**Second Language Acquisition Assignment**

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Six years ago, I was drinking with my friends when one of them asked, “Who’s going to buy my microwave?“ I said, “What’s that ?” Everyone looked at me . . . and then there was an uneasy silence.

I had learnt English for over ten years at school but I couldn’t even remember the word “microwave“. It made me think of my old school days. It has been almost twenty years but I can still remember a few things vividly.

Back at school, the teachers basically “chalked and talked” in front of about sixty students. I was just sitting on my chair and listening. Sometimes I fell asleep during class. The teachers gave us a few chances to speak. One of the teachers always picked the same girl to read out loudly from the book because her pronunciation was quite good. I felt like he didn’t care about the other students. I was one of those students who didn’t get any attention. I don’t want to say that it was a failure, but it was. I think the teachers were just explainers and their classes were traditional in style as they focused purely on the textbooks and the teachers only explained grammar and vocabulary.

After the “microwave” incident, I thought if I can speak another language, I would enjoy more things. Nowadays the world is getting smaller and smaller with the Internet. We can chat online with people who live in other countries and watch lots of interesting videos on YouTube. English is a very useful language, as we all know. So I decided to try learning English again. I failed long ago but I wanted to master English this time. So I chose a native speaker to study with me because I prefer learning in a natural way.

Fortunately, my teacher was brilliant. I think he was an enabler teacher. He let me guess the meanings first and then he explained in many different ways. He gave me lots of activities and helped me figure it out by myself. We discussed various issues like science, politics, movies, cultures, music etc. Sometimes he asked me to research topics before the class. I had to read many articles or watch dramas. When I watched news programs, it was quite hard for me. But it helped me to keep on going.

To be honest I don’t like to read or memorize something and also I am not that smart. However my teacher always listened and encouraged me and helped me to find a better way. It really touched me. We studied together for over two years and we have become good friends now. I think there was an interaction between the teacher and me.

Through this essay, I am glad to recall my wonderful teacher. I am now realizing my dream of becoming a qualified teacher. Of course I want to be an effective teacher. I enjoy sharing what I have. If I have some special techniques, I can help people more like my teacher did. That’s why I am taking the TESOL course. In addition when I meet people I try to see things from their perspective, as if looking through their eyes. I respect other people with a positive and non judgmental regard. I am sure that I will be able to be an effective teacher. I will be able to teach people with my experiences and the skills that I will learn from the TESOL course. I am looking forward to it.

Life is a challenge, but it is wonderful, isn’t it?