**My Second Language Acquisition Experience**

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I have studied English over than 10 years. But I can’t speak English fluently.

Whenever I talk to foreigners, I am usually nervous and strain. I can understand him very well. But I hesitate to speak in English. Because I think in my mind “Is this sentence right and perfect?” Why is that? Why am I nervous?

I found the reason. It is the teacher who taught me English first time. Now I want to tell about my story to you.

**First, I studied English in traditional classroom**.

In my middle school, my teacher used only text book. In that there were 14 chapters. Each chapter had a short story and a grammar and some words. And she reads the story or contents and said to us “Repeat after me. And keep the words in your heart.” And explained the grammar rules and also ordered to remember it. And the action which I did was only writing down what she said. I was too passive. At that time we(students) didn’t’t talk each other and know why we do that. Actually I didn’t’ have any opportunities to practice my English.

**Second, teacher spent much time to explain about grammar. She was explainer.** My first teacher was so strict. She taught me as she studied. In class, her voice was very loud and made me stressful. She explained the grammar and empathized on words spells. I always memorized the day words. If I couldn’t memorize them, I got a penalty. In that way, I was good at English grammar rules. However, I was poor at speaking and listening English.

**Third , Good teacher (effective teacher) makes students have confidence**.

If a student makes mistakes, she/he must not scold him. And he /she should encourage students to be comfortable in the class. I had an experience with punishment from my teacher. When I didn’t pass the words test, she blamed me “You are so stupid. You did such a foolish girl.” I was frustrated and lost my mind. At that time I didn’t know why I had to study English. And It makes me frustrated. Moreover, the English deprives me of my confidence. And after that I never said a word in front of her. If I should have been her, I wouldn’t have done that. Anyone can make a mistake. But I think teachers not only deliver skill, but have human relationship with students.

**Finally**, that was the story of my childhood. But from now on, that experience attributed me to study another learning method. And also it is very helpful to me. The method I studied I think is not effective, because it did not build the pride on my mind. **Because I am an adult**, I have a goal and also much knowledge from my life.

I want to be a good teacher. Therefore, I will do my best to be a best teacher. That is why I am here TESOL.

In conclusion, I have studied English for many years, but I couldn’t speak English well. I had few chances to practice my English. So I had difficulty speaking and listening English. In these days, it is mandatory to study English. As you know, English is now spoken more than any other language in the world. So most students in Korea now study English. I want them not to go through the same way like me. I want my students to be confident. I guess confident mind and comfortable environment are really important for students. I will make my students positive learn English. Like “It is not difficult to study English!”, ”English is exciting! ”