

What are the important factors of language learning?

There is an old saying “there is no royal road to learning”. I agree with only a part of this proverb. I’ve been studying English for 15 years since I was a middle school student. There was no shortcut; however, there was more effective ways. As for me, my high school English teacher, was called as gentleman, remain in my memories. Thanks for his effective teaching I had an interest in English and improved my English ability. In this essay I will describe a second language environment and interaction between the students and the teachers that I have experienced of language learning based on three concepts: teacher types, effective teaching and characteristics of adult learners.

Above all, teacher types are most important things. As depending on the teaching styles of teacher, the classroom’s atmosphere is completely different. And I think teaching style should be different depends of the student levels. I recall my own teacher at high school; I think he was the explainer, while the class he explained the grammar and read the text. Usually, I was a listener, occasionally answered or asked questions. Even though I studied English at middle school, my English was still poor. In my thought, I was a pre-intermediate. For that reason, maybe his teaching style suits me. I need a teacher as a way of conveying information directly to me.

In addition, effective teaching is important as well. He shows an interest in student progress and understanding degree. It's the one of the important characteristics of teacher that student think. He controlled the progress speed according to student understands. And he respected student's personality. He didn't point out my mistakes whenever I go wrong. Instead of saying "You are wrong", he said "Good job! But what about ooo~?" He corrected wrong answers as if he gives supplementary explanation. Even when I made a serious grammatical mistake, he gave me feedback face to face so as not to I feel shame.

Lastly, characteristics of adult learners are influence on successful learning. I was a motivated student. I would like to take up English Language and literature at the university. It was an important motivational factor. I spent spare time to improve my English ability, for instance, writing a letter in English, preparing tomorrow lessons and so on. I also need a respect. As he encouraged me rather than scolded, I really admire. To attract his attention, I expressed my view voluntarily during the class and tried to get high score in exams.

In a word, many factors are likely to affect language learning including teacher types, effective teaching and characteristics of learners. Seen from my experience, teacher's characteristic was important than knowledge he has. The teacher who shows a respect for students, interest in students, teaches the students depending of level and has a patient was the best. In addition to teacher's characteristic, motivation of student is a primary factor in learning. Motivated student is ready to take a class. My English ability was improved as much as I made an effort interact with a teacher.