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For some, high school student was the best time of their lives. For others, it was the worst . I have never enjoyed English class when I was in high school. I was pretty good at studying, but I had hard time studying in English.

I have met different type of teachers. But my first English teacher was to force me to study and I used to focus on grammar, vocabularies and writing skill that I have learned. My teacher wanted me to have memorize everything right away. I had to follow his instruction for difficult entrance exam. He gave me lots of homework and I had tons of taking test for memorizing vocabularies. If I didn’t do homework or get good score, I would get punishment from him. He taught meaning of word and sentence on the board.

I do not think that he was bad teacher. He cannot help but follow under the their rules. I guess you could say “He was an explainer” He never concerned about our condition and what I really wanted to. There was no communication and interaction. I just studied English not for fun but the exam. That is why I have never interested in English.

Learning English was boring and exhausting to me. I wasn’t tested on my ability to speak English in my high school period. I just had to know grammar and how to read it.

After graduating from university I realized that getting good score was not everything in my life. I admit students learn many things from their English teacher but I cannot speak English. The essential life skills are the ones you have to develop on your own. Passing a test on paper is not a good way for you having to apply the necessary skills to situation for the rest of your life.

A major shortcoming of standardized test is that they only test a limited see of skill. It is not only taking a test for entrance exam but also TOEIC and TOEFL.

Come to think of it, having a high score was very important to get a job.But when we met someone who came from different country, we should know that how to communicate with them.

 Fortunately, I started to be interested in learning in English since I met friend who came from Canada. We got to know each other as a neighborhood at first. As time went by we became a good friend. So I had to take a class for learning English so that I could communicate with her. She was a good listener and made me always feel relaxed whatever I did. It was a good chance to improve english skill. I asked her about pronunciation and intonation.

She encouraged me whenever I tried to talk about something in English. It made me feel confidence. I think that she was considerate and patient.

As I spent time with her, my English ability got better and better. And then, I started to read English book. My friend helped me understand meaning of sentence and shared our opinion after reading the book. Also, I enjoyed watching American movie and drama. It was good way to know about their culture.

As I studied English, I had a chance to get a job as an English teacher. But our educational system was as same as I used to be. So I didn’t need to worry about how to teach them in a good way. I followed typical method.

I’m not sure yet what type of teacher is good for all of students, but I found out that following their typical method was not a good way for student and for their future. In a short term, I might teach them to get a good score or for entrance exam. But In a long term, they cannot develop and improve their english skill. They have to learn more with different way of teaching. I know that being a teacher is hardest job and comes in a lot of responsibility.

Even if I have my own way of teaching skill, it will be not easy for me to teach to student.

That’s why I decided to take a TESOL lesson. I want to be a great teacher. I will try to do my best in TESOL class so that I can teach English well..