**Second Language Acquisition Assignment**

-The first essay

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I started to learn English, the second language when I was in middle school. In my middle and high school, English was not the tool to communicate but just a subject that was required to study in order to enter the most famous university. Also, at that time, English teachers in public schools was almost all explainers. We didn’t need to be evaluated our abilities of other parts – speaking, writing-without listening and reading. I think reading can be also a good source especially in the limited environment that is hard to communicate in English if it would be good for it to be expanded into other parts such as speaking and writing. In aspect of productive skills, I could fail to acquire the second language, English.

After attending my university, I had to have certain TOEIC score to undergo the Korean bar exam. TOEIC was consisted of two parts, listening and reading. So, I couldn’t help being in extension from high school in aspect of learning English. At that time, while my motivation toward learning English was strong, anxiety about getting its score was great. So, I thought I failed to speak in English fluently.

I tried to pass the Korean bar exam several times only to fail it. So, I stayed in Montreal, Canada to take E.S.L for some months to get a job in Korea. Because in that time, most big companies required their applicants to take E.S.L

The teachers in Montreal were enabler. So, I felt more relaxed while taking class. In Montreal, my self-esteem got higher and motivation toward learning English was great and anxiety about it disappeared. So, I thought my speaking English was improved. When I arrived at Montreal at first, I couldn't order a cup of cappuccino. Because I didn't know [p] sound from [f] sound. So, after all, I remembered I got a coffee. By the time I came back, I could order cappuccino all coffee shops in every place of Canada. I think being in environment that can be exposed to communicate in English is the most important.

And I worked for a company for around eight years. But my affair was related to accounting and taxes. So, I didn’t need to use English. Also, I didn’t have any opportunities to practice English. That is, there wasn’t the durability to learn English.

In short, I think that to acquire the ability of the second language, English,

First, I have to be a clear goal oriented about learning English.

Second, I have to meet a good teacher such as enabler.

Third, I frequently have to be exposed to English environment.

Fourth, I have to maintain to learn English consistently.

Finally, I should be able to enjoy learning English.