Second Language Acquisition Assignment

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I used to go to another country and stay there some time because of my job.

And for that overseas experience learning a new language was always a challenge for me. And I realize that the people around me and surroundings are the most important factors in learning a Second Language.

I was a tour guide in East Asian countries, Thailand, Cambodia and Malaysia. During this time I realize that learning a new language is the same no matter what language it is. Being exposed to different languages taught me how similar languages can be. I also realized to learn a language you must be willing to try.

Having to speak English makes it possible to learn English in shorter time compared with my school life.

First of all, it is hard to use English outside the classroom. Even though in the classroom all I had were English teachers who were explainers. They know lots of vocabulary and grammar rules exactly. But as you know traditional teacher types would just "keep explaining" or "lecturing ". It is difficult to get into interesting topics.

For this reason, the characteristics of the teacher are important factors. I never had a foreign English teacher so I was surprised when I spoke English to a foreigner and they understood me. This is because in school I was only taught how to read, I was never involved in a conversation. I never had to answer questions in full sentences. I was never personally involved or challenged.

"As the child develops and constantly interacts with the world around him,

Language is invented and reinvented". - Jean Piaget -

Language contains the cultures and thought of speakers, I noticed this when speaking English Korean culture and sayings don’t always translate correctly.

I learnt to uses different language in different situations. I found it easier to associate sentences with situations rather than using the methods I learnt in school.

It's easier to learn the language if we know about their culture and thoughts as well as the language.

Characteristics of adult learners are also important to learn English. They are willing to learn, they are easy to teach because of this. Younger students are in school because they have to be. This is very common in Korea because it’s part of our culture to go to school and academies after school. As an adult learner have Knowledge , self-motivated . I know it’s not easy to make extra time and money when you work. But once they make the decision or when they feel keenly the necessity they really try hard to achieve their goals like me.

When I was at school we didn’t have computers or stereos in our classrooms. Now days there are computers and various texts which use different media to make learning more interesting. For example I am teaching English to children and prepare visual aids to help them understand. This also helps keep them interested. I think modern techniques are better than traditional but with out preparing for the lesson the new options available are useless.

Where ever I go when I am having trouble I have to explain in English. I mean if you have the chance to learn English or are willing to learn English it will be helpful to you. Learning English is not compulsory but we need to learn English if we want to prepare our life better and make it worthier.