**What is the best way to teach English to children?**

How would you do if you are always forced to communicate with person who speaks foreign language? Or what if you feel frustrated every day to explain something in foreign language? That must be put you under a lot of stress and this lead to serious harm to your health. Some even say that stress is the cause of all diseases.

In reality, English has become the most important and essential tool of success in Korea. On the same time, many Koreans feel overwhelmed by pressure and stress. Most Korean students have been studying English for more than 10 years. However many Koreans still cannot speak English accurately and make a lot of mistake in both spoken and written English. I’m not all that different from them. I have been studying English since 1992 when I was in elementary school. But I’m also one of the Koreans and facing a big problem with English.

I started my new job just about a week ago at an English preschool as an assistant teacher. Everyone suppose to speak English all the time in the school and I need to translate Korean into English what children said to their American teacher. The only problem is some of my students are speaking English more fluent then me already! After I finished my first day, I realized that I had studied English wrong way and there are many problems on English education in Korea. In this essay, I will mainly talk about the current English education system in Korea and how do I make a difference as a teacher.

As mentioned above, teaching children in English is my job and I just started it. I have never done this kind of job before so I do not have any ideas how to take care of them. This is why I’m taking TESOL program. All I hope to gain from this course is to get some ideas how to teach my young students with effective way which different from mine. Then, what was the problem in my case? In other word, what is the problem on English education system in Korea?

In the first place, As Korea is an EFL (English as Foreign Language) environment, English is only being used as a foreign language and there are not many chances to communicate in English. The students, and even the teachers, seldom have the opportunity to use English outside the classroom where English is used; this directly influences the lack of target language exposure and language using opportunities which are the conditions for effective language learning. Accordingly, their use of the target language mainly occurs in the classroom and is solely for the purpose of English language teaching and learning. Therefore, many pupils are not motivated to make opportunities for using the target language in everyday life inside or outside the classroom. I have no specific idea how to make difference and solve this problem. But I think, at least, that I need to make learners study English out of a sense of interest rather than a sense of necessity.

In the second place, English education system in Korea is focused on the College Scholastic Ability Test. Memorizing vocabulary and analyzing grammar feature in the classroom to prepare for the test. Under this condition, it is hard to expect students to self-motivate according to their learning desires. Therefore, if I would make a difference on this point, I would change the method into a communicative, competence-oriented one for comprehensive language functions, followed the current trend of learning English as an international language.

In conclusion this essay, learning English is, in today’s global society, no longer optional but mandatory. At this important juncture, good teaching methods that appeal particularly to the learning styles of young Korean children should be developed to satisfy the needs of Korean children. There are many different methods of teaching English. As old methods fade away, new methods are adopted. It is difficult to me to determine which methods are most effective. I think there are no one and only method of teaching English. Depending on the size, age, and proficiency level of each class, I have to choose the method that is most effective.