I have learnt English first as second language but the most interesting language for me was French. I love the pronunciation and it was not that different from English so it attracts me. I will start to study French in the near future. Even though I forgot most of French that I had studied before, I really enjoyed studying it. The reason I studied French was because I was planning to study in France to finish my Degree. Resultingly, I could not go France but it was useful for my study since French was the compulsory subject for us. Thus I learnt French from the private tutor in advance in case.

The African tutor was the first teacher who taught me French. It was very impressive that he could speak French, African, English and German. He thought speaking and listening was the best important part in learning language. So once the tuition started, we only spoke in French, no other languages and it really helped me a lot to improve my French.

Of course sometimes it was traditional classroom when he explains definition of words, grammar or concepts, but the class was more to Modern Classroom. I had to come up with my daily life and write diary in French and most of class was making communication between the tutor and I. I guess he was mid of involver and enabler. He did not allow me to use dictionaries when I did not know the meaning of the word, but tried to explain me by matching words in other sentences or situations and asked me to analogize what it meant. It was hard for me to follow up his class because he really pushed me and I sometimes wanted to give up. However, later I realized that his teaching way was extremely helpful for me to improve French in a short term. It was not possible if there were many students in one lecture but luckily, I was the only student in the class so it was effective. After the tutor went back to his country, there was no chance to get a new tutor so I quit tutoring French.

The second teacher who taught French was a lady professor in university and she was the worst teacher ever. She was Malay and teaching French was the first time for her and it was enough to notice that. The classroom was obviously in traditional way and she was so authoritative even we wanted modern class style. I understand that sometimes lecturers should be authoritative to control the atmosphere of the class to make student concentrate more but she was way too much. When we complaint of the method of teaching, she was upset and agitation. She was explainer since she has limited knowledge of teaching methodology and relied on just focused on deliver the information, not communication. She taught us in a wrong way and sometimes make mistakes in grammar parts. It happens too frequently thus my classmates complained to head of director to change the lecturer. Fortunately, it was accepted and we were able to get a new lecturer.

I love the most last lecturer who taught French in University as well. I was taught by him shortest period but ironically, he was my favourite teacher. He was Malay-Chinese but his pronounciation was perfect. He knew how to teach and got the main points to learn French easier. After the lady professor was kicked out, he was replaced by her. I think he was more to involver but all of us liked the way how he teach. We needed lecturer who had power to control the class to pass the exam and learn “real” French and he was the person. He kept full control of class activities but tried to communicate with us. For assignment, we had to prepare the presentation and had time to present our own view all in French. It was involving us in the learning process through assignments. When the speaking assignments ended, he kept encouraging me and gave me a huge compliment and it helped me a lot. He did not pushed or rushed us in learning French but he waited until we understand and follow the lecture and it was just proper teaching methodology to lead a big class. Thanks to him, most of our classmates were able to pass the exam.