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**My experience of second language acquisition.**

I think my English language acquisition was not a great experience. It’s failed. In this essay i` like to tell you the reason why it was failed and what teacher I want to be.

Second language acquisition is learning naturally a Second language after a first language is already established. I guess what i learned was more like studying. Cause i consciously accepted knowledge.

 Among the Three type of teaching style, The type of teacher i have was Explainer and i studied in a traditional class room. Teacher-centered instruction has been dominant in Korea. In a traditional classroom, students become passive learners, or rather just recipients of teachers’ knowledge. Teachers make all the decisions concerning the curriculum, teaching methods, and the different forms of assessment. I`m not saying traditional teachers are all bad. Some students love that. One of my friends just liked to listen. And I thought it`s easy for me to get the language. The explainer type of teachers are all knowledgeable about the subject. They know what exactly they talking about. But When a student doesn`t understand, they get frustrated. And then they are speaking more louder and repeat themselves .that`s their skill. i thought my teacher really made us feel exhausted. sometimes, I couldn`t pay attention to the lecture. I really want to use my phone or chat with my friend. Because I`m not interested in his class. That’s the reason why my English acquisition was failure. they are lack of teaching techniques.

I think what i learned was not the proper way. It was more like self-study. Most teachers make their students just memorize for exams which is not helpful for conversation .Because Korean education is mainly centered on getting high score. Even though I can get high score on test, I might not be able to have a good conversation. I had to think first before speaking. And i only spoke when i was ready no matter how i want to tell my opinion. The reason might be that i was worried about making a mistake.

And another reason was that we didn`t practice speaking much In my school days, English lessons focused on listening and reading. We only listen to the teacher and take note. Text book based learning was not enough to make me a fluent English speaker and there were of course no speaking English only rule.

I think my teacher assigned us a lot of homework and didn`t check it in detail. So we couldn`t get feedback on our mistakes. Even though i have been studying for over 20 years i still make some mistakes. And i have to look up some difficult words on the internet.

 i think it`s not a natural acquisition .it`s more like study. I guess i made progress in English when I was teaching kids for about 3 months i found out my study style was wrong . The kids I taught absorbed English like a sponge. They had an immersive English experience. The students were exposed to various elements of the English language. They were taught by fully qualified native speakers who were committed to developing and refining the communication skills of the kids The kids didn`t have to think about memorizing. They learned naturally.

I guess the most effective type of language classrooms are modern. i want to make a language environment to the students who haven't had the opportunity to study overseas they can experience studying abroad in the media rich class room and at the same time develop a cultural appreciation of English speaking countries. I want to offer the student an opportunity to learn English in a fun dynamic and creative educational environment. I need to have a good understanding of how to manage a classroom and the flexibility to manipulate lessons to meet the individual needs and level of students. Because I already know that we all acquire language in only when our motivation is high. When we receive comprehensible input in a zero anxiety environment We will succeed in self- esteem.

In conclusion,I think my second language acquisition was not successful. I want to be a modern classroom type teacher and through this essay. I`ve learned about the way to acquire second language. It is not easy. But we can get it by approaching and practicing it naturally.

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