The elements for my learning English

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Last week I’ve seen a popular TV show that some TV stars invited. On that day two famous movie stars and one nameless guy were the guests. So when the show start I wondered why he invited together but after 20 minutes I could see the why. He has had courier for long time in his field and able to talk about it in funny way. And the next day he wasn’t nameless movie actor anymore.

People want to be with somebody or something what makes them fun and happy. I also remember what made me laugh and smile rather than boring. I’m a shy person so far. When I was school I couldn’t stand some teachers push me to do what they want to make me to do.

In my case to learning something include English study needed three points motivation, environment, the way to approach.

A lot of Korean students start English class earlier than 14 years but most of them don’t have acquisition yet. It started when I was 11 years old to learn English with private tutor.

My tutor had chosen traditional way to teach me and 20 years ago so most of teacher used taught similar way. Unfortunately it didn’t work well. I only learn alphabet and memorized some English words.

Exposure to English environment is also necessary. After I went to high school nothing changed. We had to learn grammar and reading exam for UNIV. That moment I really hate English it was too boring and didn’t have any motivation to learning.

After I graduate high school I stayed in New Zealand for one year. When I left Korea to NZ I couldn’t speak English at all. In my flat in NZ more than 10 nationality people lived together so I had to listen English from friends, TV and outside for everyday. 3 month later I could understand what they saying even I didn’t study at all. I remember that day that I could started listen feeling like magic.

After I came back to Korea I tried to study English at institute. However the matter went to different way with I expected. Till that moment I only could listen without speak.

The way to study should be funny enough to tempting. Above reasons made me to decide to go to English speaking country again. So I decided go to Australia this time via Philippines. How I’m lucky! I had chance to study English in a small city in Philippines. In there most of students study with personal tutor 3~4 hours per day but in my case didn’t have enough time to do that because my ticket was firmed already to AU. So I choose to push myself hardly. 5~6 hours tutoring man to man but I already know this time that I’m not the sitting on the desk type so suggested to tutors to have class outside like speak English at a restaurant on the beach, go to cinema together and translate Korean movie to English for tutor. These exercise really worked. Couple of month later I could express about my feeling and myself in English.

These experienced made me to believe in motivation, exposure to English environment, the way to approach are most important elements to conquer English. Methodologically I prefer TPR to others.

I don’t want to say all of teacher should be a comedian. Try to make students involve themselves to class and stimulate their interestin.

When there is a line “This is a class so you should keep the silence and follow me” it makes things boring and want to stay away. Help students to find their own motivation to study, could suggest to English TV show or pop song for exposure to English naturally and in these ways has possibility to find interesting as well. I don’t think this way will work with everyone.

The key is find our own way to successful learning English.