TESOL 01: Second Language Acquisition Assignment

**< Experience of Learning Language >**

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In these days most Koreans start to learn English before they go to an elementary school, but I learned English when I was eleven years old. I think this means that the age of learning English of people became lower. And also the number of adult learners is more increasing. Stephen Krashen said that “language acquisition does not require extensive use of conscious grammatically rules, and does not require tedious drill. Acquisition requires meaningful interaction in the target language – natural communication – in which speakers are concerned not with the form of their utterances but with the messages they are conveying and understanding.” So I strongly believe that the way of learning second language is very important. From now, I want to suggest the three effective way of learning second language.

First, in my opinion, characteristic of teacher is an important factor of learning second language. I think enthusiasm of teacher is the most significant thing of the teacher’s characteristic. I’ve been taking a class for 18years from an elementary school up to this day. Every time I take a lesson, the characteristic of teacher are different personally in teaching. However, I believe most student must have felt that enthusiastic teacher is better than apathetic teacher. As depending on teacher’s characteristic, the atmosphere of the classroom is entirely different. For this reason, when teacher is more enthusiastic, the students listen well and this would bring about a positive effect to both students and teacher.

In addition, teaching environment is critical factor of learning second language as well. When I was young, there are many students in a class and there is only a book in teaching. But nowadays there are a few students in one class and there are many multimedia systems in a class room. As compared with traditional classrooms, teacher often gives more chance to students and the students discuss altogether in modern classrooms. In my view, this environment would influence the effective of way of teaching.

Finally, characteristics of adult learners have an effect on learning successfully. According to Malcolm Knowles, there are five characteristics of adult learners. In these characteristics, I think that goal-oriented type is suitable for learn second language. When adults learn second language, there are many goals respectively person to person. When I was in high school, most students did not tend to study second language hard. Nevertheless when I become a university student, most students studied hard for many goals. The goals might be a promotion, money, test, teaching children, etc… Therefore it seems to me that adults would be passionate for learning second language.

To sum up, there are many factors for language learning effectively and successfully including characteristic of teacher and teaching environment and characteristics of adult learners. Depending on existence of these factors, consequence of the efficient lesson would be accomplished. When I become a teacher, I wish to be a well qualified teacher of having these all factors.