**My Language Learning Experience**

In morden society, learning a second language is necessary. No matter what the reasons are, most of the people have the experience of learning foreign languages. As a student, I have met lots of teachers. They all have different teaching types no matter what language they teach. Now I am going to talk about my language learning experience based on the best and worst teacher I’ve ever met.

My favorite teacher was my English teacher in my senior high school. At that time, we were in kind of traditional classroom. Teachers lectured too much, students were passive to learn and language classroom focused on listening and reading. Fortunately, I met my English teacher who has changed my life. I was not interested in learning English when I first met her. But her teaching style attracted me. First of all, she was very nice and friendly. She always tried to create a safe, welcoming environment, so that we could feel free to speak English although there might be some mistakes. Second, she often made us discuss in groups on her class. This made me get big progress on my speaking skill. I found that the more I practice, the more confidence I can get. Third, she made us share something in English every morning. That could be our hobbies, our favorite books or some interesting news. Since we are supposed to stand on the stage in front of all the classmates when we share, everyone tried to prepare a lot and I was one of them. I still remember that I searched a lot of information from library and internet. My sharing was very successful and at that time I decided to become an English teacher. So I would like to say my English teacher was the best example of an enabler. She always put our feelings and thinking under her consideration. She tried really hard to develop rapport with her students. We were motivated to learn the language and became more and more confident in speaking English. She also knew subject matter and methodology well. She made us discuss in groups. Because she knew to learn a language, contexts for using language must be comprehensible and meaningful. And group discussion is one of the best ways to practice English meaningfully. According to Krashen’s theory, this kind of meaningful interactions is the best way to develop communicative competence.

On the contrary, my worst teacher was my Japanese teacher in my college. He was so easy going that we could do anything on his class. Sometimes we even skipped his class. Although he knew the subject matter well, his class was boring. Because he had limited of teaching methods and the students were passive to learn. Therefore, I learned nothing but a few words although I have learned two semesters of Japanese. Compared with my English teacher, he was totally an explainer. Because his class was teacher centered. He lectured too much and we could just practice listening and reading on his class. As a result, we could not get enough output.

Then what can we do to help students acquire the language better? First, we need to know the students well. We need to figure out what type of learners they are as well as their language levels, so that we could have proper lesson plan for them. Second, we’d better change our classrooms from traditional ones to modern ones, which means from teacher centered classroom to student centered classroom. In this way, students probably learn the language from passive way to active way. Third, we have to change our teaching style from explainer to enabler. In one word, as a teacher, we are supposed to improve ourselves all the time to follow the changes.