

## My journey of learning English

This is the story about my experience of second language acquisition. Was it a failure, or success? I want to figure out the answer through thinking of bygone days and I also get bonus for better way to learn English from that.

Here is my journey of learning English.

It starts, with an English notebook from my cousin who I really liked such as elder brother. Before I entered the middle school, he gave me an English notebook as a gift and he wrote down alphabet letters for me to introduce English very gently. It was the first time when I wrote alphabet and I felt it was really nice. His handwriting was very good, so I enjoyed copying that. That experience made me a favorable impression to learn English as a verbal linguistic learner.

Time flied and I passed many English teachers but I can't forget him and my elder sister who saved me when I lost on the way of studying English in high school. My English was pretty good in my middle school. I was a captain of English class and I liked learning English even though teachers were traditional style like an explainer who centered and lectured to students. We had to read

and read, write and write, listen and repeat automatically. There was no activities and no games but rote exercises. But Fortunately, these audio-lingual method did work for me as a verbal linguistic learner.

But it couldn't last forever in my school life. When I entered the high school, It was totally changed more serious and harder to learn English. The goal to learn English was in order to enter better university. So we had to get a good score, that means we had to study very hard especially grammar and translations. We took the tests a lot but we didn't get enough opportunities as multiple intelligences learner. There was no pictures, no flash cards, no media, no field trips, no songs, no cookings, and no sports in the classroom.

When I wandered from place to place at that time, my elder sister whose major is English and English literature started helping me to study English as a tutor. She had a great talents to encourage student. She was not only teaching well, but also showing good attitude keeping patient during the lesson. I'm kind of intrapersonal person who thinks relationship with others is very important. I could notice that I improved easily when I learned something to be with good person.

I also remember my closest buddy who I've studied English together everyday after school in high school. We were same position as a friend, so we could be a teacher and we could be a student. We had to solve the problem together and

it was really helpful for us to learn English.

So I still prefer to learn English with buddies especially practicing to speak. I'm easily shy when I made a mistake during conversation but with buddies I can practice more comfortable.

And there is another way to learn English efficiently for me as a visual, tactile-kinesthetic learners. Field trip was really fantastic. I've been to an international conference and an international workshops several times. It made me so excited to communicate to others in English. So I can get a dream one day I'll be a translator and help others. Field trip and Keeping dreams both are also good for learning English.

Nonetheless, actually I'm still struggling to learn English and I'm not feel free to speak English in any situations. So I can't tell my experience was not failure or success in a word. But I can tell some experience was more successful and some experience was not effective for me.

Keeping a dream, memorizing repeatedly, going field trips, practicing with buddies and having good relationship with teachers are the right way to learn English for me. So I'll keep going that till I'm a good English teacher and great translator.