**Most interesting language class with full of happiness**

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Learning a second language is not an easy process. As a person whose mother tongue was

not an English , I also had a hard time to study a new language. Especially, it was difficult for me

to improve my listening and speaking skills in Korea. Most people nowadays, go to English

speaking countries like America, Canada, UK, Australia, etc. Unfortunately, I had no chance to

study abroad. It was clearly my major concern how I can improve my English skills. So, here I

would like to share my experience which was memorable and why it was effective and

successful .

First, the class environment itself was designed to adult learners. Adult learners are self-

oriented and it was obvious that we had a one goal which was ‘learning an English’. During the

class, my teacher knew how to stimulate our intrinsic motivations. He always shared us some

short part of a famous speech or a movie that made us touched and motivated. I’ve learned so

many good lessons about ‘how to be successful in our lives’ from Steve Jobs, Brian Tracy, etc. It

really created a positive environment that made us concentrate on studying. We also built a

good rapport between the teacher and us. I had a lot of trust in him and other students, too.

I still remembered at the end of the class, he prepared a surprise performance to make

students happy. I realized that Just because of a teacher who cared a lot of his or her students,

the atmosphere of the class had changed.

Second, the class was using a lot of visual materials and the way we studied the topic was

very phonological way which was totally an musical way of practicing. We studied together

some scripts from TV news or American TV series. Especially, students tried to listen carefully

about sound itself so we could imitate the rhythms and sounds. From a video, we observed

their facial expressions or their body languages, too. Finally, we tried to read sentences and act

together as if we were an news presenter or an actor/ actress. This method is well known as

‘shadowing’ these days. It is using multiple intelligences like an musical, bodily, visual etc. It was

really a something I’ve never thought about before and actually It was very effective way for

me and some other people. Above all things, it’s fun! Our class was very active and was full of

energy.

Last thing, the impressive thing on the class was real learning actually happened after the

main class. As soon as we finished the main activity, we were divided into small groups so that

we could talk with other people and review the topic that we’ve learned on that day. So

basically, teacher acted as an ‘enabler’. He just created conditions in which we can participate

and interact with other people. There was a high STT that students communicated each other a

lot. I was excited about this group activity as I am quite an interpersonal person. This is one of

the reasons I became so enthusiastic about studying English.

Eventually, Teacher had a role as a guide and a counselor somehow. They just showed us the

way and practiced and studied together. I still remembered those time I enjoyed studying a lot

and it helped me to improve and even got so much confidence and life lessons from the class.

The old traditional way of language education was focused in receptive skills. But I became

more productive and that was what I really needed. Thanks to my great experience I still have

interested in language learning. Hope I can be a good teacher someday using my experiences.