**Class: TC 78th**

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**Did I have fear of speaking English? What made me have a fear?**

**Isn’t it possible to learn how to speak English**

**without studying abroad?**

“English” What kind of feeling and thoughts came into my mind when I heard this character. In fact, I started studying English at age of 12 in grade 5 with basic alphabet my mom thought me.

She might have wanted me to be better at English and she must have put her best effort on me. I know it’s not easy for her because she didn’t have appropriate experience with that subject but English was going to be as important as a Math.(- In our parents generation, a math was more important than any subject .) So she must have had to do that for me.

We didn’t have much English academy in our village.

I expected myself to enjoy learning other language. Even I pushed myself to do so.

Memorizing a few words was OK to me but that’s not the main purpose of learning English that I knew.

To make things worse, I met very strict English teacher in my middle school. She was exactly **EXPLANER** and she treated us like **adult learners**.

(That’s why I told my daughter that she was so lucky to be born in modern ages.)

We didn’t have any technological materials in our classroom so it’s not easy for teachers to use movies, slide and background music which might be for those who were **visual and musical intelligence type**.

According to some of theories of child language acquisition, they should use other simple activities that could be used without technological materials such as making a story on the paper in groups and making a short speech so they could sense of achievement but in my class we got a sense of fear.

Here are the reason why we did so,

As I mentioned just before she was so strict – she didn’t allow us to ask and she only made us memorize the rule, grammar for taking an exam , the vocabulary and meaning of each word.

It’s like any games were prohibited in her class. Those things made us feel so depressed in learning English.

Our passion and **enthusiasm for learning second language began to decrease at age of 14. With no interesting and no excitement we studied English, just like other subject.**

**In result, we always answer “ I’m fine.”**

**When someone asks if our feeling is OK even we are not in good mood.**

**Automatically we say it. It’s so sad exactly language disaster.**

**This is what I think of English in my past experience and it influenced me a lot.**

After graduate from high school, no more studying English ever..ever.

Not having poor grade in English was enough to me.

Now I am the one who have a daughter in grade 1. Having bad experience mom is not good for my lovely daughter. Mother can be a teacher and counselor for their child every single time I realized.

That’s the reason I started studying English again even though I’ve have had fear of it and I am quite old enough to start it.

Being a English teacher is like my destiny.

I want to give hope to those parents who don’t have much property to make their child learn English with my experience and my skill that I have learned here

In TESOL course. I have learned how to make them motivated – Most young learner might be **kinesthetic** and **visual** **intelligence type** – how to teach them positively not always correct their errors.

Teacher should have **integrated-skill** with **receptive skills and productive skills**.

We have ton of methods for teaching English but need to consider

our student’s **individual learning differences** and **establish classroom dynamic**

so more students can get interested in English and get sense of achievement.

For those thing I will not stop developing my skill until we can speak English as fluently as native speaker could.

Here is a final answer,

YES it’s possible to master all English skills without studying abroad if we have

much “enabler teacher” in our country.

It’s the time we have to change a way to teach our next generation a global language. - I have realized a lot through this TESOL course. What I have to do is to put them in practice with my lovely daughter and my future students.