<My Success Learning English>

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In my life, learning English is very important thing. When I was young, I was a shy and coward kid. So, I didn’t have thing to do well strikingly. However, I could have confidence more and more as I started learning English. Studying English was funny thing to do. As a result, I think, I was successful in learning English because I can listen, read, write , and speak English. Of course, my ability to speak English must be improved much after the TESOL course. Anyway, I was successful. There are many factors which made me be successful in learning English.

My parents are all native Koreans and cannot speak English. However, they have had an interest in English education because of me and my younger sister. So, they helped us study English hard. Frankly speaking, they selected a home-schooling program and my mom used to check my assignment. Because my mom had basic knowledge of English, she often corrected errors I made in my assignment until I was 10 years old. I think she was ENABLER at that time.

When I became 11 years old, my mom changed home-schooling program. The new program was funnier than the old one, and this made me do self-directed learning. One of my tasks in this program was tape recording which was my daily homework. I recorded the pronunciation of native person within the certain time after I listened to his recording about key words and the main texts in each unit. My younger sister, my home-school mate, was better at this task than I. Because of it, I was really motivated and practiced hard. Thanks to this work, my English pronunciation was not bad and I don’t have difficult while speaking English in the presence of others during the class in school. In this sense, the role of EXPLAINER was my home-schooling materials such as the course book and cassette tapes.

My home-schooling teacher, meanwhile, was very diligent and strict ENABLER because she was a assistant in my self-directed learning. Every morning, she called me and checked how well I understood and remembered things studying English the day before. Also, she visited my home once a week and tested my memorization of words and grammars in English. My sensory preference is VISUAL and TACTILE, and my VERBAL/LINGUISTIC INTELLIGENCE is high. So, I wrote and read repeatedly words and grammar, and then, I was good at remembering them.

All English teachers in my middle and high school are EXPLAINERs. Teaching styles in Korea are mostly traditional.

While I was summarizing how to study English in the past, I realized I have LEARNED English rather than ACQRUIRED English. I have mainly studied the conscious knowledge of rules that a feeling for correctness. So, I am not better at FUNCTION and DISCOURSE than PHONOLOGY, LEXIS, and GRAMMAR. In other words, I am better at LISTENING, READING, and WRITING than SPEAKNG. This fact made my AFFECTIVE FILETER high. That means I have excessive anxiety while speaking in English. It is my mission to overcome it.

I cannot say that I was perfectly successful in leaning English due to my speaking ability. Having said that, It is praiseworthy of myself. I have never been to abroad to study English or spent much money learning English. So, I was successful in learning English for my experiences. I will do my best to learn English now and forever!