The experience of learning English

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One year of Foundation Studies in New Zealand was the biggest challenge period to me. It’s been about 5 years ago. I had been in New Zealand since I was from 18 to 22 years. I haven’t spoken or used English such a long time so I am such a foster beginner at this moment. Even though I almost forgot what I had learned at the Studies, the level of English proficiency could be improved by taking one of its courses of Academic English. There were there ways of experience learning English.

First of all, note taking was the essential task to learn English. The reason why it brought some advantages to me is useful and necessary to every part of field that I speak English. For example, I had to take the note taking what the lecturer was saying during the lecture because it was definitely related to the final exam at the end of the course. Also, it saved time-consuming. In addition, note taking helped me get better listening skills. So, note taking can be said as the base.

Secondly, journal writing was the inevitable task to learn English. The reason why it was beneficial for me to improve English skills is helpful to be more accurate grammar errors and check the function. For example, as getting feedback and comments from the teacher every time after handing it in, I was able to see the number of reducing the red marks which was for grammar mistakes as time went by and the number of achieving the high scores gradually. Therefore, writing a journal can be said as the usefulness.

Lastly, summary presentation was the best way to learn English. It is because all four language skills, listen, speak, write, and read must to be used as working in a group. For instance, to prepare summary, I had to share some ideas for deciding a topic with group members, provide some opinion to make a questionnaire, and read the textbook that was related to the topic and explain it to peers. Every work had to be done with members. Moreover, there was the evaluation sheet for criticizing each of group member’s works so I did my best. Through group activity, I grasped what the ‘cooperative’ exactly means. Because of this, Summary Presentations can be described as the effectiveness.

To sum up, note taking, journal writing, and summary presentation were three skills of learning English. It is clear that the experience of summary presentation was the best option to enhance English skills since all four language skills are chance to use. Furthermore, that was not only experiencing the learning skills but also exposing to new cultures. It took long time to adapt new surroundings and to have open conversation. One greatest English teacher helped me to get involved the class and to get more high marks. He was passionate and used the positive words of expression especially for those students had less-opened mined to boost their confidence. That’s probably why I am experiencing the learning of TESOL.