My Best Teacher in Australia.

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My best teacher was June Waller who taught English at ACE Language School of Australia in 2006. When I just arrived in Brisbane, I wanted to improve my English ability because I could speak and read simple expressions in English but I had lots of errors. After taking the test, I enrolled in a Pre- intermediate course and the teacher was my homeroom teacher during 3 months. I had no confidence in speaking English but she empathized with my problems, also she understood the importance of establishing a close rapport with students. In addition, she had a good sense of humor, gave clear and positive feedback.

I was so grateful that even after the course was over, she corrected my mistake in English when I sent e-mail to her .

First of all, I think that the teacher was a modern style because she allowed students to create their own ideas. For example, when she taught vocabulary, she did not tell to students the meaning of the word right away, but showed pictures or videos related to the word and proceeded to guess the meaning, and then she explained the situation in which the word was used, Furthermore, she corrected vocabulary and explained how to express it correctly.

She made a positive and effective environment since she always encouraged students to try various activities.

As I experienced ,she seemed to understand the culture of various countries and had lots of experience of effective teaching.

Secondly, She was sometimes an Involver and an Enabler at the same time. When she taught students the pronunciation in class, students listened and followed the teacher's pronunciation.

She corrected pronunciation for students one by one kindly even if students kept making mistakes. In my opinion, the teacher knew that It was difficult to speak as well as English foreigner students with the correct pronunciation, since the language was naturally acquired in an environment where students grew up.

On the other hand, when the teacher taught students the grammar in class, she used to arrange activity . First, she explained grammar easily through dialog and then allowed students a role play or conversation in pair to learn correct expression.

Thirdly, I am sure that she was an effective teacher and had empathy, authenticity, and respect in teaching because she tried to have a good rapport with students for positive learning atmosphere and communicates with students friendly.

Regarding lesson plan, she organized well and had know-how based on her previous experience who was enthusiastic teacher in class.

In my case, I was nervous when I had presentation in front of classroom in writing class. In that case, she encouraged me that I could sit down make a presentation.

In conclusion, she was such a good teacher and a modern style teacher based on her effective teaching methods. I could apply for a Business course after 3 months and my English ability improved .

She always motivated students to learn English with confidence without fear of mistakes, I think the best point was an authenticity .

When a teacher has respect, empathy and authenticity, the relationships within the classroom are likely to be stronger and deeper, and communication with students much more open and honest.

As mentioned above, I would like to be a modern style teacher like June Waller and enabler based on effective teaching methods.