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I met Mr. Byung Kyu Ahn when I started to learn English in 2001. He was a listening and speaking teacher in the English Academic School of Korea and he was a very famous and the star teacher in the field. At that time, I did not know how to study English and I did not have much interest in English learning as well. But I had started to enjoy learning English due to Mr. BK Ahn’s English teaching tools and skills. I took his class almost 1 year and then I went to New Zealand to study English. If I had not taken his class, I could not be in TESOL class now.

Mr. BK Ahn was surely an enabler teacher. When I took his class, he always gave me lots of chances to speak English and participate in a group discussion. He told me “Don’t be shy when you say anything in spoken English and speak loud with strong confidence”. He told me that everyday before the started class. So I could speak English with confidence even when I made errors or which was not a big problem in his class. Every student could speak English more comfortably even though they said something wrong. The teacher corrected any grammar and pronunciation individually. Eventually, I could start to speak English with my own idea and make sentences.

He was using American TV dramas or Movies such as Friends and CSI in his class. He showed us a 5 to 10 minute video and asked us about what happens and about the stories in the video. As also we had to follow their conversation with same speed which was part of Verbal and Visual intelligence teaching. So when I finished his class, I remembered what they said that and how to express some situations that I had not experienced before in my middle or high school.

He was not an involver or explainer when he taught. The retention rate was about 75% percent because he showed video and we discussed with each other students about stories and happening. He gave us time for discussion every times that’s why we could more concentrate on the video. Also we followed how to pronounce lots of vocabularies and conversations. I think, this lecture was very helpful and effective to those who started to learn English and I recommended his class to others.

I was lucky to meet him because he was the best teacher to teaching English. He made me a confident student and I could participate in a group discussion willingly in his class. His teaching type was modern and style was useful. Many students including me could speak English with self-confidence, low anxiety and strong motivation in his class. Sometimes I remember what I watched in Friends. I also want to be an enabler teacher to be a helpful and effective teacher as well.