My Success learning English

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Most people think it is difficult to learn something. Particularly I felt it was a difficult thing for me to learn a second language. But I met a good English teacher in last year, I learned English pleasantly. When I worked in a marketing company, I announced the project in English. At that time I felt the lack of my English abilities. So I decided to learn English and registered at an English language institute. My teacher, Deborah, used appropriate teaching methods to the learner. So I was able to successfully learn a second language.

First, my teacher identified the characteristics of adult learners. The teacher asked the students why they enrolled in this class. Our class was made ​​up of people who was high beginner. They wanted to use English in everyday life. I also wanted to learn everyday English conversation. The teacher gave a wide range of everyday topics and taught frequently used expressions in everyday life. I learned many expressions that can be used in the airport, in the office, in the hospital, in the post office. Through this process I could apply to real life learned expressions. Adult learners are goal-oriented and have the knowledge and experience of previous education. The teacher should teach adult learners on the basis of adult learners` experience to achieve their goals. In addition, the teacher should teach so that the students can apply in their work or job what they have learned. It is important that teachers meet adult learners' learning goals. Because learning that adult learners want to achieve increases students' motivation and participation in the class.

Second, my teacher tried to make a student centered class. My English teacher was young and [energetic](http://endic.naver.com/enkrEntry.nhn?entryId=88a2395dedf54ddc88879a375a5a7dd8) so her teaching style was closer to the modern teaching type. Her type of teaching for the class suited my personality. She showed many pictures that demonstrate the meaning of the vocabulary and then I guessed and answered the vocabulary. It is helpful to use many pictures and vocabulary cards to memorize vocabulary. I did many activities to memorize vocabulary like ‘speed games’ and ‘[crossword](http://endic.naver.com/enkrEntry.nhn?entryId=cf35c205d86e4723910243816b2325cc) games’. I used vocabulary cards and demonstrated vocabulary by actions. I think a student-centered class is more beneficial than a teacher-centered class for students. Because pair and group activities arouse the students` interest for studying and improve the students` participation in classes. I prefer the modern teaching type teachers who are managers and facilitators to the traditional teaching type teachers who chalk and talk to students.

Lastly, my teacher gave a hand out to me and I had to research it on my own.

I tried to solve the problem without the help from others and I exchanged my opinions about the topics with my classmates. My classmates and I shared ideas and discussed the subject. This teaching style is to make the students become autonomous learners and to be self-directed learners. I think the enabler teacher type is more effective than the explainer teacher type who relies on explaining or lecturing. Because the enabler teacher type provides the opportunity for students to independently research the subject and solve problems. Moreover, the enabler teacher style can foster students` leadership through group work.

In conclusion, my second language acquisition was a very successful experience. Because my teacher taught me in a way that suits me. She presented the learning method which is appropriate for the goal of the adult learner and taught me how to study effectively through a variety of activities. In addition, she tried to develop my independent research ability and my leadership with her enabler teaching type. I will continue to learn a variety of teaching techniques in TESOL course. I want to be a great teacher like my English teacher. So I will encourage my students and arouse their interest in English study.