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* Think about your language learning experience in English or any other foreign language you have studied. What were some things your teachers did that were effective? What were some things that they did that were ineffective? Why? Please relate your reasons to the material in module #1(language + learning)

I have studied English for years. From middle school to high school, I studied all subjects in a ‘traditional classroom’. When I was in high school, my English teacher was strict and an ‘explainer’. So we had to take a words test every time before the class. And that was included in our grades. It was effective as well as ineffective for me. Because in that way, I could memorize many words for the test but after the test I forgot some words of them at the same time. I just learned English words by rote. For that reason, some words were remained in my memory and others were not.

The teaching style was completely different after high school. I was getting motivated and became having got a passion of English. I also learned English at the college. I could get a chance to go abroad for a language training. It was my first time I went overseas. I’ve met my foreign teachers who have different nationalities. One of them was so boring that we couldn’t concentrate and fell asleep during his class. He just taught us like a lecture so we were listening and writing some things from the board. There was not a sense of humor and a joke. However, some teachers were not. Their teaching style was more enabler. I did many things in their class. They let us gather and discuss a subject. And they wanted us to participate in class as well. We made an advertisement something what we want to introduce and then presented it in front of other students. We went out into the street to interview some people. They were challenges for me. I did all of them with others. We were very shy and didn’t participate well at first. As time went by, we got used to it and enjoyed it. My motivation increased so I tried to do my best. We could learn English and also increase our self-confident through all of them. I think I have kinesthetic and verbal strengths. That’s why those activities were really helpful and effective for me.

In another case, when I was working in Hong Kong. I learned Cantonese which is a kind of language from Hong Kong like Chinese. The teacher was from Hong Kong and she taught us Cantonese using English. It was tough to learn foreign language by English. But as a result I could improve my English and Cantonese skills simultaneously. It worked for me. She let us know useful words, sentences and expressions. And I applied them in a situation as soon as I learned. For example, when I order something in a restaurant or buy something in a store. That language was very fascinating and interesting. And I made Hong Kong friends. They were friends and teachers as well. It was highly effective. When I asked something I wonder at that time I could receive feedback directly. Of course, when they ask something about Korean, I let them know. It was good interactive way.

Lastly, I have worked at English institute as an assistant teacher. I taught students who are from elementary to middle school. I learned many things teaching them even I was a teacher. Because to teach someone else I have to study for them. So it was not a long time though I could get sort of basic things. I really appreciate that. In the future, I want to be an ‘enabler’ teacher. So I hope my students can improve their English skills and enjoy studying through me.