What lead me to keep studying English?

Goal-oriented studying

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I’ve been studying English as a second language since I was 10 years old. It’s been almost 20 years to start it. I am still learning English because I’ve been having some goals or reasons which lead me to keep studying the language. Let me introduce my some goals what I have had.

When I was a high school student, good scores on tests meant I could enroll in a famous university. To achieve this objective, I memorized many vocabularies and idioms to interpret readings and articles. In addition, I focused on grammar part to choose a right answer on multiple choice tests. This certain goal could motivate me to study the second language hard.

After I became a freshman of University, I still studied English for high scores on tests. However, this goal wasn’t enough to keep me motivating, so I decided to set a new goal. I finally found a good reason why I have to have interests in this language. Applying for a student exchange program was the new goal. To join this grogram, I had to pass TOEFL test. This specific goal helped me not to give up in the middle of study. Finally, I could have an opportunity to study in the states.

When I studied in the USA, I lived a dormitory with 3 other students who are native speakers. One of them, Diana, helped me a lot to adapt to a new world. She took me to give a campus tour and give me chances to hang out with her friends several times. I really wanted to be a best friend of her and share many good memories together. To be a friend, I listened their speaking carefully and tried to use expression what they spoke. It motivated me a lot to enjoy the language as a tool of communication not a subject which I have to be good at. This experience made me have a dream of becoming an English teacher to children or school students.

As I desired, I could start to work at an English academy as a teacher after I finished the exchange program. I wanted students to enjoy the language as a communication way. It was an objective for my class. However, I didn’t know how to make classrooms effectively and manage students well because I hadn’t learned about it before. I lost a main goal which I set up early. Naturally, I felt guilty whenever I stand in front of students. Finally, I decided to quit the job and looked for another job which I could do with English. I worked at a company as an import manager for few months but I failed to have an interest in the job.

Through the experience, I realized that I like to work with students and teach English. That’s why I signed up TESOL program at Times media. I expect to learn how to make classrooms effectively.

At the conclusion, goal-oriented studying can motivate learners to study. In the future, I will help my students to find reasons why they take my class. I am sure that this activity can make me establish classroom more efficiently than before.