TESOL 97 WEEKEND CLASS

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**TESOL 01: Second Language Acquisition Assignment**

Learning English is kind of never ending story and truly enough to challenge one for me.

I’ve studied English and Japanese as second language in the past student days but only English is the one I’ve kept studying for a long time, even right now.

In the 1st grade of middle school,

I’ve met the English at the first time as 2nd language class that the school I’ve chosen has English class at their curriculum, so it was just naturally started not thru my willing.

The way to learn I think was simple, just keep memorizing as much words as I can. students just memorized a lot of word’s spelling, meaning, phrases, even sentences…, all about things what teacher teaches and regularly had a test how many words we memorized.

That was the teaching style of the most of school teachers in the past period.

Self-studying way at home is, too. We believed that just memorizing way is the best one without any doubt.

The atmosphere of studying at that time was like that; I think that most of senior group can understand what I am saying.

For me, I have never experienced to learn English at the private institute until the end of high school days but learning at school is only way to get it.

I can guess that might the reason why I’ve lived in country side not city at that time.

So I can say that until the high school days, it was certainly traditional environment thru classroom, teachers, teaching style, and so on…., but true thing is that I didn’t know that was old style because I only know that way without any other experience.

Furthermore, I am not able to say that way is failure or successful one; I don’t think I can judge it but just respect old version as past method. That might be the best one they can do for us.

After I went to university, then, I could have experience that another way of English world is there !

At that time, I’ve also experienced not only formal school class but also private class in the city and it was quite shock because the atmosphere of classroom is firstly different from regular class.

It is so cool and feel to free speaking never concerning what if I am wrong or not.

So, I realized that middle and high school days’ studying was too much focus on grammar no matter how much it can be used for natural conversation; but, university class and private institute’s class treats free talking is more important one. That’s the different points what I have felt firstly; and continuable practicing the expression is, too.

Furthermore, comparing middle and high school days, it is so small group to study in the class.

At the normal school, we’ve studied more than 40students for one class and teacher was only one for that class; but, private school case, for one teacher, student composition is less than 10students or sometimes one to one is possible.

It is really unfamiliar condition for me, sometimes feel hard, but interesting I am sure.

By the way,

Studying here, TIMES TESOL, is not still easy one for me in various fields, but I don’t want to give up and will finally achieve this course in the best.

I am keeping some points in my mind that I will be a good explainer, good involver, good enabler as a teacher and create my own teaching style gradually which is certainly effective way in order to success my teaching life.

Later, I would like to be the best friendly teacher for all of my future students.

For that point, I will keep running to be a great teacher thru this class.