**#1 First Essay**

**My English story about class and teacher**

*"We cannot teach people anything; we can only help them discover it within themselves."****- Galileo Galilei***

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Looking back on my school life, the first approach to English was when I was a middle school student. I started to study the Alphabet and all my teachers taught grammar and reading. As a student I didn’t know how can I use these grammar into real writing and why do I needed those things. When I became a university student, I had to take an English class not because I wanted to, but because it was a required subject. As an adult, I was quite uncomfortable with speaking because I’d never experienced speaking English before.

If adults never experienced speaking English class before, speaking English might be very frightening. They can think about what to speak in their mind, but can’t say out loud in short time. The reason is like I said earlier they’d been just studying grammar and reading not speaking. There was no chance to use practical English and circumstances.

However nowadays the younger generation is more used to speaking English than the old generation. Maybe they studied in different classes. The method of teaching English is changing. If the traditional class was teacher centered, the modern class is students centered and it’s mutual communication.

If there are various types of classes there would be various types of teachers too. I have taught from a lot of English teachers. Some of them were good some of them were not. For example, middle school teacher who taught me grammar and reading were not effective. Teacher shouldn’t motivate students and the method of teaching was boring and meaningless. It was more likely lecture not active class. On the other hand, the first time when I took English essay class, it was different. The professor Simon was quite serious and strict as an English teacher. His teaching method was very organized and clear. It may be because of the subject character. The reason why I think his lecture was clear was may be because of his clear intonation and pronunciation. And also his clear pronunciation was perfect for Koreans. When he was teaching, it was more likely lecturing not communicating. But it wasn’t boring at all. He made students get attention more.

One thing I enjoyed about his lecture methods was his use of website. In his class, every students had to join the website named ‘Bing’. At the first time, we just uploaded our photo and personal interests in English. It was fun and also good way to get to know classmates better. As the class continued students got more friendly and we networked each other. During the class we had to upload out writings after every single class. Academically, we could see all friends essay and writing. It was really helpful and worth it.

Studying English may be difficult to someone who is old and studied in traditional class. That’s because they couldn’t study at the effective class with effective teachers. Luckily for me, I studied at both traditional class and modern class. Even though I’ve never been abroad, I am not afraid of speaking English and further more I enjoy studying English. It was all because I enjoyed effective teaching method. And also I didn’t think studying English as a study.