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The objectives of this research are to find out problems faced by successful EFL learners with emotional impairment and to identify strategies they use.

This research belongs to qualitative research with the type of case study. The research subject is one successful EFL student with emotional impairment from SMP Negeri 14 Surakarta. The sources of data come from the informant, teacher, the informant's friends and sister. The techniques of data collecting are in-depth interview, observation and document analysis. Techniques used to reach the validity of the data are triangulation and member checking. The techniques of data analysis are data reduction, data display, conclusion drawing and verification.

*The result of the research shows that 3 main problems of the learner are on grammar, vocabulary and self confidence. The others are problems on pronunciation, speaker's speaking rate, focusing when listening, spelling and learning facilities. The learner uses some effective strategies in order to overcome these problems and improve his skills. The types of the strategy are **creating mental linkages, employing action, practicing, analyzing and reasoning, creating structure for input and output, guessing intelligently, overcoming limitations in speaking and writing, centering your learning, arranging and planning your learning, evaluating your learning, taking your emotional temperature, encouraging yourself, lowering your anxiety, asking questions, cooperating with others and empathizing with others.***

The conclusion of the research is although the learner has some emotional impairment that may impede him to attain learning achievements in the EFL context, he shows that he is able to overcome his problems through strategy uses and become a successful EFL learner.

Keywords: *case study, learning problem, learning strategy, language learning strategies, successful EFL learner, emotional impairment*

MOTTO

“They can because they think they can”

(Virgil)

“Success is not final. Failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts.”

(Winston Churchill)

“Don’t let the noise of other’s opinions drown out your own inner voice. And most important, have the courage to follow your heart and intuition”

(Steve Jobs)

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

AP	: Arranging and planning learning
AR	: Analyzing and reasoning
Ask	: Asking questions
Cen	: Centering your learning
Coo	: Cooperating with others
Cre1	: Creating structure for input and output
Cre2	: Creating mental linkages
Emp1	: Empathizing with others
Emp2	: Employing action
Enc	: Encouraging yourself
Ev	: Evaluating your learning
Gu	: Guessing intelligently
Low	: Lowering your anxiety
Ov	: Overcoming limitations in speaking and writing
Pr	: Practicing
Ta	: Taking your emotional temperature

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