<The way of learning languages in my life>

I have two kinds of second language learning experiences. I can not definite

which one is success and failure. Both were effective to acquire second language.

From my whole childhood, I’ve learned by traditional teaching style. In public

school, the teacher was one and the students were about 30 people in one

classroom. And we all sat forward to front. Which means that teacher was always

the explainer.

But I had a English teacher who taught by the involver teaching style. She was

from private institute where I used to go after school. She was friendly to all of

her students. She did give some motivations for each class to learn English. For

example, there were always new English games or competition that we were

eager to do. So we played and learn through that. Since then, English became my

favorite subject of my whole life.

Through my L2 learning experience of traditional style, I’ve learned the grammar

a lot, so that I could get to know how the sentences are made of. Even though it

was too much only memorizing work.

I have opposite type experience of L2 learning in Australia and Germany. It was

in a modern classroom. And students were only 10-15 who sat like a horse shoe

shape. And most of class lesson was doing activities. In the beginning, I wasn’t

comfortable with active atmosphere class, but then gradually got used to that.

When I learned german in Germany, it was half of traditional teaching style and

half of modern teaching style. At that time, I had two courses which are intensive

one and fater one. The teacher from intensive course try to make sure all

students to understand the lesson. I was also beginner of learning german, but it

was sometimes annoying to wait for the slow learner. So I changed to faster class

then satisfied. But the teacher from faster course cares more of fluency than

accuracy. I found out that the accuracy is more important for the beginners.

What I would like to emphasis in this point that I used the grammar what I’ve

learned before in korea when I speak with foreigners in Australia. It was quite

useful to make sentences to speak out. I think, effective teaching should be

mixed of what teacher has good experience. The teaching and learning is

different but learner could learn what teacher has learned before in a good way.