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The aim of language is to communicate each other.

So Listening and speaking is the most important thing in learning the second language.

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The first time I met English was when I entered middle school.

At fist I was so confused because I had never heard of English before.

Some of my friends had already read and written English.

At the beginning, I was a failure in English.

In my high school, my English teachers were the ones who had much acknowledge but didn’t inspire me to take part in the class spontaneously. They made me just memorize the vocabularies and grammar which appear on the entrance exam frequently. Therefore most of student could not express their thoughts naturally. That was not what I think about English as language. Now I think they were just teacher who explained the meaning of the sentences, grammatical part and tested vocabularies. So they were explainer types of teachers.

I attended high school about twenty four years ago. I think the school had no choice but to be traditional classroom at those days. Just like today at those times there weren’t teachers who had an experience to study English in overseas (Not all the teachers but my high school and middle school, I know). Actually in the University they might have been taught modern educational theory and they probably might have thought they would teach the students the ways that the theory to teach the students but in reality they had trouble time teaching students, following the formula that had been taught, I think. My English levels were so poor because I lived in small town where was far away from the city where people had high educational desire. I just wrote down the meaning of the words teacher said, did the homework they made me do, I was passive students. During the class it was the teacher who acted actively, not students. There has been only teacher-centered. I was not there. This is the biggest shortcoming in the traditional class.

Now I tell about effective teaching. Today there are so many people who have experiences to study English abroad, and many native speakers lived around us, so many academy are around us. Unlike my schooldays, people who want to study English can choose the ways which fit their learning styles. The most important thing, now I think, in learning English is to communicate with anyone who meets freely. I need the teacher who leads me to speak out my thoughts naturally. To make this environment, the teacher really listens to his students as well as communicates clearly. And he should be patient.

Finally I’m going to tell about adult learner characteristics. Throughout my life, I have learned English. My young days, I had to study English to get better grades and job.

But I am an adult who is autonomous and self directed. And I have goal, life experience and knowledge. Of course I will study the same way that I have studied English since I was a student. With my former experiences, knowledge, and my TESOL course teacher, I’ll strengthen my speaking and listening ability.

Actually, now I think I am not a failure as English learner. Since I studied English, so many time and so many teachers have passed by. Now I restarted again with TESOL course. I think the aim of the second language is communicate with others freely. Actually what I have learned till now is not useless things, I think. So I will strengthen my weakness points (speaking and listening) from now on.