**The Key of Success in Learning Language**

As I’ve recalled all of my language learning experiences, English only, through my whole life, I found out that I’ve been learning English since I was almost 6 years old. Over 15 years, various types of teaching method seem to be applied to me. I tried to remember which one was the best for me, but I think it would be better sharing rather my first English learning experience. No matter how many methods have been applied, I think the most important thing of learning a second language is “interests”.

My first impression on English was actually a fun play. Since I was only 6 years old at that time, my teacher wouldn’t be able to teach us Grammar or Writing anyway. It was a group private home lesson, and there were total 3 kids including me, 1 boy and 2 girls. We mostly watched video clips, cartoons, read fairy tales, and listen children’s songs, and of course all in English. While we gathered, since we all couldn’t read English, our teacher mostly explained the stories of them. Based on the stories, we performed a play. Once classes were done, we all got assignments to memorize some parts that we liked the most each so that we could present those parts for next class. At that time, I couldn’t even realize that I was “learning” English. The lessons were just fun activities done with friends. Besides, another reason why I enjoyed it was that speaking another language than Korean looked like a magic. It made me have a great interest in English.

The more interest in English arises, the more eager to be good at English emerges. Since English education systems that I could acquire from public and private schools were only Grammar, Reading, Vocabulary, and some of Listening, I tried to study Writing, Listening, and Speaking by myself till teenager. I loved listening AFKN, American Forces Korea Network – a radio station run by US Forces Korea, even though I couldn’t understand what they were talking about. As many language learners might have the same experienced at the initial stage, new languages sometimes sound like songs. For my case, English transmitted through AFKN came as a song to me. Even if I couldn’t understand the English so, of course, couldn’t repeat it exactly as well, I always repeated it on my own style like humming a song. Not only repeating after the radio, but I also read all the English text books aloud. I was so eager to speak English fluently; I memorized all the text books and read them aloud. As looking back these moments, these experiences helped me to get better pronunciation and intonation as well as to get rid of fear of speaking English.

I believe that the most powerful tool for learning something, not only language, would be “interest.” Interests give learners motivations, goals, and great passions. Anyone could have interests in anything, which leads attempt. However, learning something, especially language, requires more than attempt. A constant hard work is a main key for learning, and the above, motivations, goals, and passions would help for us to maintain the constant hard work.