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Nowadays many people are learning English for communicating with foreign people as a second language. Because it is the most common language that people use in the world today, and those people who had learned English, they might have different experiences, and different ways to study English. Some people might learn by themselves in school, or others might attend to English speaking country to study abroad, I believe that study environment is very important. In my case I had some personal experiences to study English. I learned English from my father when I was young. I have studied in elementary school in Korea, and also I have more experience in Canada for 10 years. Those things made to sacrifice of myself to learn English. Sometimes it was successful but there were times of failure as a language learning experience. And I’ll express these kinds of experiences on my teaching techniques.

Firstly, my first experience studying English that I had was with my father. My father was a good teacher. He studied English all by himself from the book. He taught me his methods such as reading and speaking. When I was around 9 years old, he tried to make me to find an interest in English. He read me children’s English books every night. He just told me to memorize whole book, and he made a chart for me called earning pocket money chart. So if I finished all that he told me to do, then I got a price like 200 won. I got the total money in the end of the week, so I started to get interest in English. I had to memorize all the word even I don’t know the word’s meaning. I told my father the story out loud every night. It was fun, because I could get something what I wanted to get after I learn something. It was my good first experience and I have a good teacher.

Secondly, my second experience I learned English was from my third grade in elementary school. In my elementary days Korean education system just started to introduce a new system. The new system was English class. I can’t remember everything about how the class was, because it is in my old memory, but the thing I remember is the class was very strict. The English teacher wasn’t actual English teacher. He was my home room teacher and also He just followed exactly the textbook what it was written. First thing I learn from English class was alphabet, I felt very bored. It was too basic learning. Nowadays Korea invites native English speakers into the school, so the students can communicate with the teachers and the students can learn actual English. Therefore I couldn’t learn English well from the school, so I think it is my failure as a language learning experience.

Lastly, I attend to English speaking country to study abroad. My family immigrated to Canada when I was 14 years old. Canada is English speaking country, so I learned English very naturally. I had to study every school subjects in English, and I had to speak English if I wanted to communicate with others. Everything I did was about English in Canada. I didn’t acquire English on my purpose. I learned English naturally by living in Canada, so it was good environment that I could learn actual English. I think it was

Thus, in my opinion, through all my experiences, a good way to learning English that I have experienced is getting into English speaking society or environment. I would become an involver more than explainer or enabler. I will make the class as an only English speaking class, and I will always communicate with students. Taoism said “Teach other people what you have learned, and share your experiences with others”. As they say I will express and share things what I saw, what I learned, and what I experienced to my future class.