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**My Best Teacher Ever**

 I have been confused about my career last summer. So I visited my friend who lives in Australia

for take a break. After then, I realized that I like to speak English. And I love kids also. I worked at Korean

Kindergarten at that time. So I wanted to change to English kindergarten. I thought that was a good idea.

So I decided to go English institute right away. I met Ms. Clara in there. She is the one who lift me up the

Intermediate fluency stage. I really thanks to her about that.

 She was a sort of enabler teacher. But I can say definitely enabler type. She has lectured about

important grammar. She not only lectured but also gave us plenty of chances to speak up. So I can

understanding better and practice more. I am not sure she studied about Input Hypothesis of Stephen

Krashen. But I can tell she definitely taught us like that. Such as, she never say the answer right away

instead gave us a clue one by one to think about context. She led us to the answer with a positive

response. So that I can learned more from already I know. And eventually reached the stage of

Intermediate Fluency.

 The best way she taught was let us practicing. That was really effective for me. I thought I am a

linguistic person of Harward Gardner’s theory. So I thought myself I am good enough to study only

reading or writing. But I knew that I am Visual-Audio person also, though to study of her course. That is

why she showed some American TV show clips and let us do dictation and speak shadowing as well. That

was homework. It really helpful for keep in study entire a month.

 She had on enabler teaching style. But she was explainer also. If she gave us lecture only, the

Retention rate would have been very low about 5 percent. But she was not doing only lecture so the

retention rate increased. She used various teaching method like visual-audio, PPT, discussion groups

and even mentoring others which increased our retention rates to almost 90 percent. Regarding that

she was a very effective teacher.

 I have learned English since I was a 12 years old. But I could not say a word in front of foreigner

or in abroad. After I met Ms. Clara I could talk with foreigner and others in English she was kind, friendly

to teach in person. Also she had a big passion and knew what she does. That was why she was so

authentic. Thanks to her I could make myself low-anxieties when I learned English. Ms. Clara has a

traditional teaching style and modern teaching style both. And I think her teaching style and my learning

style was perfect for each other.