**How I learn English &**

**Teaching second language effectively**

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My first language is Korean and second is English. Reason of starting to learning English is speaking that I want to talk about everyday things as like actors in American drama. And later I studied English for survive in U.S.A.

After the high schooler, I took a class during 6months in the UK and then I worked in the N.Y for a year. Before I went to UK I learned basic English from an Explainer-style teacher and then I try to figure out, how can I improve English and speaking skills on my own. In the process, I realized that I am a Kinesthetic-leaner.

If so, I will talk about the advantages and disadvantages of improving English that I learned when I was young and after became an adult.

Firstly schooling was the first method of learning English. Because of learn about Phonology (Sound, Pronunciation), Lexis (Word meaning, Vocabulary), and Grammar as beginner at the school, it possible to effective conversation later. However, it is difficult to use daily life or situation that teacher’s cramming method of teaching. It is also very limited learning and expression.

For example, after the schooler, I learned English at the British College. At that time, even I passed intermediate level, but I could not speak any answers and difficult to participate with group discussion. I understood almost what people saying, but I could not speak at all. Because most teachers in Korea, focusing on book or making notes, usually Korean students did not have enough chance to speak.

Secondly, it is way to learn from conversation and daily life while living in abroad. I got a great effect than 10 years of studying in the past. Through this experience, I knew I am a kinesthetic-learner. It is very simple that learning English in everyday life.

For example, when I went to N.Y for working as an internship, I worked in cafe. Over there, I learned how to use grammar and vocabulary and different meanings with same words through the conversation with many people. It was tough time, but there was a lot of practice and benefit that is possible to asking and using immediately. So I was able to communicate normally about 5months later.

Both of methods above worked well for me. The first method was taking a long time, but it helped to improve beginner level. The second was more effective me how to speak, but I need to practice and repeat, also it is easy to forget. After I came back to Korea, I studied more focus on speaking rather than studying alone. I just considered of my learner type.

To sum up, to learn a second language effectively, we need to know what type of learner we are, what intelligence we have. And as a teacher, we also need to know how each student can learn a language easily. However, it takes a time to realize, so it is recommended that we try to learn through the various methods. We will figure out what are our strengths and weaknesses. And it will very helpful for improve our second language skills.

In conclusion, I want to be Involver-style teacher. Making curriculum by age group first, and then normally I will trying to actively involve student and finding interesting activity and giving them positive feedback immediately. My class will try to be a student-centered class.