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Change essay (Engagement, Ability, and Autonomy)

This essay is a quite heavy work for me and I'm freezing in front of PC now!!! Anyway I'll start to write. First of all, I'll mention "Engagement". To my sadness, my engagement has declined from OC3, I think. There is one reason which makes me think so. We didn't have so many chances to do fish bowl in this semester. Maybe we just did only one double fish bowl didn't we? I couldn't join it. I miss the boat! (This is the expression which we learned in LL class.) I really know that fishbowl is a very helpful activity for people who are studying English. And I was ready for the double fish bowl very carefully. The previous night I organized in my head what I wanted to say in the circle. Besides, I was guessing that double fish bowl was easy for me to go into. Nevertheless, I never tried to take part in it. Though many people were repeating to go in and out, I was just looking it. Of course, the incident had a lot to do with my mental problem. Then, I was piling up some anxiety, which was not about studying. Anyway, after the double fish bowl, I was more depressed by my woeful attitude. Next, about ability. I can't say anything about it. I think that I can't know and judge how much my English ability has improved. We don't have a specific test which checks our improvement. Maybe such a thing - a true ability --can't be found by a test. When I communicate with a native speaker, I might be able to make sure my ability. I feel that Ability is similar to confidence and autonomy. As for autonomy, I was supported a lot my friends. I'm not used to speaking English before many people.

But in [string throw], I could raise my hand and tell my opinion comparatively early. I think that's because my friends mentally helped me. My friends in OC are all very highly motivated for learning English. They often encouraged me to be active in the class. So through this year I might have been able to be active toward English. Yukari often said to me, " You changed a lot, Yumi!" Though I didn't believe her remark at all, it might be true! I hope so. But it means that last year I was a more negative student! I feel sorry for Mr. [Smith]. I don't know about my improvement a lot, but I deeply realized that of our class. Thanks for you, our OC's atmosphere made a big change. I believe that lastly our class has become comfortable for everyone. Therefore we could have a nice drinking party. WE ARE ALL CONNECTED, AREN'T WE???