TESOL 1: Second Language Acquisition Assignment

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My leaning English experiences.

There is a hot issue to learn second language in Korea society. Nowadays it’s better to know English basically and even better the other languages as well. Therefore so many parents are pushing their kids to study English as young as they are. People say “The early bird catches worms”, I agree with that partially, because learning second languages, there’s no short cut. But depends on the teaching methods and motivation make it effectively. In this essay, I would like to tell how I’ve learned English and what facts affect me. : Motivation and characteristics of adult learners.

I’ve been studying English since I was a middle school student. As a student I needed to learn and study Second languages like English and German. To be honest, there’re no memorable teachers. Teachers only focused on material that was seen on a test and emphasized results and test scores, not the learning process. Unfortunately, I had not loved any teacher secretly; it was a common thing in a women middle and high school. I think I didn’t have any motivations so I wasn’t interested in English. For that reason I want to be a memorable teacher who gives motivations to students.

In addition, after graduated high school, I was a university student. I am a kind of adventurous girl, I decided to go abroad just had a flight ticket. So I’d traveled from America to Canada for a year, I’ve learned survival English. Came back to Korea, I needed to get TOEIC score which affected to get a job. In a company, I worked as a merchandiser so I had a business trip abroad. Finally I quited it and transferred as an English teacher. Those experiences lead me to learn and study English. As Malcolm Knowles identified 5 characteristics of adult learners, I am the knowledge and experience, independent and self-motivated and Goal- oriented style.

Briefly saying, since I studied TESOL lesson, I’ve learned many factors of teaching. These are all important and related each other. How well organize the methods is the matter of a good teacher. Now I started knowing about it. I will find out my own teaching skills and be a memorable teacher.