My Japanese Acquisition Experience

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I’ll talk about my Japanese acquisition experience.

It was success as a language learning experience.

So, I want to talk about successful way of language learning.

I was born in Japan. I lived in there until 4 years old and came to Korea.

My parents are Korean. So, I didn’t learn Japanese at that time.

Actually I can’t speak Korean well though. Because I was just 4years old.

I studied Japanese and English in college and I had to find a job after graduation.

My father worked with airlines business so I interested in it.

Just in time, Japan Airline(ANA-All Nippon Airways) recruit new workers and I applied for a job.

Fortunately, the company hired me after the simple interview.

I didn’t speak Japanese and English well but I studied in college and I had a passion.

I wanted to work with them acutely. I think that was good impression to them.

I started the system education after that I worked at the airport check-in counter immediately.

Work was not too difficult but problem was communication with passengers.

Passengers are almost Japanese because my company was Japanese company.

So, I had to use Japanese fluently but I was not.

I studied Japanese only through books. So, my Japanese skills were terrible.

According to Jim Scrivener book, that I learned there are four important macro language skills : Listening, speaking, reading, writing.

As I mentioned, I learned Japanese only through books. So, my reading and writing were not bad but the others were bad.

Especially, listening and speaking are very important skills of communication.

There were a lot of situation in the check-in counter at the airport when we had to communicate with passengers and the other people.

I lost confidence and get discouraged. I thought it’s not my way, I wanted to give up.

But, I thought if I give up here, chance is never coming back.

So I plucked up courage to try. I was not afraid to speak with Japanese.

If I didn’t know something, I asked to co-workers and continued to learn.

And I watched Japanese drama a lot. I think that’s the best way to improve listening skill.

I did a lot of effort to improve my Japanese skills.

Finally, it was successful!

I got a chance to go to business trip to Japan for several times.

I became feeling confident and I was not afraid to speak to Japanese.

I quit the work but now I’m a good Japanese speaker.

I think the result to be able to do not afraid and not to give up.

TESOL is the same way.

I’m working at English kindergarten. I’m not a teacher. I’m an admin staff.

I have to communicate with teachers, students and their parents.

I think TESOL is helpful to improve my English skills and my work.

That’s what I’m learned TESOL.

I’m not afraid to learn and not going to give up.

* Jim Scrivener (2010) Learning Teaching The Essential Guide to English Language Teaching