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My Second Language Learning Experience

Learning another language will not be an easy thing for everyone.

Especially, if the language has the different structures from one’s own language.

There are also factors of differences of an individual learner which might

affects and makes it more difficult to learn. Based on my experience, I learned a

second language successfully while I’m living abroad. Before I immigrate I try to

learned the second language by lecturing myself through self-study using a book

of basic words and daily life conversation. But it was not a successful one as I

expected because when I start to live abroad, those information I learned was not

effective especially when I try to communicate by speaking and delivering the

words.

The second language I learned has totally different structure of grammar

from my own and most of the words makes me confuse to use. For that reason, I

started to study the grammar, spellings, vocabulary, pronunciation and etc. In

learning a second language, as an immigrant, it was an advantage when you are

living with those native speaker. In this kind of environment, it helps my skills in

listening and speaking not only to be more productive but also understand it

more better . But, on the other hand, my skills in reading and writing was poor,

since I am not a student to do frequently this kind of study. Furthermore, I also

tried to go to a multi- cultural institution where I can learn more about the

second language with the help of the native teachers. The class started from the very beginning of the lesson which was the grammar, then expressions and some

cultural information. In that time, my teacher was a type of an explainer. She

teaches us by lecturing and explaining every subject matter in the front of the

class. I often get an exercise and homework after one chapter of discussion or

lecture has finished. I was waiting for the teacher to let us students cooperate or

join the lecture but she was very busy to teach and tell us everything about her

life stories. As I can remember she maybe gave an activity in the class once and

nothing more in the whole time. The result of my learning in that time was not

so good. I even did not have any communication and good relationship between

the teacher. Then there was a new teacher who substitutes the previous one, who

went to immigrate. This new teacher was again lecturing and explaining in the

classroom but not most of the time, certainly she was also able to use some

activities and still manage to control the class which are the traits of a involver

type. She, as well, has some good characters of a teacher such as

having an empathy in for example when I was absent in the class then she was

asking me the reason and showing concerns about the situation, another one is

authenticity, she shows us kindness and her true nature as well as respect.

Moreover, she often approached us in a very friendly way which makes a rapport

between her and us students. She was indeed a big help and contributes a lot for

me to learn a second language in more effective way. She gave and left me a

good impression and sample of a teacher that I cannot forget in my learning

experience.

Besides of these methods in learning, I also learned language through

visual and audio. Some of my hobby is watching television and listening

to music which also both plays a part as an effective way to learn a

second language. I began to watch dramas in the evening and even though I

could not understand the words nor the conversation there was, but I try to

observed the actor’s actions and situation of the drama, as a result, I came to

know the flow and happenings and managed to learn from it. Actually, the music

was a bit difficult one to use in learning language especially if you’re listening

skill is not well improved. I started to listens in songs that are easy to sing and

follow and has addictive rhythm. Since, I always like to sing the song while

listening on it, I always wrote down the lyrics to memorize it. Using this kind of

method, I can determine that my listening and writing skills has improved when I

memorized the song and sing it the same. And now, I am using the second

language without any problems in any fields of living, especially in basic subjects

of conversation though not very accurate on it.

 Learning is a process which we get something and uses that thing

for a reason or for our advantage. As a matter of fact, we are learning

continuously from being a baby until getting old. When we learned something in

an accurate way, it will be effective and we can use it well. Just like learning a

second language in a reliable way will helps a lot in your skills to improve and

makes a successful result.