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TESOL Course

Many people know that English is a global language which is all around the world. Due to this, my country, Korea, started to make it mandatory for all students to learn English. Since 1998, Korean has been studying English. I first kids teenagers became interested in the language in the fourth grade. I began to study many books that improved my vocabulary. I had ups and downs in learning English. This was directly linked to the methods my teachers used over the years. I think success as second language learning. I began to contemplate studying English in my future.

My Middle School & High School Life

Did you hear about Korean English teachers teaching style? They were very strict in class, and used only teaching method. In my middle school, they were just explainers. There were no fun activities and no conversations. It was a “Chalk & Talk” style. The focus was on grammar rather than speaking. First Time, I really enjoyed studying English. For my first task, I got a perfect score. As time went by, it felt weird. I learned only grammar and listening. Task questions required reading and writing. How did I achieve this? The teacher was only explained grammar. (Sometimes she used the radio.) We never gained in speaking and writing skills.

In my high school, the situation was the same. I remember one of my English teachers. She was made me an involver. We carried an English dictionary, and found a word every day. At that time I knew that meaning of words, but how could I use these words speaking and writing English? We were just listeners and finders. I lost my interest studying English, but in university I regained it.

My University Life

On admission into University, my major was English by chance. Many professors had a different teaching style. One of them, a grammar teacher, used a translation method. I respected him, but his teaching style is not adapted anymore. One of my professors, inspired confidence in speaking and writing English. We used many kinds of media, fun activities, and group discussions. That was an effective for me because using media and other various activities are more focus on the speaking and writing English. University was also a great chance to study English, without having to visit English speaking countries.

Looking back my student life, all kinds’ methods helped me. In middle & high school we only learned way to translation method. I think definitely tradition methods have a strength points. I trained to grammatical rules and then apply those by translating sentences. My knowledge was limited to grammatical rules. I would then apply these rules to translate sentence. In university, I was fortunate to have professors using different teaching methods then I had before. This improved my English and I began to think this world my benefit in the future. Also, I learned studying second language for my future. Through this course, I could learn more own my teaching method.