How I Have Changed Based On My TESOL Experience

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I think I have changed a lot compare to before I joined TESOL class. I thought that a good teacher only has as much knowledge as he can because a teacher’s work is giving knowledge to students. However, I have learned who a good teacher is and what is a good way to teach is from my TESOL class.

Through my TESOL class, I have learned about several types of teachers and students. A teacher should choose how to teach them; a teaching type depends on the student or the aims of the class. Those are explainer, involver and enabler and a good teacher can be all of them. I think, only a flexible teacher can go forward to the right aim of the lesson.

The most important thing is involving students in the lesson. Every teacher can give a work sheet and home work but, what a difficult thing it is making students want to do them themselves. A teacher should open his/her mind and talks to students about his/her own story and then student will be open to talk. Involving them is that make them interested about the lesson. A teacher needs to show herself to the students, and wait until the students are ready to be activated. Therefore, teacher can elicit stories from the students, and teacher can create a ready-to-learn atmosphere. Lead-in was very important parts to warm up the students.

I expected that I will learn more knowledge of English in TESOL class. However, I have learned what I really need to teach. I could realize what I need more to teach. I think I have changed the way I think about English. Before TESOL class, I thought that studying English is one boring thing but, I have changed the way I think because of micro teaching. We have learned about lead-in and involving through TESOL class. Moreover, I could realize how interesting English is, even I am studying trough other student’s micro teaching. Now, I know how teacher can make interesting lessons and how to involve students. Also I believe that an open minded teacher can lead and involve students well.

Since I joined in the TESOL class, I kept telling myself that “Have a confidence”, “Believe in myself”. I had micro teaching two times and now I know what I need to improve and what my problem is. I have learned from TESOL class and trough my micro teaching. I need more confidence in myself and lead-in is a little weak during micro teaching. But, I think I have improved my teaching skill and I expect that I can overcome this myself.