My English Learning Experience

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3 years ago, I met a foreigner at my work place. I was scared about how to respond if the foreigner told me what he wanted to do. However I honestly wondered what he would do and thought that I could help him. I knew that I could never help him if I first could not be friendly enough to give him my hands. Since this happened, I seriously realized that I wanted to listen and speak English.

Therefore I was searching the Internet to find out how to study English well. Firstly, I found a book which is popular for beginners. It had simple conversation patterns. I just bought it and read it for several days. I should have been remembered the patterns exactly. It made me bored and unhappy in my studying time.

Secondly, when I read a newspaper, I saw an advertisement about a call-in English program with an English teacher. In the advertisement, some people who had already positively improved their English skills from it recommended that it is very useful for making great English skills even though the call with the teacher is 10 minutes only. I strongly expected and just joined in this program. While I was talking with a kind English teacher, I was nervous and excited at first. As time passed, I had complains about this calling with my teacher. Sometimes the connection was not clear at all. Besides only 10 minutes at a time was certainly not enough to talk to each other. It was so annoying and stressful to me. But I became more curious whenever I failed a suitable lesson. I didn’t want to give up studying English.

Finally I decided to go to an English conversation class. I was impressed that I met a Korean female teacher who is smart and fluently spoke English. She often told learners her valuable experiences which had happened when she was a student. She always tried to get other learners thoughts such about which is hard or unclear. I could understand easily and gain confidence as well from her teaching. I was happy when I studied English in my class. Now I think she was so considerate and involved whether her students were interested with her lesson or not. Students were terrible in their English skills but she responsibly taught them regardless. Moreover she always recommended which methods of studying English can be effective for learners. Every learner was deeply interested and inspired in her lesson. Therefore I gradually have improved my English conversation skills.

I think I have had positive and negative experiences since I have started learning English. It affected me that the teacher is significantly important in learning English. In addition books, DVDs, and the internet websites are able to help learners successfully improve. I am not sure who is a great teacher. However I am sure that a great teacher makes a great student. I will be a teacher who has experiential and considerable teaching skills in my future. Therefore I will make many great students in the future.