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# REFLECTIVE JOURNAL

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I am Md SAMIUL HASAN SAYAD. I am from Bangladesh. I am currently studying at UNIVERSITI TEKNOLOGI MALAYSIA as an international student. My matric number is A20EC4033. My faculty is faculty of engineering and school of computing, my course is software engineering. Due to COVID-19, our classes are held on an online platform.

The main topic of this journal is to record my thoughts, notes, reflections and inquiries about the “**ENGLISH COMMUNICATION SKILLS**” course and some of the usage patterns identified in this course that I have done in my classes.

We all know that English is the language of international communication, the main language of this planet. This language allows us to actually broaden our world, from job opportunities to the ability to relate to people from every country. I have loved English language since I was a child. First I learned this language from my home, then from school and university. My parents always advised me to learn English. I love this course as much as I love learning English. The course is taught by our respective lecturer ‘**DR. KEW SI NA**’. She is very good as an English lecturer. She always helped me in my lessons. She knows what inspires each student and works with the student as a partner in learning. She was also competent, creative and caring

about me and my lessons. Understanding between a student and a lecturer is very important to reach the goal. I expected a lot of improvement in *English listening and speaking skills* from this course because I was not good at listening and speaking skills. In this semester, I enjoyed this course the most. When I feel bored, I try to learn more English and it refreshes my mind. Our lecturer was really helpful to complete this course. I informed him when I encountered any problem in this course and got an instant answer with correct solution. She advised us to buy a book named **“HEADWAY”** for this course. There were lots of listening, reading and writing tests that helped me more to practice English communication skills. She took many online reading and listening quizzes which were very helpful in enhancing ‘English communication skills’. To improve our listening skills, she gave us some listening tests on **“MYLINE”**. Our lecturer was very careful about the use of grammar, prepositions, adjectives, adverbs etc. which was really helpful in improving our communication skills. Due to COVID-19, the semester was online and we were met by Google Meetings. Before our classes started, she always gave us a video with English subtitles that further enhanced our reading and listening skills. She also gave us many assignments that were really good for our writing skills. She always recommended us about the deadline of our assignments. I didn't really think about the behavior of this kind of lecturer through online platforms. In online classes, It is truly difficult to pay attention to every student, but our lecturer has really treated us with joy. Sometimes she created a **“BREAKOUT SESSION”** in class to communicate with other students so that we could improve our English speaking skills. It was really helpful for my English Communication Skills. I will not say that I am very good at English speaking skills now, but it has improved a lot. One important thing for me was the relationship with other students because I was nervous at first and did not feel confident about speaking in front of people. Now, I can talk and discuss with them without hesitation.

In short, I would say that **“DR. KEW SI NA”** is best for the *‘English Communication Skills’* course. She has always guided us properly about this course. I am really pleased with her lecture and attitude.