Essay Assignment 1

(My Experiences in Learning a Second Language)

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When I think of my experiences in learning a second language which is English, I realize that I had many experiences.

First, I think my best benefit in learning my second language was studying in abroad. I believe if I studied in Korea I was not able to learn English like now. The environment I had in the Philippines really helped me a lot in adapting another language. But it wasn’t easy at first. I started to study in the Philippines when I was 14 years old. I was still young and everything was strange for me. I was afraid of the strange environments I had. I even cried a lot and had hard time in approaching. Facing the new language with new environment was really hard challenge for me. But after few years I started to overcome with my weaknesses and fear. I started to enjoy to learn. And finally when I graduated in the Philippines with the degree, I was really worthwhile and happy. From there, I was able to learn that in learning the environments and behavior is really important and effective in child’s learning. As what Albert Bandura the psychologist says ‘child’s environment shapes learning and behavior.’

Second benefit I got was from my teachers. From my experiences, I realized that the ’teacher’ really affects a lot to the student’s learning because the teacher is the one who educates and guides the students. For me, if I recall my past I had many nice teachers who helped me a lot. But from them I got two teachers who are unforgettable. The first unforgettable teacher was my grade six teacher. She was a great teacher because she was cool and active teacher who made us happy all the time. And in the same time, she was the one who helped and guided me when I went to the Philippine for oversea study. She gave me lots of encourage and hope. The other unforgettable teacher was my professor when I studied in Olivarez College Tagaytay. She is a great teacher for me because she was the one who gave us encourage and knowledge to be a good future teachers. She taught me how great is the teacher, how important is the education, and how to love students. She made me love my course and dream. Sometimes there might be a bad teachers, but there are also many great teachers like I had. From there I learn that in education, teacher’s part is really big and important to the students. And to be an effective teacher, teacher and student’s relate is really important.

Lastly, the benefit I got in learning a second language was from different education I got. As I studied in the Philippines, the education or teaching styles there was really fit and good for me. And I guess that is the reason why I could learn or study there well. Actually one of the reason why my mom send me to the Philippines was that, I will not be able to follow well the education of the Korea. Actually Korea Education is more on traditional way. More on lecture and study only. But in the Philippines it was really different. Philippine’s education was more on like modern way, they like to have fun activities, group works and nice presentation. And from there, I also learn that the style of the education will affect a lot to the students. Just like me, there will be some students who are more interest with the modern education and there might be also some students interested with traditional way of teaching. So, I think it’s a teacher’s duty to make class well organize with the proper teaching styles which students can follow well.

Those were my three best experiences I got from my learning. And from those experiences I was able to learn lots of things. To be a good future teacher I will recall my experiences and try to help my students’ learning with my experiences. And from the TESOL class I was able to relate well many methods and information with my experiences. And I believe that would be a big help to me as a teacher.