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**I used to hate studying English**

When I was a child at school, English lessons were very different from these days. I try to recall my own teachers at school, I find it quite hard to recall details of any specific individual lessons because they were all similar I’ve heard at school. The teacher spending quite a lot of class time using the board to explain things. I think this is a typical traditional teaching. The only active person was a teacher and all students were passive. These lessons had so many different factors from what I’ve learned in TESOL.

Firstly, we weren’t allowed to speak! We could speak, but only in drills sentences to practice grammar or whatever. Apart from that, there wasn’t any oral practice at all, just reading and writing most of lessons. The teacher just explained about grammar. And always teacher said grammar is the most important than anything. So I didn’t like the English class. For me English was boring and difficult. I think the teacher was totally explainer. During the class I was listening and making notes, occasionally answering questions. The lessons was very informative but are mostly not being personally involved or challenged.

Secondly, the topics were often quite boring-“AMY visits her grandparents that kind of thing. And some of the teachers spoke very fast. Often I couldn’t follow what they were saying. I think the teacher didn’t want to interact with students. Although the lessons weren’t fantastic, there weren’t any kinds of activities. Definitely there were various teaching techniques such as lecture, reading, sometimes audio-visual but that’s it. We didn’t have discussion groups, pair work, role play, dialogue creation, memory card game, experiential learning and teaching mentoring others. It seems that the teacher didn’t care about the atmosphere in a class. Also what’s student needs, how different they are, And mostly unkind even sarcastic and incompetent

And finally we also had quite lot of homework, maybe six or seven hours a week just for English, plus all the other subjects we were studying. It makes me tired and I lost interest in English. At that time. So I thought English was always difficult to me. I couldn’t find any interesting at all. Even I didn’t want to study English. When I get home I was busy to do my homework. It’s all about grammar.

One time we had a teacher who couldn’t speak English, but luckily he was replaced halfway through the semester. These were my bad experience about learning English. Fortunately I met wonderful teachers after graduating from high school. That’s why I’m listening TESOL now. I think one of the important thing is that what’s teacher’s role? Teacher’s role is to facilitate a student movement toward more self-directed and responsible learning as well as to foster the student’s internal motivation to learn. And the best way to learn English is orally: that is, through hearing and speaking the language. Because in everyday life we often do far more speaking and listening than we do reading and writing.

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