Learning another language had been difficult for me; thus, I did not enjoy any of my English class throughout my school years. However, one teacher in my high school changed my opinion on acquisition of language.

Through the teacher’s attitude, encouraging students is the most important aspect to motivate the students. Due to my lack of interest in English, I could not speak it well and I was afraid of making mistakes. Therefore, I was always shy and passive when I had to use English. However, how she taught me opened my mind. My teacher was really friendly and nice to us. She always told me that I did really well regardless of mistakes I made when writing or speaking English and that she had no problem understanding what I was trying to say. Her positive and encouraging attitude made me believe that I was very good at English.

Then she asked me what I wanted to obtain after studying English. As a stressed teenager, I hoped to travel around the world so, I told her my dream and she made me imagine communicating with foreigners. She also told me various vocations I can acquire with fluent English such as diplomat. I started dreaming myself in the future and gained interest in learning English.

After opening my mind, the teacher approached with various activities that suit me. I love socializing with others. During the class, I had to talking in English with classmates and the teacher continuously, I think it was interesting modern class.

Additionally, I have problem of memorizing vocabularies. However, she never explained the meaning of the words but just asked to memorize. Then, she planned some activities, like word games, that helped me learn English.

Also, she was an enabler teacher. Enabler teacher is confident enough to share control with the learners, or perhaps to hand it over to them entirely. Decisions made in her classroom may often be shared or negotiated.[[1]](#footnote-1) We usually chose the topics and had discussion with the group members each day. The topics we pick are fashion, Korean entertainment, social issues, and history of the world. After discussion we made power point slides to present in front of the class. Sometimes we also made newspaper. When we had problem, she gave us an advice and let us solve it. Throughout of her class, the way my teacher deal with the student influenced and taught me how to control not only the young students but also adult learners. I could find out the pleasure of learning English because my social skills improved by speaking English**.**

Finally, when I finish this TESOL course, I want to good teacher as my teacher. For example, I would make some various fun activities like skit as a CLT. Also, I would make them to read some novels at their level and debate with the classmates. In addition, I would make them to write a diary in English. It will improve their speaking, reading, and writing skills.

In conclusion, my second language acquisition was a very interesting and unforgettable experience. My English teacher presented many different methods to teach English and gave a positive feedback. It was very helpful for me to improve English skills. Therefore, I think to know students’ learning styles and develop different methods are very important requirement for teachers.

1. Learning Teaching The Essential Guide to English Language Teaching Jim Scrivener p.18-2nd paragraph [↑](#footnote-ref-1)