**I Want to be a Good Teacher for Children**

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**Why do you want to teach children?**

First of all, I like children. I have never been a school teacher, but I‘ve been teaching my nephews. Even though I have never experienced teaching children English at school or private institution, I like to teach children very much. I found that I enjoyed teaching my nephews and I felt good when I teach them.

Also, after I got married, I was looking for a new job. I thought what will be good for my future job. I realized that I want to teach children English and want to be a good teacher.

**Why do you like teaching children?**

I think children are not easy to teach. It is fulfilling, when I teach something to a child who suddenly becomes interested in that topic, or learns something they couldn't grasp before it is great to see. I have 2 nephews. The oldest nephew, Seung-Jae is 16 years old, the youngest nephew, Young-Jae is 8 years old. I’ve been teaching the oldest one, Seung-Jae English since he was 8 years old. Since then, I’ve enjoyed teaching them. However, they got easily bored because I was teaching them by memorizing and explaining. Also I got angry when they didn’t answers

**What do you hope to gain from this course?**

One of answer to this question, personally, is I want them to keep teaching my nephews and make it fun for them. The main reason is that I want to be a good teacher who teaches children English effectively from this course. After I learn teaching methods from this course, I hope I can make classes fun and the atmosphere will be very relaxed, so I can enjoy English class.

**What is your opinion about the current English educational system in Korea?**

In Korea, the English educational system is all most always a teacher-oriented environment. I had same experience in high school. However, when I went to the university, I had a good experience of learning English.

When I was a first year high school student, I had a bad experience of learning English. My homeroom teacher was my English teacher. She clearly favored honor students and she was only interested in teaching them. Unfortunately, I was bad at studying English. One day, I was humiliated because I couldn’t answer a simple question. That was one of the reasons of losing interest in studying English. There are more reasons. She used text book only, there were no other materials. She always explained about grammar and we had no chance to speak English.

When I went to the university, I met an English teacher who was Canadian, handsome, kind and gentle. I took his English class. I liked him very much not only his personality but also his way of teaching English. He had a good sense of humor, gave positive feedback, and was a good listener. Before starting the class, he explained what we had to learn, and he asked a few a questions about personal questions of each student. During the class, he always made us speak English. We usually worked in pairs of students. At the end of the class, he gave us homework such as an essay every week and explained the next class. While I was taking the class, I found that I got interested in studying English. Thanks to him for teaching effectively.

**How will you make a difference as a teacher?**

I’ve been teaching by memorizing, and explaining. If children didn’t answer the question, I got angry at them easily. Also I was taught English that way in secondary school. However, I realize I need to change my teaching style. . So how I can do it? I’m going to try to understand their needs and I’ll make it fun for them.