[118/WD] 윤혜준 (Joon) – Essay 1

**Why am I doing this course/ What I need from this course / Dream&Future as a teacher**

Honestly, I was not a hard working student. I did not like studying and did not easily get interested in class activities. However, since I was young, there was a one thing that I really liked and wanted to learn more. That was the English. In elementary school, even though I did not understand the meaning of the sentence, I always like to read English in front of other students. I think this was the start that I got passion for learning English. I always want to speak better English than others. Even though I am taking TESOL class, I am not sure that I do want to be a teacher. However, I still have two strong reasons that I want to take this course.

First, I want to use English more often in my everyday life for myself. I started to learn English in Korea and there was a chance to explore more in US. Even I get back to Korea for my career I could use English almost every day for my work. However, I left my job and there was a less chance I get to speak English and automatically I started to forget what I used to know. I tried to read and listen more English by myself, but it was not easy on my own. TESOL class was perfect solution for me since class is run by English hundred percent.

Second, I want to learn English for own children. I am planning to have kids this year, and when they are born I wanted to teach them English in a right way. When I was young, I had Korea’s traditional English education. I learned English by books which mean I had to learn tons of grammar and had to memorize all the vocabulary. I had to take vocabulary test every morning and if I did not get right, teacher used to hit my hands with stick. At that time, I thought that is the only way to learn English. However, when I got into high school in US and started to play around with American friends I realized that was the dumb way to learn. I learned English much faster by speaking and experience things with my friends. I strongly do not want to pass down Korea’s traditional way to learn English to my kids. I want to teach them by playing around and speaking in their everyday life. Since I did not have any knowledge how to interact with language I thought TESOL is the great way to start.

I am still not sure I can be a good teacher to someone. However, I believe that is the good first step to learn English for my own and for my future children, so that they do not have to struggle with English but became a friend.