ESOL 01: Second Language Acquisition Assignment

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It takes two to tango - proverb

(It takes the clap of two hands to make a sound)

My memory of the first learning of English was very good but, unfortunately the start of German was not.

During my last vacation of the elementary school, I got the 1st lesson of the English for 1month. Until that time I did not know how to pronounce the alphabet exactly even. However, fortunately, I met very good teachers. One was the teacher in the private educational institute and the other was my cousin who is over 10years older than me and speaks English very well. In the private educational institute I get a good score in the dictation everyday so, it gave me the self-confidence and sense of accomplishment. And from the cousin I could the lesson of the pronunciation like how to be different between 'ant' and 'aunt'. It was very funny and happy that I could speak like a foreigner. Until now I cannot forget that memory and I can remember that feeling vividly. Even now I appreciate to them very much.

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On the other hand, the start of the German language was not successful, I think. My major was German literature but, when I entered in the University, it was impossible to understand the literature written in German, even it was simple words. Many students were the same situation. So, we had a grammar, listening, speaking class besides the literature. However, unfortunately, the almost of the lessons were the receptive based and one-way communication by the professor only so, it was boring. To overcome this problem a German professor joined our class who came in Korea at the time and married the Korean woman. It was very good news but, the education environment in Germany and Korea was truly different. Actually, he was the involver, he tried to do his best to elicit something from the student and develop their abilities.

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There is one episode. One year later of his coming, we had a good experience that he made a good chance to visit in German elementary school and attend in the class. It was so amazing matter and 6 students including me decided to go there. We could watch their educational system, some kinds of activities and make a small festival with them and we could introduce our culture with self-made food and traditional activities. But, the communication was still not good.

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treat the children. Currently, I can fully his feeling but at that time it was not easy to accept his behavior like that and he might be also same situation. At that time his wife accompanied with us and she tried to mediate some kind of events like that. If she was not there, we could not finalize that course...

As you can find the above two kinds of cases, I think, the most important thing is to understand the other's position with communicating rightly between the learner and teacher. If I can be a teacher of English, I hope to be an explainer and involver not enabler. The teaching should differ according to the following; who are my students, what they need, and where they are now. For example, if kids are learners, I'll make a class more active and fun to concentrate within a short le.

30min. And if adults are learners, it'll be changed based on their requirements. (the purpose of the study) I believe it can make a productive class with having more STT and it'll be successful.

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 $^{\prime}$ A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step. $^{'}$

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When we start to learn a foreign language especially, English we imagine speaking very fluently like an English native speaker and anticipate coming true it to me within a short time. However, as a mother, language acquisition, it'll take long time and at one point, we can realize one's growth, which will extend our whole life. Therefore, I believe the continuous effort and patience are very important matters and for that the teacher should lead a student to go to the right way without any abandonment.

In every moment of the decision the teacher should think wisely and give the proper response to students. In the following 3 situations, If I'm a teacher, I'll do that as below.

1) Your institution has a very strict, "English Only" policy, they are relying on you to implement and enforce this rule, How are going to about it?

"English Only" policy can be a good approach as a direct method if the language especially, the speaking can be developed by the repetition and the habit. But, the language is an expression of one's cognition as Noam Chomsky said. So, if someone is not ready to express their cognition in English and the teacher only requires this policy, students may give up to attempt to learn it. Therefore, in this case I think the sub rule can be a solution like 5 times permission to speak in Korean per day and then, the time is decreased until 0 as a game. Of course, it is limited that should help their English acquisition. If so, they'll feel better without any fear and finally, it'll make a good result. I think it can be one of the right communication way between the teacher and the student.

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2) How will you as a teacher enforce frequent tardiness and frequent absences in the classroom?

The attitude toward the lesson is very important so, at first, the teacher should give the firm instruction about the tardiness and absence to the student but, the acting method cannot be strict. In my dept. of company (SCM in Handok Pharmaceuticals Co., Ltd.) we use the board that there are names of all members and if the person is tardy, she or he has one line and if repeat, the line will be increased for her or him. Then, per quarter we gather the money from the tardy person as a penalty as much as the no. of lines and make a small party with it. It has been lasted AM for 1 year and the tardiness has been reduced substantially.

3) How will you help your students prepare for any lesson presentations that they may need to do throughout the school year.

The lesson of English should be the student centered. And because the English is not ends but means of the expression their thinking or conducting some tasks, the related experience by teacher in addition classmates will be very helpful to understand the lesson and the teacher's demonstration will be a better method as a model and a helper for their English acquisition.

When I studied for a test of TOEIC in 2005, I made a group with 4 persons. At that time each of one became a teacher per day and we shared the study method with teaching to other 3 persons. It was a good experience to know more skills and way of study and finally, all of us had a good score more than 900points.

I think the good teacher has a good attitude, intentions, personality and relationship with students but, the best teacher is to lead the successful classroom management with the above mentioned ones.