**TESOL 01 : Second Language Acquisition Assignment (words count : 625)**

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Now many people want to have a successful language learning experience. So many people have many experiences about several academies and several study groups for second language. Language teaching happens in a wide variety of locations with a wide variety of learners. As you know, you would have teachers that fit you mine that fit me. To have a successful language experience, you have to find the best matching teacher for you.

I want to say the second language acquisition assignment was based on my own experience. In my case, I have experienced learning second language for 15years. I have experienced both failure and success as a language learning experience. Sometimes, I met good teachers. Malcom Knowels identified 5 characteristics of adult learners. First, Adults are autonomous and self directed. This type of learners comes to class because they are motivated to learn. Adult learners need to be free to direct themselves. The teacher role should be guide. Second, Adults have life experiences and knowledge. Adults have accumulated a wealth of knowledge and experience. Teachers need to find out what students already know and recognize. Third, Adults are goal-oriented. Fourth, Adults are relevancy-oriented. Fifth, Adults need to be shown respect. Teachers should treat students as equals in experience.

Among these characteristics of adult learners, I am goal-oriented. I enrolled several academies to achieve my goal successfully. But many teachers didn’t show me how the class helps me reach my goal. When I was a high school student my English class was based on traditional classroom. Teachers were centered and students were passive. Teachers always used text books with chalk. So I was not interested my class. Teachers always gave me a lot of homework. If I didn’t homework, teachers always gave me punishment. I could learn English grammar but I could not speak English. I don’t think that only modern classroom and famous teachers are the best. In modern class room, students are centered and teachers used technology and assessment. Also they focus on language and culture. I was 20 years old, I registered several academies. But these academies didn’t effect to me. Teachers didn’t show me how the class will help me reach my goal. At that time, I always hesitated before speaking English. Every month, Teachers and students had to be changed. I could not adapt myself to the change in my surroundings. Before I met teacher Mr. Kim I did feel problems to communicate with foreigners. He was an English teacher in Dong-eui University. He made a small study group. He recommended a small study group to me. In those days, My English ability was terrible. So I was afraid to speaking English with foreigner. But he always said “Don’t be afraid, you can say English well”, He treated me as equals in experience and knowledge and allowed me to freely voice my opinion and ideas in class. This group motivated me to study hard. I could be intimate with English conversation. It was really good experience to me. In addition, He was always kind to me. As a teacher, he motivated me to study hard. His teaching style is close to ‘involver’. I could share my opinion with him. When we find errors fix them together. Also we could give some tips each other. Through this experience, I could listen and speak naturally. So I could have a successful second language experience.

Whatever I describe something your own experiences will be different. To have successful language experience, you have to choose teachers that fit you.

I trusted that I can control myself, and I can speak English well with good teachers. For that reason, as an adult, you can control yourself, and you can speak second language well with good teachers.