and sayings, which can be successfully applied in teaching and learning languages.