**My Dream as a Teacher of English Learners**

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“A good teacher can inspire hope, ignite the imagination, and instill a love of learning.” in others.

We all have teachers whenever or whatever we learn something new. I’ve always wanted to be a teacher since I was six years old. But I had no chance to learn how to be a real teacher until now. Last year, I worked at the English kindergarten at Yeoksam-dong and one of teachers told me about the TESOL program. She told me that she learned lots of things from the TESOL program. And here I am, just starting to learn how to be an English teacher. From this TESOL class 131, I hope to gain some abilities to teach others with great skills.

Before this class, I didn’t even hear about methodology, classroom management, how to teach listening, or how to be a teacher. Through this TESOL class, I want to learn all about teaching. But honestly, I need to cultivate self-confidence. I love to talk to others and teach them a lesson but I don’t have self-confidence when I have to talk in front of others. It is so hard for me. I kept thinking ‘it’s okay, they are my friends’ but the nervousness doesn’t fade away soon enough. Cultivate self-confidence is the most important to me and I hope to gain some from this TESOL class.

One first day of TESOL, we read the story called ‘A teacher’s story.’ Frank told us that story is his favorite one and whenever he read the story, which always brought tears from him. At the class, the story didn’t really touch me that much. So I came home and read again.

I went to United State when I was fifteen years. And I came back to Korea last year. I am currently taking a year off but trying to find what I want to do for the future. That is main reason why I am taking this class. Not only because I know some English and can talk in English, I love to teach. I just love to be someone’s needed teacher. Personally, I love the kids the most, but I don’t mind older people. So when I came home after first day of the class, I thought about my dream as a teacher of English learners. If I decide what to do in future, and chose to be a English teacher, will I be a good teacher? I can’t really answer that right now. I don’t even know what a good teacher is yet. But I can dream about it so I did.

After 10 years, if I am an English teacher, I want my students to feel confident whatever they do in my class. I learn English in Korea and United State, but I always like the United State’s style of teaching better. If you are learning English in Korea, you learn grammar, grammar, and grammar. You never get to talk in English. The system is definitely test based system so the students only need to know what’s going to be on the exam. I hated that system. Language is not a subject. You need to know the culture to understanding language. Otherwise you will end up knowing only grammar and difficult words that native never use for conversation. So I want my student to feel free and be confident so they learn how to talk in English.

Think about my dream in 10 years is kind of crazy to think. But this is assigned to me so I had kept thinking. I can’t think of any job as important to society as teaching. Every great person has teacher. Everyone can be a teacher but I want to be a real teacher to someone who really needs me. Society doesn’t change if there is no great teacher. I want to be the teacher who has great impact on my students. I have my favorite teacher, her name is Gale Klemp, and she was my high school library teacher. She didn’t teach me any subject but she always gave me hope to do something whenever I had hard time. And she was very positive woman. If she wasn’t there when I went to high school, I don’t think I can make it to graduate. I want to be that person to someone in 10 years. She is still my favorite teacher in my life.

Through this TESOL class, I want to learn how to be a great teacher. I want to be a teacher that student can look up to. This is my first step forward to my real dream. I hope I can be the teacher that I loved when I was little and when I was learning something.

Any language comes to us very difficult when we heard the language for the first time. English is not going to be easy language any soon. However I will be the teacher who can teach English very easily and interestingly. I want my student to have fun with me. And that’s basically the sum of what I want to learn from this TESOL class.