First Essay

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How people teach other people foreign languages has been a question for a long time. There are a lot of theories and methodologies which people has studied and practiced. All of teaching methods have been evolved but finding the best one is still ongoing process. However, the most important thing when you teach somebody would be the understanding about him/her. In that sense, Task-Based Language Teaching and Multiple Intelligence theory fascinated me and opened my eyes and expanded my understanding about human behavior and human itself.

Firstly, Task-Based Language Teaching tells me how human react to their situations and environments. In fact, this method would be applied to any other subjects such as math, science, management, history and so on. Task make human think and create the solution, and during this process, they learn it very efficiently and do not forget about it easily. Learning language is a bit different from other subjects when you learn. It requires quite a lot of additional elements such as culture, history and daily lives of the language speakers. Without these knowledges, learners sometimes would have difficult time to communicate with native speakers. However, Task Based Language Teaching Method, I believe, would ease these difficulties as well. This method connects learners to their real needs and they will try to find the right way of using expressions and information to fit their needs. With my high expectation, this method will free teachers from motivating students and teaching all different kind of usage of language.

On second, multiple intelligence theory seems to me the expansion of IQ test to more areas of human ability. From my personal point of view, there could be more areas that human could not find yet. But even this theory itself fulfilled my curiosity about human’s natural born strengths and weakness. Before knowing this theory, people would accept that IQ test had showed all humans’ abilities. Now more abilities should be considered when you try to understand others and yourself, that will let a lot of misunderstanding between people go. This theory would also help teachers and students a lot when they deal with languages. With individual information of different strengths, language teachers could understand about students and themselves better, and teachers could design classes and use materials to fit student’s preferences and strengths. It would lead them to teach foreign language easily and efficiently. Also students will have more confidence when they use foreign languages with comfortable materials.

In conclusion, there are a lot of individual differences such as personality, knowledge, speed, motivation, level differences, special needs and so on. Also, all different people would be mixed in one class and you should teach them in some ways. It will make hard for teachers to teach languages properly and effectively. Even with two methods mentioned above, teaching foreign language would still a very difficult job, because language needs a long time to get used to and also lots of additional knowledges are necessary to understand what native speakers say. However, more understanding about human nature acquired by theses two theories would definitely be great help to learn and teach foreign languages.