**Second Language Acquisition**

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Learning a second language is challenging because it takes a lot of time and efforts understanding grammar, lexis, pronunciation also their culture as well. That is why teacher’s role is very importance for a student who wants to learn other language. So far, I have been experienced both failure and success education since I was an elementary student. I was struggle at the beginning. After found out my learning style, I could see myself enjoying studying it.

First of all, Education is nothing without purpose. My parents insisted me studying English in an academy when I was a little girl. In the class, there were around 15 students, and my teacher was a typical old style explainer. She taught us a grammar, structure and vocabulary. Every single day, I had to memorize about 20 vocabularies and if I could not remember, I needed to write down the word 20 times in my notebook as a punishment. It was true; there was no sincere rapport between teacher and students. Probably I lost my interest to learn other language from that time.

Second, Experience is the best teacher. During university years, I would like to see the world and want to learn live English. As soon as I got a ‘working holiday visa’, I brought only two thousand dollar and went Australia. I had confident to find a job even thought I could not speak English well that time. I had a really wonderful time at a tomato farm and a warehouse working with multicultural national people from England, Ireland, Malaysia, China, Japan and so on. It was fun. Every night we shopped and cooked together and share our culture speaking in English. If I could not understand, my friends explained me and I also studied by myself to communicate with them. That time I could be learned English by language-body conversation and C.L.T method

Third, a friend is someone who supports your present and encourages your future. Fortunately I have the best Australian friend and teacher named ‘Alex’. We have known each other more than 10 years from a light house by taking a picture together. He let me try to speak English and gave me encouragement to practice it. Thanks to my friends from all of world, I could improve my English skill much better than before. Now I am thinking that the reason why I could be more improved English because of experiential learning method through my friend who encourages me. From my experience I believe that an enjoyable environment, empathy and authentic attitude teacher can make the best atmosphere for student to learn foreign language.

I have wondered what makes me to be an English teacher. This is because I hope my student enjoy and happy studying English in effective way. As I experienced both failure and success education, I know exactly what a student needs. That is why I want to create an open environment where student can learn by themselves using my knowledge of teaching method, skills and my successful education experience.