# Another name for passion.

# (weekendclass 75 / sharon)

# We know what we are, but not what we may be.

- William Shakespeare

Narration-- prologue

I have been studying English for a long time, as long as I have been living. This is a really ridiculous situation because almost all Korean mothers are teaching English for their unborn babies who are the still womb. Yet, Korea is the one of the countries which cannot speak English well and receive lower TOFEL scores. Compared to the past, Korean’s English abilities are getting better. This is because the awareness that passing grammar test is not a goal of studying English. Nevertheless, we also have problems related to English teaching circumstances. Also, I had some experience that I will never forget. The valuable experiences gave me great awakening.

# scene 1.

Stage: there are old English books collecting dust on the table, a ballet bar in the left corner and small window located under the ceiling. One girl comes to the room. Her face looks like a marionette.

Learning without thought is labor lost.

When I was in my teens, I studied English a lot. In fact, almost all students did just that. Because the system that we have to pass the entrance exams make us attached to the grammar section in English. Also, we did not realize that even there were the other parts in English. Specifically, my teachers' styles were explainers and it was really boring. Looking back, it seems as if we were puppets. Was there an interest? We had to memorize all pages and grammar. We were always under pressure. There was nothing to enjoy English. There were no materials for effective lesson and sometimes the teachers just let us listen to pop songs. That was just one of the subjects that proved to be nothing special. However, after graduating from school and transferring to my major to the fine arts area, I did not have any opportunities to look at foreign language books. Whole alphabets keep disappear slowly.

The frog in the well knows nothing of the great ocean

After 12years..One day, I still remember that night exactly. In 2009, I went to the British council to enjoy Christmas party. The Korean captain of the council let me introduce Korean musical area to other customers who were from other countries. However, I did not speak even one word. My lips are shaking and my brain blanked out. Even though whole grammar formulas moved up and down my thoughts. I blamed myself for my ignorance. All people who participated in the party spoke English naturally except me. English was a just basic option to people while I was digging my very small field. I went to home in a hurry. The next day, I enrolled in one language institute directly.

Purpose is what gives life a meaning.

Apparently, it was a really strange thing.

A woman who never reads books suddenly starts to study hard. I studied English book every time. When I watch a television, a dictionary always was held in my hands. Sometimes my co-workers asked me 'why do you study English? It’s not necessary for you? Yes, it doesn’t. However, the goal that I want to speak English makes me study hard. After 6 month, In the meantime, I was studying in advance level. I was proud of myself. I seemed to speak English fluently. However, I slowly lost my interest in studying English. Every day’s study form was same and I did not receive more stimuli. Native teachers seemed to think that they are adults; lecture style is acceptable. He did not realize that we are children level in English. Naturally, I felt that my money was wasted.

A man must wait for the right moment.

Last year, I was really devastated. My knee-joint was torn and a new one transplanted into my knee. I had stopped my job which is teaching dance. and I went to the U.S.

At first time, I did not have any purpose to go there. One day, I went to the market instead of my sister. When I ask something to an American, though I spoke slowly and repeated, he didn't understand my words. In this time, I couldn't understand' why he could not understand my words.' that was the point that my path was changed again. Next day, I enrolled language school again in U.S.

Late fruit keeps well.

Placement test results were shocking because I think my English was not bad. However, my class was level 3 which was a false beginner room. My teacher was the older about 60years old whose name was Sam. There are some Asians and westerners. The class was boring. The teacher’s teaching method was slow and easy-going including speaking speed, acting and even breathes, but he didn't understand my words. After 1 week, I slowly realized something. He was not slow. I was too fast. Also, my pronunciation allowed teachers not to understand me. I thought out that many native English teachers in Korea know well the pronunciation of Korean style. However, people in here don’t know Korean sounds, so they couldn't understand my words. If I would not have spoken clearly they would have understood my words. It was very important moments.

Sam taught many things. Various materials were used every time. Specifically, the difference of head born between Asian and western was interesting. It had good a effect on my retention. After school, he made me teach Korean in level 1. I could review my lesson by that mentoring others. It was very effective for my retention. I really wanted to be a good teacher like Sam. Enthusiasm for learning English made me totally change. I was never tired and bored. Memorizing vocabulary became my hobby.

I studied in a passive way. however, all things can be used for effective teaching by teacher and many methods are developing for effective studying. I promised, I will use and devise many ways for students. About that time that I finished my study, my English was getting improved and I really want to learn everything.

#scene 2. – Epilogue..

There is a white big screen on the wall and a woman read a dream in the air.

The window disappeared.

Never too much of anything

. The most important thing is "how to teach well and how to learn well."

Back to the teens, it was really an educational method. There aren't any individual goasl and just existed the whole students’ purpose for going good universities. These are not different now days. Also there are many indolent teachers.

Concrete goals is a vital the point to learner. If there is no goal, it will be better not to study. Enthusiasm for goals can make anything that you realized but proceeding without passion just will be waste time like I did.

Additionally, Teachers must have passion with expert knowledge and study more and more to develop their diversified teaching methods for learners’ understanding. Making basement of studying in childhood and drawing vivid colors on that in adulthood are very important. Otherwise, we will study inefficiently and repeat same area when we start that subject. And never too much of anything! All things can be passion and your passion can change someone’s life.

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