“MY EXPERIENCE OF THE LEARNING THE ENGLISH TO CONCENTRATE THE ENGLISH SOUND”

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I have two experiences about learning the English. The first thing was to study the English letter, and the second thing was to concentrate hearing the English sound. Two experiences are useful in my memory. But I would like to recommend to students about the second thing as an English teacher in the future. Because I felt what is the language and how to learn the English through practicing to hear the English sound itself.

I had a first experience of learning the English when I was a middle school and high school student. The middle school and the high school teachers taught me English that about how to solve questions in English test. I memorized lots of English words, idioms and studied how to make the English sentences. I also learned about the English grammar and read the textbook for English exam in the middle school and the high school. Through this period I had good abilities about getting an excellent score in the English test like TOEIC and translating skill. I had known lots of English words and idioms, and I could make many English sentences by using these. Eventually, I had a good score in the English part of the KOREAN SAT test. So I entered the university. But I felt that something was wrong after I started the university life. I could not talk with exchange students in university, because I could not listen their speaking well. Depending on I could not listen clearly, I could not understand the meaning of their talking and speak to them too. I thought that my English ability was not real thing, and I judged that my English ability was just illusion. So I determined that I had to change the way of getting the English ability.

I focused the listening only. This was my second experience of learning the English. One professor in the university talked to me at one class, "The language is the sound, and there is the letter after the sound". I erased the English letters in my head. I accepted the English sound itself. But it was so hard, because I was already skilled the old way of learning English. The changing of the something was very difficult. Nevertheless this difficulty, I continued to practice my training of learning the English to get a real English ability. Gradually, my bad habit that translating to Korean automatically in my head when I listened the English sound was gone. Because of this habit that translating to Korean in my head, I could not concentrate to conversation with foreign friends and continue the conversation smoothly. I practiced to accept the English itself without translating to Korean and to English again almost every day. I was overcoming it slowly. I felt that my English ability which were listening and speaking was progressed in English communication compared with my previous one in one day. I was being upgraded person finally as an English leaner through endeavoring to practice the English, but that was not a perfect English speaker. It was just that I could understand my foreign friends' communication and speak to them about my opinion a little more clearly. Now also, I am learning the English more and more through reading books to upgrade my English ability and communicate with lots of foreigners. I am happy to know about the English in depth, and I want to be a good English teacher in the future.

I will teach the English by using my experience that to focus the sound in the future. I agree with that if someone can hear the sound of any language, this someone can speak this language automatically even though someone does not know the letters. And I have a belief that adults also can it like children, but even if that is uncertain. Also, I think that it is easy and advantageous to learn language to people who don't know the letter and grammar. I have an opinion that the language is the sound, the sound makes the meaning, the meaning is the promise, that promise is the communication in any society. Therefore the sound is the start point to learn language. So I want to focus to teach the students by using English sound training. After the students are acclimatized to English sound, I am going to teach the words, idioms and grammar, etc to them. Maybe I will be exciting and worthwhile as a teacher to help the people who want to learn the English and when I look at them that they can communicate with foreign friends to looking for knowledge, information and love. So for realizing that situation actually in the future, I am endeavoring continuously to gain the qualification as a good English teacher.