“Every moment is an experience.” - Jake Roberts

Every moment is an experience. Yes, right. We remember our past lives because those memories became our personal and important experiences. There is a saying in Korea “there is nothing left but pictures.” We want to keep every moment in our memory. Especially when we are on a travel, we really would like to keep every moment in the picture. And we can share what we have done with our fellows because it has been an experience to us. Although, for me, I don’t remember every single moment, still remember the big issues that I had. The most impressive moment that I remember is when I was in the Philippines where I spent my university life. I want to introduce my university life here.

I have spent my university life in the Philippines. The school name was Holy Angel University which is located in Angeles City, Pampanga, Philippines. My course was Bachelor of Arts major in English, specialization in language and literature. My second language environment was totally successful. Because my environment was all use of English. So I could learn my second language so much effectively. Because the classroom was an English speaking zone. My classmates and I tried to not to use a Tagalog which is Filipino’s native language or Korean which is my own language. And I really did my best as much as possible not to use them but English.

I want to introduce one of my favorite professors here. Her name is Mrs. Gloria Miranda, Filipina. She taught me some of major subjects. She was good in teaching skills. She never spoke her native language during the class. As a matter of fact, some teachers made use of their native language but she never did. She has her own pride that she is a professor. She liked to teach us and help us to be able to understand what she teaches us in the class. Personally, she is very warm-hearted person. If her students have a problem in his/her subject, she really cares about it and gives good advices. When I had my thesis writing with my Filipino group mates, she helped us a lot. She gave us many advices and corrections although she wasn’t our advisor. She doesn’t want to see her students having problem. And if we have any question about her lecture or else, she gives us good answers always. Sometimes she is strict when we are not listening to her class. But most of time, she was so friendly. I’ve learned lots of things from her especially English stuff. She corrects my grammar and speaking skills, reading skills, etc. She even used the book “Techniques and Principles in Language Teaching” by Diane Larsen-Freeman to teach us when we were 4th year students.

For me, I’m an adult. To say about characteristics of adult learners, they are slow learner. They understand at the moment, but they don’t get it. In driving, for instance, when we learn how to drive we easily understand the formulas but it is hard to drive a car in real situation. And second, traditional vs. modern classroom. I think I was at modern classroom. Because my teacher always asked and led us to give her an answer. And it was so effective to have successful language learning. My professor was sort of encouraging teacher. She always cheered us up and had interesting class. I could always focus on her class. For the last, I can say she had effective teaching. Because we always focused on her class and joined several activities. We really enjoyed her class every time. And we could raise our grades up and got so many information from her. I think that is an effective teaching.

For the conclusion, we need so much effort to be a good teacher. We must know how to enjoy the class and give students fun with knowledge and the inspiration. So that they can easily understand and get what we teach them. The most important thing to be a teacher for me is courage. If we don’t have courage, we can’t stand before students and never speak up although we have so much information. The information we have will be useless if we don’t share it.