Fossilized errors are mistakes that language learners know are wrong but keep making. Techniques are used to defossilise the errors of ESL learners.
Types of Fossilized Error

Phonological Fossilization

Pragmatic Fossilization

Morphological Fossilization

Semantic Fossilization

Syntactic Fossilization
Objectives

- Encourage learners to become good language learners.

- Stimulating students’ imagination.

- Taking a right attitude to students’ mistakes i.e., teachers should respect students’ errors.
Methods-Feedback Strategy

- Diagnosing through testing.

- Giving students a funny look or adjusting intonation to draw attention when they make a fossilized error.

- Having students self-correction and peer-correction. (especially in writing and speaking)

- Using drills.

- Maintaining error diaries.