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The most helpful & friendly teacher

I met Miss Campbell when I got into the HSC, a private high school in Hamilton, Ontario,

Canada in 1991. She taught ESL courses for the high school students and also took care of

international students. While I was attending there, I was in Early Production Stage; I barely

spoke English like 4 years old child. Yet, Ms. Campbell was a quite effective teacher and a good

enabler. She pursued a classroom to be a modern style. After all, I became to be an

intermediate level of English fluency at the time I was graduated from HSC. Whenever I think of

Canada, it reminds me of Ms. Campbell who was enthusiastic and very kind to students.

First of all, she was a very effective teacher that she was very friendly and communicated

well with students. The atomosphere in the classroom was also very friendly too. Students

voluntarily presented by themselves without concerning about if they had wrong answers about

the questions. She also knew a daily subject matter well and her lesson was well organized.

Nevertheless, most of ESL students were Asian, came from different countries and had different

cultures, she showed us empathy. Thus, most students had a respect toward her and liked her so

much.

Secondly, she was an enabler as she allowed us to share our ideas and figure out what

was the right answer. For example, if one student responded with a wrong answer. She always

asked the reason why she/he chose it and we shared other’s ideas. She also often gave us group works in the class and asked us to bring the scraps from the magazines or newspapers about the

daily topic. Each group had a chance to present in front of students and had error corrections by

students. In that way, we could improve our English skills quickly and we learned from each

other.

Thirdly, even though the school did not provide many materials to use for Ms. Campbell,

she pursued a classroom to be modern style. She tried to utilize audio and visual systems to

teach us. She made students focused on group works and we had lots of discussions about the

topic. After the discussion, we had to write and essay about the topic, if some of students had

difficulties with it. Then she asked students who had done their works to teach or mentor others,

in that way, I remembered so much of what we learned.

In conclusion, Ms. Campbell was the most helpful and memorable ESL teacher who was a

very effective teacher and was an enabler. Also she tended to make a modern style classroom.

As she was very friendly to students, the learning enviroment was under The Affective Filter

Hypothesis with low anxiety. I really appreciate what she did for us, it remained in my memory

and what she taught for us is still useful. I wish I could be a teacher like her in the future.