About the memories

of my SUCCESSFUL learning

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Being good at English is still helpful for us to have good jobs and make our lives better than before. So, I have learned English abroad for about 8 months. I can say it has been really successful because of a lot of reasons. I am going to write the specific reasons that made my glittering achievements.

First of all, one of my teachers in Vancouver was the same as my counselor and guide for me. For example, I met the teacher who is a man and called Leon when I was in a low level and I used to be depressed at that time because of my terrible English skills, but I was able to be relaxed and felt that he was like my best friend after individual counseling with him. During the counseling time, I used to confide in him and he often gave me the advice genuinely that touched my heart. Gratefully, he always encouraged me to have confidence and, also, knew how to soothe me and do empathy. Furthermore, he often gave me a few words of praise and it worked efficiently. My attitude in learning was changed by him more actively than before and I really studied about English hard by spending a lot of time every weekends. My English ability was improving visually and I was able to move up from a low level to high level fast. Moreover, my intrinsic motivation was also getting higher than before. Indeed, he was my precious motivator and I improved my English a lot because of him.

Second, as far as I’m concerned, most teachers who I have met in Vancouver cared about the interests of students in their school and were enablers in their classes. For instance, the teachers prepared handouts about hot issues that the students were interested in, such as drugs. Everybody, including me, was fascinated by the subject and then concentrated on that seriously. We were also able to share the difference of opinions each other, because STT and interaction between students in our class were really high. It was really opposite styles compared to ‘Jug and Mug’. So, we used to lead the atmosphere of the class and had ardor for study by ourselves. In addition, they usually made us debate about topics together and we were getting closer and smarter than before while we do work cooperatively. Surely, the teachers made us more advanced in English than before.

Finally, I was a mature adult who had clear goals and new devices in the school that is located in Vancouver affected my successful learning. For example, according to Andragogy of Malcolm Knowles, I was really self-directed and goal-oriented. At that time, my internal motivators contributed as the most important elements to do success of learning. On the one hand, I was really surprised and impressed by high-tech devices in my school. Especially, a lot of whiteboards in the latest style made my feelings extremely marvelous, because I have never seen those kinds of whiteboards that can use like smart-phones. Usually, I write something on the board and erase that to write another thing, but, amazingly, this new touch-board didn’t need to do that, because I just needed to drag a bar down and I was able to write more and more. Also, when I wanted to go back to see information that I wrote before, I found previous notes easily by just touching a button. In addition, it was possible to keep going learning by using online system even if I didn’t have the high-tech boards at home. How useful! From my perspective, the amazing tools were really helpful to study hard for me, who am a self-starter.

To sum up, teacher types, my motivation, effective teaching and high-technology devices contributed to make my successful results of learning a second language abroad. I was really grateful for all the moments when I learned English there. Honestly, I was able to pick up a lot of English knowledge perfectly in Vancouver and it was really worthwhile.