**My experience of learn English as second language**

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As Korean students are generally doing, I had been studied English for about 12years in school to pass some examinations before I went to USA. While I interested in learn some other languages I didn’t know how I get enjoy or learn without textbook I got from school or pay for going Academy.

To be honest, what I learned until then was not memorable for me because I was just studying to answer the questions.

One day when I was 25years old, 2005, my mom called me to talk and she gave me a box. I was surprised when I open it because there were about 20 million won in cash. She suggested me go to study English with this money as other ordinary people do that time. I knew my mom and dad were working so hard to payback loan a lot, so I was surprised they saved the money for me.

About a few month later, I left to USA to take ELI(English Learning Institute) class and I finally get started learn my real second language. It is been already 10years more, I still remember one of teacher called Mrs. Mc’clan said at the first class “You guys have to make the first one of aim to learn English, it doesn’t matter what you look forward. Speak as native, pass TOEIC or TOPEL, fill up your resume, purpose to live overseas anything you want. Than you could figure out how you can learn and make you own.”

According to her words I made my goal is speak with anyone naturally who living around me in English. I should have tried for improve my listen and speaking skills for follow what I make. At that time in classroom, there were so many different people gathered from many other countries. Somehow we should have tried to get opportunity to speak in English at least once a class. All instructions were such a new experiences I never had in school. We had conversation in English even thought we couldn’t get each other for first a few weeks in some interesting activities and I realized there is no instruction as good as experience.

In some activities, lots of people realized how they make it sure build a structure of study or own method of learning language. It is only different with how many including or what shape is.

It depends people’s personality or disposition and how people accept it. One day I had to prepare presentation by myself and I had to announce in front of some my classmates. This work was really helpful to me. The teacher gave me a subject and I had to research, analysis, arranged myself to make it. After I have done it I got more confidence to build my own method to learn by my self and way to approach.

After this happens I tried to make my own method to learn English to apply in my real life. At first I stayed in a small café after school to spend time for about 2-3hrs with coffee to hear any words what people say in English almost everyday and It was became one of my hobby in USA. I happened lots of things in there. I could meet classmates or friends to talk, had some chances to talk anyone set right next to me, heard typical conversations repeatedly. And I finally became enjoy talk and listen in English not even just studying.

Secondly, I asked my some of American friends living in USA, please give me a feedback about my accent or typos whenever I talking to someone. Thankfully I could make some good friends in native and they gave me proper feedbacks right after I talked.

As my experience, sometimes it happened to make something sure to learn second languages even if it is not an analytical approach without textbook. However I am sure if somebody to give a motivation to make it like teacher, and if the students get feedbacks properly, it must be better outcome.

Even if I was not good student cause I didn’t get good degrees at Vocabulary and Grammar class I could have conversation with all faculties in the school and my speaking skill was so much better than other Korean students at the end. I meant the Lexis and Grammar are not important part of learn. I just want to write here I wanted to tell what I gained from experience.

Therefore I might still afraid of writing something on paper work. I know I should try to do for improve my weak point of it, teaching skills with them in English. And I trust this TESOL course giving me another motivation to make it.

Through this process, I try to gain deeper access to English based on my experience. Than whenever I teach someone English, I will be able to give motivation and knowledge to students with what I gained more depends on their situation or personalities and how they want to learn even the parts I don’t have experience right now.

I know when I teach someone with my experience I will gain another experience. I hope they will also be another motivation for me to learn or teach. And through using this way wish how I should solve a problem or maintain good rapports and communications between students and teachers as well.