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Recovered interest in studying English

In Korea, secondary education system is all most teacher- oriented environment. I had same experience in high school. However, when I went to the university, I had good experience of learning English.

When I was a high school student of 1st grade, I have a bad experience of learning English. My homeroom teacher was English teacher. She clearly favored honor students and she was only interested in teaching them. Unfortunately, I was bad at studying English. One day, I was humiliated because I couldn’t answer a simple question. That was one of the reasons of losing interest in studying English. There are more reasons. First, I didn’t like the way to teach students. She had a bad pronunciation so I couldn’t understand what she said. Also, she used text book only, there were no other materials. She always explained about grammar and we had no chance to speak English.

When I went to the university, I met an English teacher who is Canadian, handsome, Kind and gentle. I took his English class. I liked him very much not only his personality but also way to teach English. He had a good sense of humor, gave positive feedback, and was a good listener. Before stating the class, he explained what we had to learn, and he asked a few a questions about personal questions of each student. During the class, he always made us speak English. We usually worked pair of students. End of class, he gave us homework such as a essay every week and explained next class. While I was taking the class, I found that I got interested in studying English. Thanks him for teaching effectively.

English class in the high school was teacher-centered and only receptive based (reading and listening). The teaching style was also explainer. However, English class in the university was STT, and productive based (speaking and writing). His teaching style was an enabler. Also he taught effectively. After finishing this TESOL course, I hope I will be an enabler.