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<My Experience Learing English>

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**The Nature and My Experience Learning English**

Nowadays Korean youths tend to yearn for the rural life as a ruralist by leaving metropolis, Seoul.

Premises include that people have memories of their own special place and time which have had a great effect on them both mentally and emotionally.

Whenever I try to retrospect my experience learning English, the scenery of my hometown and Ithaca poped up with it so I have to utter it with my memories about the special nature of them.

Most people love to feel in nature and nature itself. They enjoy the nature and also want to see and touch it.

But in my case, actually I don't like not that much the rural life and nature because I'm the very ambitious and go-ahead person who is workaholic rather than easy-going.

I think that I'm the second child and only daughter of my parents and I had two brothers made me goal-oriented and a little bit egotistic because parents had thought much of my needs comparing with my two brothers' from my appearance fragility and gender.

As for me, the nature of two special different places both Korea and America in my memories still have specific and unique meanings in aspect of more than nowadays' rural life, which represent the periods of moment in personal changes and growths for being myself, 'ho young'.

So I would like to talk about my experiences learning English with these two places and its nature which have specific scenery and moods related to the growth of my mind and second language abilities.

Jin-do, the one of Korean islands, is my family hometown where was my grandmother's house and also where is famous for Korean traditional arts and artists , especially of Chosun dynasty, the last empire of Korea.

I had lived there with my grandmother for half an year of my childhood since my three years old in1978.

But in those times, I even hated the nature of Jin-do, which, I think, was associated with the situation that I had to part from my mother. Actually I had nothing to do with how it was beautiful, enjoyable, and cherishable.

But I cannot help saying I had still remembered so beautiful deep wide sea around Jin-do and sparkling stream in it, though, where I was the center of peers owing to my vivid description of Wonder Woman and TV cartoon of AFKN(American Forces Korean Network).

From my childhood till now, I love to watch TV and Movie in English. Especially in my childhood, my favorite thing to do on weekends was watching the animation series of Warner Brothers from 7 o'clock on channel # 2 of AKFN.

I had learned English from American broadcasting program usually through AKFN in my childhood of 70’s and I also reinforced my memories of TV Program by telling its story to friends, even which was understood by only pictures of it not listening or reading caption.

The second special nature I had still remembered and visited in 19 years old for taking language courses in Cornell Univ. is Ithaca’s in New York of USA where is also the first place that I had ever visited of foreign countries.

The one element of Ithaca nature which I had been impressed so much at first sight is wide and deep forest besides endless natural horizon and long gradual slope.

Especially that the time when I visted was crucial for my future course to find what I was going to do after the graduationg of Univ. and the resolution which I was trying to understand American culture and people, the main goal of my visiting Ithaca, made what I saw and experienced be considered more precious to me.

Even if so, I'm not so sure why its nature was so beautiful and impressive still now. I just guess my situation when I visted there made what I saw more be deserved to remember.

While I stayed in Ithaca for language course, finally I love to enjoy nature and come to like it.

Later, I came to love to see nature and enjoyed it. Nowadays I travel a lot just for sightseeing and enjoying nature.

Last year, I travel to Jeju island of Korea which nature is such as seaside, Halla mountains and tropical forests which is rare in the mainland of Korea, which all brought very exciting and liveable feeling to me.

Nowadays when I travel to Korea, I often meet various people of diverse nationality including Chinese whose visiting rate of Korea is increasing sharply recently. Whenever I meet in Chinese and talk to each other I communicate with them in English.

The last place meaningful to me and still I could not forget is Jeju island of Korea especially related to my individual change as I grow older.

Now I'm in 40's when I'm afraid of because of my thought, 'It's too old' but still I'm active, hopeful and vivid owing to seeing Jeju nature and having a talk with various people both in Korea and in English.

I guess the travel to Jeju and seeing its nature gave myself the breadth of mind and the depth of my ability of English and made myself more leisurely in front of taking my age of 40's, which age I've considered old so I've avoided and could've made the rest of my life passive or half abandoned from many future opportunities after 40's subconsciously.