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**Why I couldn’t listen in English well…**

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I started to learn English when I was a middle school student.

Whenever I took an English listening test I used to have one or two wrong answers. I tried to listen very carefully but it was not enough to solve my problem.

I thought I could be a perfect listener if I put more efforts to listen and tried to listen more carefully. But it was not easy..

What did I need to improve my listening capacity at that time?

After the school bell rang English teacher came to the class room and prepared to play a tape of the lesson. She usually read a book first and then told us about the story. We focused on understanding of the words and sentences in Korean for a lot of time.

Of course I understood almost stories and a grammar.

She sometimes corrected pronunciations of ours.

To be honest, I thought her pronunciation was not good.

I couldn’t say some words correctly.

In particular, I couldn’t tell the words apart if the words had very similar pronunciations. I didn’t know well how to pronounce of the alphabets. I think we can listen well when we can say it correctly.

I usually was in teacher-centered environment. I also was very passive in class. Even though I felt the teacher’s pronunciation was a little strange, it was no problem for me. I didn’t have many interests.

Whenever I asked something, the teacher answered friendly

but it was all.

She didn’t help me actively and give me enough scaffolding.

I’m very sorry about this kind of education style. I think we can make the best class of English when we can draw the students’ own curiosities, give a feeling of accomplishment.

**A self-motivated activity** is the greatest teacher in learning English