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Essay #1: Second Language Acquisition Assignment

Efficient Learning of Language

The English is the most popular language in the world, and knowing English is very important now. In Korea, the students must take the English courses in the school, and if people want to get a job, they should have high level of English skills. Therefore, a lot of Korean people are not only take classes in school but also take private English classes, go study abroad, have tutors and etc. I think Korea English education system is not efficient; this is big reason that people also learn English outside of schools. I also have some other learning experiences in my life, and I am going to talk about few of my experiences.

I started to learn English when I was in 4th grade. First, I memorized alphabets, easy words, and little communicative sentences. In here, the error was that I just had to memorize English ‘stuffs.’ The memorizing was not great way to learn the language for a little girl. As I became an upper grade student, the English classes were more focused on grammars, not on pronunciations or communications. If I could have chance to communicate with people who can speak English well or if I did not lose my interest in English, I might have better English skills then what I had. I think that learning language is not memorizing; people have to know how to use language. As I mentioned above, the Korea English education system is not efficient, teachers should teach students how to use the language instead of memorizing the language then I guess it might be more efficient than before.

My English was much better since I studied in Canada when I was 10th grade. In Canada, the classes had many kinds of activities. I really liked them and the activities like games or group works were very helpful to learn English. I probably can say that my communication skills got much better in three month of staying in Canada than six years of learning English in Korea school. Every people have different learning style, but for me, I liked the way what I learned in Canada. After I came back from Canada, I had one problem that I could not concentrate on learning style in Korea school. Even I could communicate with people who can speak English; my English scores in school were not good. It makes me confused about my English skills all the time. But I think most important in language is communication, so my experience of study abroad was successful. Also, as I could communicate with people in English, I felt very excited. I could like to study English more.

In conclusion, learning language is complicated. First thing that learners have to do is that they should find out his/her learning style and study efficiently. Because that way, people could not lost their interesting in learning and never bored. Some might be work with study abroad, some might be work with taking English classes or some might be work with study alone. As my experience, I decided that if I can become an English teacher, I want to make my students who can keep their interest in English.