

## My experience of L2 Acquisition

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Just a few years ago, it was not easy to visit other countries and communicate with foreigners. But the development of transportation has made it possible for us to visit various countries quickly and easily. Also the development of networks has made it possible to communicate with various people. The world is getting closer. We can communicate with many people. People learned a new language to communicate and this is very necessary and important. If you want to tell your story accurately you need high language skills and training. This is also why I started studying language.

When I was young I gave up to learn English. My L2 class was traditional classroom. My teacher was explainer and class was too boring to focus on the class. It was lecture based and teacher centered. I sat in a row and columns in the classroom with friends and I learned with textbooks. My teacher talked a lot but I couldn't understand. I only took notes for the test. I usually dozed off and spaced out in the class. Teachers did not consider my motivation. There are enough reasons not to study English. I studied English only to get good grades. My parents and teachers want me to get good grades, so I tried hard. This way made me memorize words quickly but quickly forget them. I didn't even know how to communicate. I had no motive to study English because I didn't have many chances to use English in my life, I didn't feel uncomfortable.

Then one day something shocking happened to me. I like to watch movies and american dramas. I was watching a movie but the translation was a little strange. The main character said 'I am sorry' to his friend. The meaning of 'I am sorry' to me is always **apology** when I do something wrong. But He did nothing wrong. It was a situation in which consolation was needed. I was curious. Why does he say sorry? I did not study function. that's why I didn't understand the expression. because they told me only grammar and vocabulary.

I began to get motivation and I acquired language and I started to learn language from movie like acquisition. I tried to understand with their feeling without subtitle. It is similar how to acquire a mother tongue. Firstly, one reason my acquisition was successful because I watched English movies everyday for more than an hour at a time. As a result I began to notice how native people use all the language systems, especially phonology, function and discourse. For example, the expression "I am sorry" was used to show empathy. After noticing, I didn't completely understand at first but I felt like I could understand. After encountering similar situation I gain to confident to use this expression naturally and correctly This is how language is acquired - the emphasis is on listening and understanding. Also known as comprehensible input. My feeling while watching movies was high motivated, high self-esteem because I was able to understand and zero anxiety. Steven K. says We all acquire language in only one way -when our

motivation is high, when we receive comprehensible input in a zero anxiety environment and we believe we will succeed. I agree with this. I am a good example of L2 acquisition.

Language is best learned through natural communication. I gained confidence through natural second language acquisition. For example, Information is stored deeply in the brain through the use of communication. It make me to get better communication and enjoyable. And helps me a lot to 'acquire' the language instead of just 'learning' it. I am able to communicate effectively and I am able to understand and learn variety situation.

If I become a teacher, I will try to have strong rapport with students and good classroom dynamic. I will teach with the class based on experience. Students will be active participants. Of course class will be student centered. through variety of activities and group work they can communicate each other. In the classroom there will be various types of learner. It is very difficult to consider each person's disposition. But strong rapport will make good relationship between teachers and students It will make understand each other easily. I want students to learn English naturally like second language acquisition. It is the best way to learn second language

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My goal

I learned; textbooks

4) Focus is on receptive skills : listening&reading

5) Teacher-centred(low lever of student participation)

6) tjtod

The Explainer

- Knowledgeable about the subject
- Lack of teaching techniques
- Weak rapport
- stale classroom dynamics
- High T.T.T
- Low S.T.T
- Less lesson preparation

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