

Adviserable Second language Learning Acquisition

Nowadays, learning or acquire a second language is not a special matter. Many of people already experienced second language acquisition in their lifetime. Even though there are already lots of people who speak or use English very well, however, I have no inferiority comparing with them not just because I can speak or use English as much as they do but have a lot of interest and affection to second language learning acquisition. There are several reasons why I'm thinking in that way.

The first reason why I think my second language acquisition was a success is because I'm also able to speak English fluently besides reading and writing. Not like any other common teachers who are the explainers, when I first start learning my second language, I had a chance to meet many teachers who are Involver or enablers who ask lots of questions and always want "students" to say or share their thoughts. Based on those teachers, most of my English classes were more like open classes which had a lot of different types of learning activities including debating, games, group activities, arts and crafts and scavenger hunts. With those teaching methods, I could learn the second language visually, auditorily and kinesthetically. Moreover, it has been an effective way to use and practice a second language in

many aspects by using all four of the language skills: Listening, Reading, Speaking and Writing.

Secondly, I am able to use a second language very naturally. I started to learn English with native speakers even from the beginning of the language acquisition. According to that, I was able to not just learn the second language by rote, but more like acquiring the second language naturally by using it with foreign teachers. When I learned the second language, I was following the steps of learning similar to one that is relevant to mother language learning so it became more habitual as much as Korean does to me. Also, because I went abroad to learn English (especially when I was young), I could use it more frequently as much as native speakers do and I was actually able to acquire the language as a way of life within the English-speaking world. Come to think of it, the foregoing experience of second language learning acquisition makes the retention longer because it was possible to apply the language that I've learned more instantly by using it from day-to-day.

The last reason of my success in second language learning acquisition is that I'm confident about using my second language, English. Whenever I use English, I almost never worried about the mistakes I'm going to make. As I said, most of the time, I had learned my second language, with foreign teachers who are native speakers, so they always want to communicate and encourage me to use English rather than finding errors or grammatical mistakes like normal Korean teachers do. This environment made me participate more on using the second language comfortably. Because I was able to be in this low effective filter environment (with

foreign teachers who were mostly involvers and enablers as I mentioned), I have been always confident to express my thoughts or opinions in English. Even now, learning or acquiring language is not a fearful work to me and I have a lot of interest in learning different languages based on my experiences of learning English which was fun, comfortable, and feel proud when I discover myself being improved of using a second language.

Thankfully, my memory of second language learning acquisition is positive with full of autonomous and spontaneous activities. It was always fun to learn a second language and it was fortunate to me to learn and acquire a second language within this comfortable and open environment with teachers who are a great advisor, mentor and helper. Of course, there will be many different cases of successful second language learning acquisition and various ways to achieve it. Though I had a proper process that is suitable for me to maximize the efficacy of second language learning acquisition and that lead to success.