**Write a 500-750 word essay describing a second language environment that you have experienced. Was it a success of a failure as a language learning experience? Why? Relate your personal beliefs to concepts learned in the TESOL 01 module: characteristics of adult learners, traditional vs. modern classrooms, teacher types, and effective teaching.**

I have experienced both traditional and modern classrooms as second language learning.

I started learning English from 13 years old. I didn’t know why I should study English. Just people said ‘English is very important and world language’. Before starting, teacher asked us why we should study English then we answered ‘Because it’s important’. Our answer was always same. My teacher’s type was explainer. So I was listening, perhaps occasionally answering questions, reading textbooks, and making notes, but was mostly not being personally involved or challenged. He/She gave me a lot of information so I was busy for receiving everything. When I studied English, I used notes and pens for remembering words not ear and mouth. When I got English examination, I just remembered text book and put the answer without thinking. It looked like a machine, but I couldn’t stop the way. Because of I already was adapted the habit. In my head, English is a same as mathematics. Because it had a formula and correct answer.

Was it Success? Yes, it was success only the part of grammar. However, it was failure regarding to speaking and listening.

From entering university, I got modern classroom. At first, it was strange to me. There was my classmate in front of me, not teacher. Teacher was just involver. He/She was trying to involve the students actively and puts a great deal of effort into finding appropriate and interesting activities that will do this, while still retaining clear control over the classroom and what happens in it. During class, I should speak in English, it was great way to acquire second language. By using English, I had to find proper words for expressing my opinion and automatically could familiar with English. In addition, using audio-visual also was effective to leaning English. One of the ways was watching movie without subtitles. It made me naturally concentrate to listen and understand the story Sometimes, I try to repeat theirs subtitles. It made me naturally concentrates to listen and understand the story. Sometimes I tried to repeat their subtitles and write down what they said. From watching movie, I could get indirectly their culture, and I felt that closed to using English.

I can say that it was success to acquire second language regarding to speaking, listening and writing. I felt that can’t ignore the environment also as well as teacher’s role. As meeting various teachers for learning English, I thought that the teacher’s role was very important ant giving information, teaching techniques, dealing with students etc.

Some people said that they don’t have a talent to learn English. But it’s wrong.

I heard about Innatist Theory by Noam Chomsky. Innatism hypothesizes that infants are born with a biological language acquisition device (LAD) and discover the grammar of their language based on their own inborn “grammar template” or universal grammar. It is this universal grammar that allows children to decipher the grammatical rules of the language they hear spoken around them through a process of hypothesis test.

From this theory, we can get the possibility, everyone in the world have a talent in their brain, so we can learn other language as well as English.

Lastly, I believe that the effective teaching is a belief that all students have good ability for learning English and then offering an environment for listening, writing, speaking and thinking in English as a teacher and learner at the same time.

Thank you for reading my essay.