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Introduction

In Iranian EFL context, language teachers as well as specialists in different fields have problem dealing with those language learners who need language to carry out their professional jobs. A number of methods and techniques have been suggested to ease the burden of teaching English for specific purposes (ESP); however, not much is gained out of all these methods. Consequently, many ESP teachers in Iran resort to the dated tenets of grammar translation method through which the students are presented with a list of new technical words and phrases. This leads to incompetence in ESP knowledge. Furthermore, there are still controversies over who to offer the ESP courses, ESP or EFL teachers? Accordingly, a need is felt to provide ESP teachers, be specialists or language teachers, with some guidelines on how to teach ESP texts. The present work, presents some simple guidelines on how to teach ESP.