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Learning beyond what I expected

I distinctly remember one teacher in Canada. I took English classes for 6 month and

one of my teachers was Deva. I didn't spend plenty of times with him. It was about 2 month.

His teaching style was pretty impressed and that's why I chose him the best English teacher in

my life, even though he taught me for just 2 month. English was not actually his mother

tongue. He was born in south side of Africa, so also had experiences learning English as

second language. He knew the way how to encourage students who hadn't learned English

and what the first stage to learn English is. His voice was loud and clear and used so many

stuffs, like watching the video and giving example that was able to make me to understand

easily. Here are the reasons why I chose him the best English teacher that I know. His

teaching style was pretty modern and he is an enabler which is one of the factors to be a best

teacher. He used to teach me practically and effectively.

He used to teach students with modern style. All of the classes were organized

student-entered. When the class was started in the morning, we had some activities in order to

loosen up. That was kind of warming up games. It definitely helped a lot and was important

part for students who can't speak English well. I also had debating with other students about

around the world news and he just kept seeing how it flows and told us some mistake we

made after debating All of the students in the class were able to interact from each other

naturally by doing activities, and that was a big motivation for those students. Every morning,

at the start of the class, he used to ask me things like how was your last night or how was

your weekend. We had a good relationship even felt he was not a teacher. We were connected

as a friend.

He was an enabler. He always gave all of the student motivation in the classes. When

I hesitated to find some words to use in conversations, he waited for me until I made

sentences completely and if that didn't work or was awkward, he corrected the sentences or

helped me to correct by myself. If students were under pressure, they would have learned less.

He encouraged the students to make sentences as long as they could, so I was able to make

sentences using the words I'd learned and speak it to all students. It was absolutely helpful for

me as well as everyone in the class.

In addition, he had responsibility to empathize with student's problem. As you know,

people who came from different countries have their own problems. In case of Korean, they

have variety side of the problems. He got some points of that kind of problems for Asian and

Latin. He always gave those of students the solutions clearly and positive feedback. I think

that's what made easy to understand the English structures. He had a good sense of humor as

well. When we were getting sleepy after lunch, he told us the funny story as a joke and it

made a vibrant atmosphere in the classroom. I think he knew the way how students keep

concentrating during the class. That was a good thing that I'd gotten into English.

I would say he was not only a good teacher but also a good friend. He was a close

rapport with all of the students at all times. I also learned about how I am going to teach

English and how I treat the students effectively in the future. I need to have responsibilities to

teach and empathized people like him. I realized from him it comes first that making a low-

anxiety environment is one of the important parts of teaching for students who start to learn

second language. There was so many activities that I took in the class and if I teach people, I

would to prepare variety of fun activities such as role playing, making stories and creative

movement. I need to make things into language so that students should be able to have fun in

my classes. I should understand how students feel in the class interpersonally and give them

solutions if they are struggling with studying English. Like Deva, that all is my job and my

hope is that my experiences in his class will be helpful to somebody who studies English in

the future.