My successful experiences about learning a second language

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When I am asked, “Are you a success or a failure as a language learning experience?” I think I am a successful person, maybe. When I was young, I met the teacher, Charls. Thanks to Charls, I am absorbed in learning English. That makes me an English teacher. In my opinion, loving English is the key to succeed in learning English. And learner’s success depends on teacher’s teaching method, student’s motivation, passion, confidence and effort.

The chance of loving English

When I was young, our country didn’t have an opportunity to meet foreigners like now. It is very interesting for me to meet them. As I have communicated with them clearly, I am interested in learning English. But the environment I learned was different. The teachers I was taught were explainers. They only taught me to remember the words, sentence structures (The Grammar-Translation Method).

To me, learning English was difficult and boring. By the way, I had a chance to meet Charls. He was a soldier in the U.S. Every Sunday, he taught Koreans English at his house in Yongsan. It is exciting to visit the American Army base. The scenery there looks like the real America, I would watch TV. His teaching method was different from that I had learned. His lesson was very active. I could learn the vocabulary naturally. Whenever I was taught by Charls, I was more interested in learning English. I have become a person loving English.

His teaching method

After being interested in English, learning English isn’t difficult to me. Knowing the English vocabulary felt like the bullet I could use. I think his teaching method made me love English. He was the involver as a teacher type. Although I didn’t speak English fluently, I could participate in his lesson. For example, through Cooking, he taught me how to cook in English. I have never forgotten his words he used. Cooking was fun as well as he taught me that speaking English wasn’t difficult. He gave me the confidence to be able to speak English. Until now, I haven’t been to nation using English. Despite no western traveling, I’m not afraid of meeting western people. I’m poor at speaking English but he implanted my mind with courage. So, teaching method is very important to learners. Teachers should help their students participate in the lesson, understand what they are taught through authentic materials, many activities and rapport.

My motivation, passion, confidence and effort.

As an adult learner, I decide to take Tesol course. Because I want a better teacher. My students think learning English isn’t easy and interesting. They think learning English is the means to pass the college entrance. But I want them to realize that learning English is fun. Through learning English, we can communicate with foreigners, guess other countries’ life we don’t experience. I think language is a window to reflect the world. Thus my goal is to teach English easily, more comprehensible. I have set the goal, and I have achieved my dream step by step. Like me, definite reason why we should learn language is necessary. It is like the navigation (a machine which guides the car). If we are depressed about learning language, it can make us remind what we should do. Through the trial and error, we can be a successful person as a language learning.

Conclusion

In order to be a successful person of learning English, the teacher should make the environment their student can develop their ability through the education theory they have learned, many activities, materials. First of all, students learning language should feel the lesson interesting and easy. The teacher teaching language encourages them to be able to do better. I have experienced that the intermediate students can perform their tasks better. I only praised them. To my surprise, after a year, they have been confident students, which causes them to be advanced learners. I think the teacher should be a mentor. To be a mentor, the teacher and the student should interact with each other.