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My experience of L2 Acquisition – a Success or Not?

What is L2 acquisition? L2 acquisition can be defined as the way in which people learn a language other than the first language, Inside or outside of classroom. From my experienced I would say that my acquisition is not that successful, and I would like to share my experience from the time I started learning my second language at the young age up to the time of my college days, of how challenging and not so satisfying.

My learning in basic English began when I was 4 through my father. Whatever time he could, he is teaching some few basic phrases. Since my father was busy, I frequently stayed with nannies that never acquired English and that moment my language proficiency remained as high beginner until Elementary and I found the information through **Assessing Language Proficiency**. As a primary school student, I was never taken to a new level of learning. I struggled much to understand my teachers that taught me due to her **Traditional Teaching,** Examples are lack of energy inside the classroom, strict rules, teacher-centered and a chalk and talk method. That time it was not common to teach English because the focus is to teach kids about reading and writing, so the language they used first is Tagalog. As I remember, there’s only few times I saw my teacher’s face because she often facing the board to write down lessons. Therefore, my elementary teachers are most likely “Explainer” as what contained in **Three Types of Teacher.**

When I entered High school, A new phase of my learning start. From freshmen to sophomore, I often placed to a section with terror teachers. The kind of teachers that does not give a lot of compliments, not so approachable, authoritative and favoritism exist which my indication of bad **Rapport** to other students like me. Mostly lectures and reading but few discussions and demonstration, and the result, my brain didn’t sustain enough knowledge of L2, in fact it is stated in **Learning Retention Rates**. When it comes to junior and senior high, there are changes. From negative turns into positive atmosphere. Its some good preparation to college. The facilities are way better, more discussions that students can fully participate, nice resources and reachable teachers that leads to a good **Classroom Dynamics.** As I recalled, my English teacher taught me how to boost my self-esteem by pushing me to joined role playing and my teacher in Social studies engaged students to joined quiz competition,And because of that my L2 learning enhanced so far.

In my college days, it seems so rough. In the **Type of Learners,** I became like a rule-former, a slow, hesitant speaker and concerned about errors. I’m not confident at all and I have lots of insecurities, due to the fact that it was the stressful period of my time. The time that you take responsibility to yourself and should I say being independent, mostly my professors are doing only lectures and for addition I was intimidated of the fluency of my professor and other co-students. Still, I learned L2 in other way. I was a working student, I worked in sales, selling beauty and cosmetic products and to that I’ve learned to communicate and practiced my English speaking to clients. I tried to train myself using few English to be more pleasing of introducing products. Somehow, I knew those ways my L2 acquisition evolved, and that way can verify in **Multiple Intelligence Theory.** It might be late for me but my experienced still created something new about my learning and I found myself have a **Characteristic of an adult learner,** self-motivation and experience developed my L2 acquisition.

Getting better on second language is a goal that I would like to accomplish whatever my experienced in the past. I didn’t succeed to my L2 acquisition because I didn’t also help myself fully previously. I regret of why my weakness beats me when I was in my college days. Maybe if I focus well and push it harder to learn probably, I will say I am better enough. My willingness today will bring my confidence into the next level despite of the struggles to learn way back, I will be the best version hopefully and looking forward to using all the new strategy that will leads to my success.

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