My learning experience

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My first English learning experience was fifth grade of elementary school. At that time English class wasn’t compulsory education in Korea so I studied one of the institute for three times a week. I couldn’t remember that much at that time because it was quite learning by rote and focused on grammar.

It wasn’t change the way of education until high school. And also I just studied English for TOEIC test even when I was a University student. I always want to be a person who is good at English skills but in my case it was very difficult. So I have to make a decision achieving those skills. Finally I decided to go to study abroad for almost a year in Ireland. I registered the general English course for six months and I met a lot of people from different country that place. The teacher was using diverse teaching skills that one of the most thing was group or pair talking that is kind of improvement inter personal skill.

First the teacher was explained about today’s topic or grammar and then we made a pair of groups or small groups consist of 3-4 people and sometimes participated whole classmates. That class was focused on speaking more than grammar and writing.

When I got to there first, I didn’t much talk because I always concerned about the grammar when I started to speak to English. It was same situation in my class as well. I was a diligent student but wasn’t a positive one. Fortunately, as time goes by I gained confidence and wasn’t only getting positive person but also had interest. So I could talk more compare with before and I also could learn of the skills of other students. It was useful for me. And I remember that the presentation about my favorite movie. I prepared summary of the movie that was [Life is beautiful!]. I introduced that movie and when I watched the movie first, feelings about that, and so on. It is for improving speaking, writing, and listening as well. Another remembering method was [watch movie] that filmed by Irish.

Unfortunately, I didn’t remember the title of the film but I remember the movie was kind of comic movie and the hero was a policeman. More the good thing was that I could find just for Irish expression and accent even could hear the Gaelic. Although I couldn’t understand it anything. The teacher was explained the new words, situation and short story. It was easier to understand the movie because it’s hard to understand of the conversation the act use slang, sometimes the speed was very fast and speaking was not clear. It was definitely when the teacher started to talk to us. I am pretty sure I didn’t understand 100 percent but I tried to understand and I remember the outline of movie. That was visual, audio lingual method. Even whole student had interesting so I think that is one of the effective method of education. Nowadays I am studying English at Times Media TESOL as well as I just started study through the skype. I hope those things are my speaking skills and grammar as well. I will do my best learning English and never stop do it!