65th TESOL for Children

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**My experience about learning English and my future as a good teacher**

I learned about English for the first time when I was in the first grade of middle school. I was so embarrassed and surprised when I started to study English because I couldn’t understand. It was the new world for me so I wondered how to learn English. The answer was pretty simple in Korea. Teachers always let us memorize lots of words, idioms and grammars. During our class they just translated the textbook from English to Korean and I always read the textbook to understand it. That’s all ways that teachers taught English to students before I met another teacher in the high school. In addition, the teachers held a test for memorizing the words, grammars and something like that. In my case, English changed from an interesting area to a boring area.

However, one of my teachers had a different way to teach English when I was in the second grade of high school. She brought us to the classroom which had ten televisions and individual headsets for one hour twice a week. She showed us some American soap opera and she helped us look at some useful sentences during we watched the soap opera. She offered us something watching and listening. Moreover, she let us speak three sentences which we remembered during the class after we finished the class. She gave a chance to speak English to all students. There were over fifty students in a class, so we spent a little bit too much time on speaking English after the class. Therefore, she and we couldn’t get break times. Although sometimes I didn’t have break time, I felt relaxed and fun during the class. It made me motivated to learn English because I wanted to understand all story when I watched them in the class.

She also provided another method to teach English which was almost new attempt in the high school at that time. She invited a native speaker for joining our class for one hour once a week. We didn’t need to memorize lots of things anymore. We didn’t need to try to understand the textbook as well. We just needed to lay out our tables and chairs for making a group with five people before we started the class. It helped that we could see each other and discuss face to face. It also made the mood in the class relaxing to speak English. We didn’t have something stressful. We had a great time playing games and singing songs instead of memorizing or taking a test.

I really respect her passion to teach students using the new ways. I completely appreciate her effort to teach more fun. I want to be a good teacher like her, so I should remember something I have to do and I will do for students. First, I am going to learn about the teaching skills all the time in order to provide pupils the new activities and curriculums. I think it is one of my duties to offer the new one and pupils’ trend will change as times have changed. Second, I am not going to make the class boring like my classes in the past. So I will teach my students English naturally with playing many kinds of games. I should make fun to motivate students and encourage them to participate in the class. However, I will treat them strictly in the first time even though I want to make pupils fun during I teach English. Because I agree that don’t simile until April. Third, I will try to let all students speak and make them confident. I won’t have too much talk time, while I will give pupils enough time to talk each other in English. I am going to make a student-based class. Forth, I am going to make the lesson planning for the effective education so I won’t make the down times. Finally, I will never forget that a teacher affects eternity, which is said by Henry Brooks Adams. I want to be a teacher who can be remembered forever in my students’ lives and I will try to do everything I mentioned.