

Native Teachers and Non-native Teachers

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I have been learning English for more than ten years, and English is always my favorite subject. As a result, compared to other subjects, I would prefer spending more time studying it. In the process of learning this global language, I've met several English teachers. What's more, as an English major student, I have more chances to be with different English teachers. Some of the teachers are native speakers, and some are non-native speakers. In my observation, these two kinds of teachers have totally different styles and ways of teaching. Also, taking classes with different types of teachers can bring me a fresh feeling. Take two major differences for instance.

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There is no denying that non-native teachers are better “learner models” to students, for they are learners of English just as their students are. Therefore, they know how to lead the students in the process of learning English. In addition, they can also easily find students' difficulties in learning and give them a hand if needed or even in advance. If students have problems, they can communicate with teachers in Chinese fluently, which leaves no language boundary between students and teachers. On the contrary, native teachers are good “language models”. English is their mother tongue; they 've been speaking the language since they were born. They speak English without problems. Consequently, as foreign teachers, they can teach students a lot of skills of English, yet those methods may not be suitable for all of the students.

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Students can improve their skills by speaking to or listening to them.

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The educational system in Taiwan is totally different from the western countries. Without question, the teaching style from the two types of teacher will be distinct. Students in Taiwan often suffer from the pressure of taking tests and are forced to get good grades by parents or teachers. In order to push students, the non-native teachers

tend to be stricter than native teachers in class. For example, they assign homework every day, even on holidays. What's more, students may be punished because of their failure in the tests. This teaching style seems ridiculous to those who were educated in western countries. Personally, I prefer to take courses with foreign teachers. They are not as strict as non-native teachers are; most of them are easy-going. Also, seldom will homework be assigned after class, because they tend to focus practical learning, such as giving a presentation in front of the class. Most importantly, we can learn lots of cultural information from them and enlarge our knowledge about the world.

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“Which kind of teacher is better?” is a question that has been asked for a long time. In my opinion, all the teachers have their own disadvantages; hence, it's difficult to decide which one is better. As the proverb goes, “every coin has two sides.” We can find advantages in native teachers and disadvantages in non-native teachers, and vice versa. As long as teachers can make students learn English happily and efficiently, they are good teachers no matter which category they belong to.

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