**[Essay Assignment] Think about your language learning experience. This could be English or any other language you have studied. What did your teachers do that was effective or ineffective? Why? Relate this to what we have been studying so far in Module 1.**

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In my essay assignment, I am going to write on my learning experience about English. I have been learning English since I was in elementary school. At that time, most of the teacher had a teaching style as an ‘explainer’. Also I was educated by the teacher who has a traditional way. They usually explained a lot during their lecture and gave us homework to memorize vocabulary and grammar. For me, learning English was all about studying theory in order to have perfect skills related to reading, speaking and writing in English. The more I learned about English, the more I lost my interest in English.

So I tried to find some English classes that have different way of teaching. And then, I found out one class that fits me from English academy. It was a best class that can get effective learning experience to study English with several reasons.

First, she was ‘involver’ types of teacher. She knew subject matters well and tried to find interesting activities to involve the students. She usually used various media tools. In her class, we saw video news from CNN or BBC, American drama known as ‘Desperate housewives’ and some animations. After that we could learn about some grammar or expressions through transcription. Also she made some group in order to have some discussion about the subject shown as video news. Of course we shared each group’s ideas. In addition, we were having role-play time like an actor using the transcription based on drama and animation. And we could ask questions freely during the class.

I liked about that way of teaching. Because I could have learn not only participating in the class with activities but also studying the right expressions explained by teacher. Also I can concentrate on by taking notes or watching pictures and videos. It helps me to understand and memorize about my class. Therefore, I could focus on studying English without losing interest in her class.

Second, she tried to have rapport with students. She told us her personal issues and shared some effective ways of study that she had ever been. Also she wanted to listen to our stories too. So, the atmosphere of class was good. She encouraged us to make a study group for review the class such as having a discussion about social issue or a conversation using expression learned from the class. So, we sometimes studied after class. It helped us to know each other better. I also felt comfortable in my class not having a pressure.

I thought that my teacher tried to teach English with various methods and make a positive atmosphere in class. I think that I am a visual and auditory learner based on the information from my TESOL class. So it might be a reason why her teaching style was effective to me.

In teaching, there are no perfect ways to everyone since everyone has their own effective method of learning. All the students have different characters, so teacher should try to use various teaching methods. In my opinion, as a teacher, it is important to create positive classroom atmosphere by making some jokes or talking about personal matters, but try not to be a just performer.

So, I will try to have a good relationship with my student by encouraging and respecting, and also to be a teacher who can keep the balance among various teaching styles and methods.

Thereby, I want to be a teacher who can give effective class and good influence to my students in many respects.