**Module 2 Essay**

**Reward and Punishment**

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“ If you tell me and I will forget.

If you show me and I will remember.

If you involve me and I will understand.”

 I plan to talk about two types of policy that I experienced and I actually used when I worked as a teacher. Unfortunately I didn’t experienced about English only policy when I studied English, so I will talk about the way I taught instead.

I taught children for five years at an English academy. The private school must show that it improves students’ speaking skills to their parents, so I made “English Zone” and “Only speak in English time” rules during class to improve their skill. First of all, I’ll explain about two rules that I made, and actually I combined two rules together. Before starting the lessons, I chose one specific area (I changed it every day & didn’t mention to the students that which part will be the area) and let the students know that if someone entered the area, they should stay at least one minute. While they stay in the area, they should speak more than three words, but if somebody did not follow the rules that student received a penalty like more homework. Conversely, students who keep the rules well could get sweets every time. This method was very effective for my students because they were young children. I’m not sure whether the effect is even for adults but I will adopt this method again in the future.

 I attended an English institute when I was a high school student. At that time my teacher gave a pizza party, if our whole class was not absent for a month. In order to have a pizza party and for unity of classmates, my friends did not miss the class, unless they have really important appointments like grandparents’ sacrifice. After two month, our class atmosphere was getting better and better. As a result, we were able to concentrate better in class and most students’ test score improved. In those days we only focused on the test score, so it was a very successful method.

 I’m in favor of this positive policy because if I got punished when I absent the class, I would felt a sense of shame and of course I would not been able to concentrate in class. Since then, I might have hated studying English and I would not have come here. I think one kinds of event had a negative effect on the thinking of one person, so it is important and difficult to select a good way to teach. And actually I adopted this positive policy several times when I worked as a teacher.

 I want to make my students feel more comfortable and exciting during the class, so I will keep trying to find the best way (method, policy) to teach, and also I will keep in mind the quote that I mentioned. I am going to involve everyone in the classroom and trying to be an enabler.