

Feedback to Laoshi Debby Yang's Chinese lesson

My name is Jenny Chang from South Korea, and I and my son Daniel(his Chinese name is Youcheung) have been studying Chinese with Debby since last September.

I've been married to a Chinese man more than 7 years, but my Chinese skill was rather dreadful when I met Ms. Debby last year. I had taken many Chinese classes (both group and private lessons) when I lived in Japan, but wasn't able to continue studying longer term. Needless to say, my lack of motivation should take the first place of this discontinuous studying habit, there are also several reasons that forced me to quit. Many of my previous Chinese teachers insisted on following their own methods rather than endeavoring to find the most effective method in accordance with each student's specific needs and abilities. Ms. Debby, however, has natural talent to make students feel relaxed and comfortable. She always encourages me in many different ways and never pushed me to follow her own method. Rather, she has been carefully examining many methods and materials while teaching me and has been always eager to listen my own opinions about the contents of each lesson. Though my Chinese skill has not been improved significantly for these 6 months, I have been enjoying a lot and fully motivated to keep on studying.

In the mean time, my son Youcheung just loves her. I don't normally observe her class in order not to distract the attention and give Ms. Debby a full authority, but the feedback from my son has been always positive. Sometimes he begs her not to go. I don't expect my son being able to speak Chinese in a short period, it will most definitely take few years. If so, the attachment between a child and a teacher should be valued the most. In that regard, I think that we are very lucky to have her as our Chinese teacher and really do hope that she will teach us for many years to come.

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