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I was interested in English because of my dream that is being a teacher in kindergarten. Frankly speaking, learning English is more important than ever before. So I think, kindergarten teacher also needs to have the skill of the elementary course of English. But I don’t know all about English. How can I do to speak, how to read, how to write. Eventually, I decided to go to the Philippines for my study. In short, I stayed for about 5months and I had classes 8times a day every week.

I have a unique personality when I compare other people with me. So my teacher and my friends said, “You are unique and funny girl among all students.” Actually, I know that I have different characteristics especially enterprising spirit. When I have group class, I was so brave at speak to English. Even though, I didn’t know the correct answer or grammar or spelling. In fact, I studied English at my middle school and high school for six years. However I couldn’t understand the contents and substances at English classes. Furthermore, English was not matter of concern between my studies because I didn’t like English that is being in our life. Thus I was a failing student in every English examination. The reason is why I didn’t know that how to use English and all about English. But I was getting change in my mind to positive for my bright future. Almost students were adult in our class. They also needed to study English like me. There are some reasons. Especially, I think, a lot of Korean companies are selling their products in foreign countries, so Korean businessmen have to speak English well. So we should to improve the speaking skill in a short time as we can. As a result, first of all, almost adult learner has passion of study all the time. Second, we wanted to have high quality instruction with competent teachers. Third, we had self-determination and questions about our study.

Teachers influence on students. That will be beneficial or harmful so teacher’s each types are very important. I have a good memory with my teachers in the Philippines. They were kind and responsible. ‘Ivy Rose’ is the one of them. I think, she has good skills in teaching English for students. Even though, she is not native speaker but Filipina. Thus, as time goes by, almost students want to get her class. Because she never waste our study time easily and she prepared her class that is up to needs of each students. So those were different everyday. I also tried to get her class for my goal. The goal was improve my speaking English skill. I think, she has careful and considerable personalities, wits, sense of humor, knowledge, confidence of her abilities and preparations for each student. She arranged all the preliminaries for elements of English.

The ‘Ivy Rose’ who was my teacher in the Philippines is tried to prepare before her class. I think, she depends on five of ‘Language Systems’. For example, she sometimes prepared some piece of papers at secret box and she makes me pick it up. There is a pattern of specific sentence. And then I made some examples and I said the reasons of what I make the sentence. When I told any stories, she was listening carefully with eyes-contact. I always liked her attitude to me. Actually, when I met her for the first time, she asked me what is goal in English for me. So I requested that I want to improve speaking English. Therefore, she prepared cartoons or pictures for me and she led me that I can make some stories without restraint. In addition, I didn’t know grammar exactly, so she prepared mistaken and intentional sentences those are all about my friends and me. Thus, I was interested in grammar of the sentences. And sometimes, we listened to a pop-song and translated or filled in some blanks. In the end, those of her effective teaching helped to improve my study.

I like modern classroom. Because, I saw at internet news those were about electronic media and class of America. In my opinion, those are not bored and more effective than traditional classrooms to students as an environment of study. However we didn’t have good equipments but only some study book and simple and comfortable classroom. That was a little unwilling for students.

For the first time, I just can say “I’m hungry.” And “My name is Nicole.” But I can speak English better than before I studied English in the Philippines. Consequently, the reason of the results is my considerable teacher and that is being from my attitude toward goal about English. In the end, I opened conversation in the Philippines with my teacher. Likewise, I want to be a teacher because I wish children can speak English easily and learning funny. It’s my new goal.