

A report about studying in England

Thank Educational Department of Macau for giving me a great chance to study English language teaching techniques and improve my English. It was from 29th July to 16th August at The International School in Exeter England.

When we arrived in Exeter, our host families collected us. My host family was very nice and looked after me very well.

The next day, we took a test to decide which class we entered. I studied at the advanced class, the top class of The International School.

The morning class, the teacher taught us the advanced English consisting of five skills: reading, writing, listening, speaking and use of English. The afternoon class, all the teachers studied together the update on English language teaching techniques, course components:

1. Reflections on own teaching situation
2. Reflections on own teaching style
3. Teaching through multiple intelligences
4. Using the computer in the classroom
5. Lesson observation
6. Developing learner independence
7. Motivation in larger classes
8. Using games in the classroom

I learned a lot from the teacher who taught the advanced English, for example, before the lesson began, the teacher had us speak about five minutes with our partners about the topic he would teach us later, e.g., the topic is TV advertisements. We spoke with our partners about TV advertisements, some consumer products we have bought recently, such as

an item of clothing, a CD, soft drinks, etc. and what factors influenced our choice. The teacher used this teaching methods which makes me think that I can also use the same method to teach my students to motivate them before the new lesson and arouse their interest in learning the new lesson, furthermore, let them have a chance to interact with their partners and to practice their speaking and listening in the larger classes.

During the lessons, the teacher motivated us by using games and activities and interacted with the classmates and the teacher. We studied happily. At that time, I realized that I could also motivate my students by using games and activities, e.g., word puzzle, find the difference, maze, matching, etc. I hope my students will enjoy studying English and they will learn by doing, thinking and playing and it will be fun, not boring.

During the days in England, we visited London and Exeter at weekends. Let me know the culture and custom of England which wide my eye and had great experiences.

Studying in England can help me improve my English and English language teaching method which will help me a lot how to deal with the larger classes and motivate them by using games and activities. I shall share my experiences with my colleagues.

Thank you very much for inviting me to join the trip to England for studying.

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