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I believe that everyone in the world has at least one teacher in his/her life. No matter what subject we are eager to, each teacher could have a positive or a negative influence on his/her student in a good or bad way.

Thus, it cannot be emphasized enough that the way the teacher teaches is important to his/her student. From now, I would like to mention how effective my teacher was, especially, in terms of learning my second language, English. Without my teacher, it would not be possible for me to write an essay in English right now.

First of all, there was a teacher who wanted to be an “Involver”.

Learning English was not easy for me at all. Especially, when I was in elementary school, there was a part time teacher, Kim, who used to live in the states for a couple of years. Every Tuesday, she came to class and picked someone to read a sentence or make several groups to played games to learn English. For me, the class was the most stressful and difficult class I have ever had. For example, I did not even know the meaning of “how are you,” but she expected me to answer “Fine, thank you.” Also, she wanted each student to imagine more sentences to practice with his/her partner. I was very afraid of being in the class because I barely learned the alphabet. A couple of months later, a new teacher, Lee, came to the class. As soon as she entered, the very first question she asked us was “how many students have learned English?”, “how many students know the alphabet?”. Then, at the beginning of every session, she started to write down some basic words with definitions on the board like “Mother, Father, Apple, Syllabus and so on”. She was an explainer at that moment. However, she directed us to memorize words and the definitions of each word and provided us with a pop quiz. At the end of the session, she wanted us to repeat the word after her. Doing this actually helped me get used to the word and eventually allowed me to memorize it. And even I spontaneously was able to use a dictionary to learn more of the meanings the word had. After a couple of sessions later, I was able to begin to play words to make more sentences. Without my teacher, Lee, I cannot imagine who I would be today. Otherwise, I must have given up learning English because of the ineffective teacher.

Second, the teacher cared about each student’s level of learning of the foreign language.

According to Krashen's Affective Filter Hypothesis that we talked about in class, when a student feels welcomed or comfortable in class, she/he could be better or faster for learning the second language. For example, with my previous teacher, Kim, I felt totally nervous every time she randomly called my name, which prevented me from being interested in learning English. The class was very stressful to me. Krashen mentioned that when attending school is enjoyable and has meaningful, students who are learning a second language will have better odds. (2010, October 29). Unlike the teacher “Kim”, my teacher “Lee” first looked around the class and checked the level of each student in terms of language ability. I would not say that she was an enabler as much as the previous teacher, Kim, was because she was an absolute supervisor to lead a class. However, she was a helper for the beginner to learn the second language

At last, learning English is not easy at all, but it is always fun and interesting to me, which makes me think that a good teacher can help students who like to learn English. I am not sure what teaching style is perfect enough for each student; however, teachers should remember that our teaching method is a very important factor which motivates students to study harder, enjoy their studies, and develop the power to change their lives.

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