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How Lucky I Am to Meet Memorable Teacher Like Mr. Jake !

I met Mr. Jake When I was 2nd grade student of middle school in Daegu Korea. He was English teacher who starts first as teacher in that year. He was very enthusiastic at teaching English to us all the time as I remember now. At that time, I had been preparing to enter a foreign language high school. So I tried to get more high score in test. I spent time to memorize more about English words, grammar and idiom in academy after school. I was good at reading & listening English but not good at speaking fluently at that time. During1 year with him, I could improve my English speaking skill with big interest.

He shows various teaching styles in his class. He was sometimes explainer when he explains or makes us memorize some important grammar, expression to pass the test. And he was changed whenever we felt loose, boring. He tried to proceed guessing game for some words which is difficult to memorize. Like this he was involver at that time. After that, once a month, let us move our desk to gather one place to do the group work. The moment is that he would be enabler. He let us discuss about the English idiom, let us guess the meaning of them & summarize & presentation to other classmate. I remember his class was very fun and we had great time for studying. Additionally, my English skill is improved. Harmony of the teaching skill was definitely helpful to me.

I think that he was very effective teacher because he knew very well about the learner retention. Before starting a class, he point up one guy randomly & make him speak out or summarize the things we did learn last time. In my case, this way of reviewing was very helpful to me to remember all contents. He seemed to know the importance of student’s retention will be extended by teaching & mentoring. And I definitely agree with that.

He definitely understood the affective filter hypothesis consisted by Stephen Krashen.

He always reminds us we should know the reason why we have to learn English as second language. Our society will be globalized so we have to learn English to have special strength in the future. Even he introduced the job we can face in the future with very fluent English not just only pushing us for pass the test. At the same time, he emphasized that we should not be shamed about our mistakes and helped get over the vague anxiety. For example, he let us do role-play in front of other classmate with English as following the script in text book. And let us do the presentation using the black board as if we are teacher. Thanks to him, I could have confidence in speaking English prevented from vague anxiety.

Still thanks to him and think how fortunate I am because I have ever met effective teacher at that time when the traditional teaching way was relevant. He tried teaching us as modern style with applying to some effective educational theory. I would like to be a teacher like Mr. Jake who tried to inspire to students all the time. I agree that teacher always should help to give motivation to their students. Additionally, try to help them have the confidence. He did & he was successful because I got his help and grow up as wanting to be a teacher to give good affection to their students like him.