The memorable teacher

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When I graduated from high school, I went abroad for the first time.

After my first overseas trip, I wanted to learn English conversation so that I enrolled in English academy. My first English teacher who met there was Hannah. Until this time, I studied English for examinations. But she was the teacher who taught me English that I could really use. This essay is about my favorite teacher, Hannah.

* Multiple Intelligence

Among the impressive reasons why I remain in memory, the most impressive lesson is various activities. I would like to talk about these activities to Howard Gardner’s Multiple Intelligence Theory. Hannah was a teacher who taught culture as well as conversation lessons. She prepared various games and activities for cultures during class. Such as we all dressed up in green and watched related videos on ST. Patrick’s day. It seems to have been using the ‘Visual/Spatial’ and the ‘Interpersonal’ Intelligence. These activities were not bored to me and it was an exciting experience for learning English.

* The Affective Filter Hypothesis – Krashen

Even though she was a strict teacher, she was usually a teacher like a friend. Once I went to Itaewon together and met with her foreign friends. During the class, she explained to me what I was afraid of in English, and prepared the materials that I was interested in. I learned what I was interested in English so I was more focused and felt it was easier to study English. She gave me the motivation to study English more interestingly, and the class was perfect for me.

* Levels

But she seems to have failed to adjust the level. It was a perfect fit for me, but some of my classmates did not understand the lessons. She tried to share a lot of contents, so the lesson was a little harder. The existing students were okay but the new students did not get well adapted. Long writing on various topics have confused new students. Actually, it was a small academy, so there were not many classes.

* Language Systems

After taking TESOL class, I realized her classes lacked grammar of language systems. At that time, I didn’t know about grammar and just memorizing sentences and talking about it. It’s related to Involver teacher of ‘Three kinds of teachers’. I never had to deal with grammar in class. I spent a lot of time talking with my partner. But the lack of grammar was hard when I made sentences and talked. If I have a conversation class, I will explain the basic grammar to the students so that they can use it properly.

Because all this reasons, I want to be a teacher who is provided motivation. After taking TESOL class, I thought it was important for the teacher to get the students interested in English and understand what they needed. I think I should lead classes with various activities and realia like her. And choose the right level for students. Thank you Teacher Hannah for making me interested in studying English for the first time.