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**[ Learning English and my best English teacher** ]

Like most other people, I’ve studied English since middle. I grew up in the country side until 19. So I didn’t get a chance to meet foreigners. Unfortunately, My English teachers are too strict. I still remember one of them. The teacher asked me “This is a sentence [Where do you live?] Make a interrogative sentence with this.” When missed the question I got punished. I really didn’t like the subject. I wish the teacher didn’t ask me anything. I was terrified. I couldn’t find any interests in English. I really didn’t like the subject.

After few years, I moved to city and entered the university. One of my professors was a foreigner. He was a New Zealander. He taught us how to speak English. He was smart and funny. I wanted to talk with him and get to know him. But I was too shy. It means, I am not really shy. When I speak in English I hesitate to say something. At that time a friend of mine could speak English fluently. She could talk with him without any fear. I asked her “how can you speak English well?” She said ”say anything in English. Just try it.” I was desperately trying to say hello to the professor. Sadly, I couldn’t. To speak in English was too huge job for me. I wasn’t confident in my English level. And I was afraid of making a mistake.

5 years went by, I traveled to foreign countries for 1 year. I met many foreigners during the travel. I couldn’t communicate with them well. After the long travel, I decided to learn English. But I didn’t know which class is suitable for me. After much consideration, I chose a listening class. The teacher used American dramas, pop songs, as teaching materials.

The teacher made us memorize the script. She highly recommended us “watch the drama, listen to the script and repeat it over and over again.”

I tried not to skip the listening class. Because It was so funny and interesting. I’ve never thought about that kind of study. I was excited. The teacher brought us new materials every week. So I didn’t feel bored. I found that interest is one of the important implements to learn English. I was motivated by the teacher. I’ve attended many different kinds of English classes like the TOEIC, grammar class. Unfortunately, it didn’t work out as I expected. Besides, it was boring. Sometime it was too difficult. That’s why I thought English is hard. If I hadn’t met her, I would give up learning English. Her class is the best English classes I’ve ever attended.

**[ What kind of teacher would I want to be? ]**

Actually, I haven’t made a specific plan. But I’ve made a promise to myself. Sometimes I think of school days and it brings back lots of good memories like friends, teachers. Most of teachers were nice. But some of the teachers were terrible. I didn’t like their attitude. Bad teachers had something in common. First, they couldn’t control their emotions. Second, they didn’t listen to student’s opinion. Third, they were not interested in their student. It means they were concentrate on other things. I can say with certitude that I will try not to do that. I think a good teacher is always looking for new things to engage in and try to expand his/her learning. I will do that. Also I would like to use mostly cartoons as main teaching method.