**My experience of Second Language Acquisition**

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In my experience, there are a lot of ways to learn second language environment which are in school, academy and private tuition.

And also I have some experiences of ESL (English as second language) to learn.

When I was in middle school, I had learned English in Academy for the first time.

I actually didn’t want to learn second language. But I couldn’t have any choice just I had to do for my grade that didn’t even interest to me.

At that time, Learning English was feeling tough and strict to me.

Teacher taught student using board to explain base on text book in Korean and then let them remember or writing. For that reason I was busy to copy from the board and understand. After explanations, Teacher gave them exam. So I guess it was definitely traditional teaching and Explainer style. It gave me stressed out as that reasons.

Also I had learned receptive skill (reading and listening) more than productive skill (speaking and writing) just focus on CAST (College Scholastic Ability Test)

As the reason I didn’t get interested and gave up learning English for a few years.

After university graduation, I was considering what I really want to be.

One day I accidentally saw the posting on website that is to give the opportunity working as daycare teacher with working Holiday Visa in Canada. I decided to go abroad for working so I needed to acquire knowledge of English. First I studied Grammar in Academy. There was a teacher named Mr. Kim was a Korean who taught Grammar.

When I took his class, He was teaching using a board and after explanation he tried to give some examples for helping learners understand easily. And he gave us assignment among we learned today.

So after class, students made a group for assignment and helped each other improve their English skill. Also I could do self-directed.

Before I went to Canada I studied another Academy for speaking and met teacher who is from Canada. Whenever I need to think about what I want to say, she was so patient and really listening to student. She already got an effective teaching method.

She gave students usual topic and wanted students to feel free to speak English and discuss. So I could interact with teacher. (Modern class)

Also she was always fixing my grammatical mistakes. I think she has three types of teaching style.

Therefore, I could acquire to group discussion and listen to someone.

I felt like it is difference from I was learn English first time. I could get more interested in English. Even though I still lack of my English skill

Cause I was motivated to learn and study a second language for my Goal (Goal-oriented).

I thought when someone starts to learn a second language it would rather get motivated than force to learn.

Not perfect but I have my own learning second language experiences like that.

I have realized how to teach and treat student through a second language environment and this TESOL. And later I want to become teacher who is listening to students and empathizing with student’s problems.

So I should study more and more until I achieve my goals. I would keep doing my best.