Second Language Acquisition Assignment

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I have been studying English for many years, so I met variety of teachers. According to TESOL 1 module, I will represent 3 types of teachers I’ve met before.

I started learning English when I entered elementary school. Before entering my university, all of my English teachers were explainers.

When I was a high school student, I met a explainer teacher who was famous for helping students get better grades in English. There were no interactions between students and with the teacher, because over 100 students attended in one class.

He emphasized grammar and reading for exam. He gave us homework to memorize all the scripts in the textbook. He usually yelled at students when they didn’t do homework. At that time, it was very hard to take his class because of a lot of homework. But I was under extreme pressure to go to good universities, so I had to follow that way. Even though I had a hard time, his teaching method of English was effective. It was really helpful improve my English grade.

He only focused on grammar, reading, vocabulary. So it was good for learning the structure of English like function, grammar, vocabulary, reading. But for speaking, it was not works. That’s why I thought English is difficult and not fun.

After graduating my university, I’ve learned English in different way. I met involver and enabler as my English teacher when I took a class in private English institute.

The teacher had a dream about reforming of English education of Korea. He encouraged students to speak English. Even though there are someone who can’t speak English fluently, he said “If you can speak only in a word, it’s okay. Don’t be afraid to speak out in English.” He tried to speak with easy lexis and didn’t emphasize to the grammar so much. If I had wrong answer, he didn’t correct the answer directly . He gave the chance to think more and examples to find the answer ourselves. Also he wanted to build a rapport with all of students. Students called him ‘coach’ instead of ‘teacher’.

 I had to prepare discussion, sang a song, did role-playing in every class. It was hard for me, but it was fun and I enjoyed that process. I learned English using many materials like movies, TV dramas, songs. That’s when I became interested in learning English. The atmosphere was lively and students were centered. Every student was active participants like modern classroom.

Both teachers help me to learning English as second language. These 3 types of teaching styles are effective in different ways. While doing this assignment, I thought about a good teacher that I want to become. I want to become involver and enabler based on all of my experiences. It is important for the teacher to get the students interested in English and understand what they needed. I think I should lead classes with various activities and choose the right level for students