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Learning English and Teaching English

 I was born and grew up in Korea. Before I went to Vancouver Canada, learning English was hard for me, but I could enjoy it for six months in Vancouver. I’m going to tell you about learning English in Korea, Canada, and how I’ll teach based on it.

 When I started learning English in junior school in Korea, I didn’t know reason what I had to study English, it was not only interesting, but also useful to me. Meanwhile, my English teachers taught based on textbooks, lectures, and tests. They were just interested in increasing my English level. When my English score was low, they scolded me. Actually they did the best to teach English for me, but I was bored, depressed, and terrified in my English class, so I gave up learning English until last year.

 However, after I learned English in Vancouver, I changed my mind about learning English. When I went there, I couldn’t speak anything, so when I went to language school first day, I was nervous, but teachers were different from teaching style. Even if I couldn’t speak a bit, they complimented and gave me courage. They’ve never been negative to me, they believed and waited for me. They also always taught using fun activity. For example, when my teacher taught ‘put on’, he made groups, and he distributed hats to them. And then, when someone said “put it on your head”, other people had to put it on their head. He always taught using groups and fun activities. Now, I guess that my English teachers didn’t teach English, they taught me how to make friends, and how to communicate with my friends using English. They also taught me English is just one of language, but it is very useful when I learn something in the world, so I didn’t learn English, I just learned how to communicate with my foreign friends.

 I want to be a good English teacher. First, I’ll always compliment students and give them courage, because I know its effect from in my case. If teacher compliment to them, they will have self-confidence learning English more. In addition, I’ll make a class that students want to come. If class is fun to them, they will be able to enjoy that time, and they’ll grow English skill even if students don’t like learning English.

 Finally, I realized. I must believe and wait students who will be better every day. I must also enjoy teaching English. If I teach English fun to students, they will learn English easily. English is not a subject of tests, it’s just a language to communicate with the World. Teacher must know it.