**My second Language Acquisition Experience**

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To start with, it is sweet to remember the memories more than 20years ago. I learned a second language, English, at high school as the first time. The class was a complete traditional style and focus on Textbook mostly. The teacher had a class like they were a lecturer. Students had to listen carefully during the class. It was not really fun to the most students. I remember a teacher who had holding different color chalks in her hand. She wrote sentences to explain the grammars which are belonged to them. All classes she had were educator - oriented while the student were less participated in the class doing others like scribbling, think others, chatting with others etc. (even though some are definitely attended the class)

Traditional style, in Korea that time, on most foreign language-education was mainly based on Grammar Translation Methodology. At the beginning of the class teacher introduced the text on the book so that we (students) understand the context and asked us to read it. After we read the text the teacher started to translate the each sentences with some grammatical question which was taught us before. The instruction content was Reading, Pronunciation, Translation, Repetition, Dictation etc. They asked us many question in native language to confirm that we learned. And at the end of each section we had some test (e. g. oral & paper test). With G.T.M (Grammar Translation Methodology), we needed a little attention to be given the class.

My learning style was mostly passive way. It was the first experience to learn foreign language. Most of students were true beginners in the class. We learned from the alphabet. 26 letters, capital& small letter, they said ,were not exactly 26. It was 52 letters had to memorize all them. The class was totally teacher-centered. We just followed the teacher ask us to do so. The main role of student was listen & answer the question. There was no communication each other we really needed. I feel sorry. It was sometime natural that student didn't have much interest in learning in English and got low score as well. I needed some way to be interest in it. Fortunately, my younger twin sister did excellent in English (not speaking but reading & writing mostly) while I struggled. She respected an English teacher highly and that inspired her she said. It sounded like a little stupid that respecting teacher to get interest. But what she meant was that she found not the teacher's external features but her internal passion during teaching. Anyway, It absolutely worked on me.

Teaching with passion can stimulate their students. I completely agree with this my sister told me once. She said that if I find a teacher's passion on teaching, it will help me whatever I study. I could find the teacher's sweet heart & enthusiasm with concerning students. Even she taught us with G,T,M she was very nice and kind to everybody. Her teaching was not changed even she was pregnant. I vivid remember her class how great it was. In hindsight, My interest in English started from that time. In early of 1980s, English teacher taught not with various methodologies in teaching in this country. Even though we, that time, had poor system of re-educate the teachers so that they teach well their students, I believe they did their best. There were not many teacher could speak in target language in class. That time was just like that. They did excellent job leading many student reached the their goal.(not speaking , learning foreign language). The teaching Methodologies, with time, are more diversity than the past. I expect that teacher do well in teaching with effective methods like TPR, CLT which gives students more opportunities to participate the class discussing, playing etc.

In conclusion, Teaching is not easy job all the time. Many scholars, now still, are investigating to get better methods to teach well. And most of teachers on the actual spot do work well while some are not. I believe the former are much than latter and dare would like to walk this noble path. I, now, learning many effective methods. If I do well in teacher’s job with concerning the students, they will remember I was a good teacher. ( words 673 )

This TESOL Course very inspire to me to study ‘teaching skills’. And with good memories about my old teachers, I appreciate them whom had shown me their passionate even in poor environment.