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**PRACTICE MAKES YOU PERPECT**

A woman was waiting for a job interview of the company ‘E’, a global PR & marketing agency. The interviewer expected that she was fluent in English, because her TOEIC score was higher than 950. After her English interview started, he got disappointed by her because she even couldn’t introduce herself in English and quivered like ‘Bambi.

Can you guess who she was? It was me in 2001. Alike many other Korean students, I had studied English as a ‘tool’ to reach the goal such as a college admission, a job etc. To get a high score, I’d been studied grammar, lexis & listening for a long time. As a result, I got a high score, but I got frozen whenever I interviewed.

I couldn’t understand why I couldn’t communicate, despite all my long time effort. Soon I realized I’ve never studied how to communicate, I just did my best to get a high score. My language skills were only focused on receptive skills including reading & listening. My previous English teachers had used the grammar translation method and no communication chance was given to me, so I have never felt fun & interesting.

To solve this problem, I started to search ways how to study not for score but for communication for the first time in my life. Finally, the solutions appeared to me. Bellows are the more productive language skills that I found and tried.

First, I watched a drama and PRACTICED to read & speak out loud.

By watching a drama, I touched English in a real life not a text book. I chose a sitcom ‘Friends’ and practices to speak out loud with its script.

Second, I PRACTICED to communicate with partners.

I organized study group to practice communicate. As a main character of ‘Friends’, I read a script & do a role playing to speak with group members. It made me practice to talk lively.

Third, I PRACTICED to speak my idea by discussion.

By the group discussion, I practiced how to tell my opinion & react to others.

Forth way is being a tutor.

As a leader of study group, I had many opportunities leading & teaching people. Before study meetings, I was well-acquainted with every study materials to advice and guide group members.

With daily PRACTICE, finally I overcome a difficulty to communicate in English. Now I enjoy speaking and carrying out cultural exchange. A Travel or meeting with foreigner cannot be a barrier for me anymore. I have acquired English not a study, but a lifestyle itself.

I have something to tell students as a future teacher.

‘Don’t be afraid of making error while you’re communicating in English. PRACTICE will make you perfect.’

I’ll teach students ‘how to communicate as fun’, not just focusing ‘how to reach the goal’. And I’ll give them targeted methodologies as their manager, partner or advisor.