My Fair English

Three Main Factors to Study English

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I have been studying English since I was 5th grade in primary school. At that time, English was not a regular subject, so I could not have any chance to face ‘English’ as a language. The First time, I bumped into English, I would say, I fell in love. Since then, I had decided to study English in college and I made it. As an English-majoring-student, going abroad is an ‘dream’ in my life. In 2006, eventually, I got myself on the airplane heading to the States. The experience I had been through for a year was quite successful, and I would like to mention three main factors which made my period in the U.S.A go off.

First of all, I had an obvious and clear sense of purpose to study English. When you study, especially foreign language in abroad, you got to need a strong motivation. The adult learners particularly, ought to be aware of the aim of their study. I had to make certain amount of money that I would be spending while I stayed in the States. I invested whole a year to earn money. You could imagine how tough earning money as a college student was. When I felt like neglecting my study in the States, I tried to remind me of the year right before when I had extremely hard time to save money.

The second main reason that I could win success was the ‘homestay family’. Most of ‘going overseas to study a foreign language students’ make a mistake by spending more time with Korean. Language is a second nature. It is like an the theory of use and disuse. The harder and more often you are working on certain language, the better you can be fluent in the language. For this reason, I decided to stay in an American family. There were three kids. They were teenagers, which means I could actually talk with them about various topics and issues such as movie stars, pop singers, sports, schoolwork and so on. I always tried to ‘be’ a member of the family. Especially, I devoted lots of time to help mom do housework. Usually, she used to go grocery shopping and walk dogs alone and by helping her I could have much time to talk with her all alone. At the same time, I could come across the real daily life of them.

Lastly, the environment was very helpful for my academic work. The language course I was connected with a community college. Indeed, my classrooms were in the college building and I was able to use all the facilities in the college. I borrowed plenty of books and DVDs in the library and I was allowed to take department class previously enrolled. Those tools were very effective for the visual and auditory learner.

As a English learner as an second language, I am convinced that I made my experience in abroad very successful. Those factors are motivation, homestay family, and academic environment. I would not say that going abroad is the best method for students to study foreign language. It might be the terrific improvement how you organize all the time and effort.