Hi... I am an ESL student...

I need one year just to listen and adjust. (The Silent Period)

It may take me five to seven years to read/write my second language - model for me!

Even though I may have mastered conversational English, I'm still an ESL student - model for me!

Start me out with yes or no questions. Rephrase for me. Remember to go from concrete to abstract.

Ask me about my culture. Learn something about my culture, please. I did not come to you knowing nothing.

This is very important. Remember how you were taught or how you learned your first language... naturally!