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My Dream as a Teacher of English Learners

While I was reading the story about ‘A Teacher’s Story’, I was in thought for a while and I reminded my experience with many instructors. As I started to study on TESOL, I considered ‘Am I able to convey positive impact to learners in the future? I want to be a man who can help others in many ways.’ Based on my thought, I remembered the last day when I was young. It had time to learn foreign language and great efforts were needed to improve abilities. It was not easy for me to study it. The one who can help was a teacher next to me and me. I believe the teacher remarkably does an important role in assisting students’ learning. I will start with my story on my personal experience.

When I was an elementary school student, my mom recommended me to talk with Americans for ten minutes on the phone after I come back from school. She wanted me not to feel stressful for being close to learn foreign language. Though I could not listen well on the phone or talk clearly, the teacher whose name was Clara, she kept helping understanding well and explained again with patience. She asked me easy topic every day as, ‘Have you had fun experience at school today?’, ’What do you commonly watch on TV?’, ’What did you have lunch?’, ‘Who is your most favorite singer?’, or ‘Would you recommend me Korean food you like?’. I could feel she was doing trials for making her learners self-confident to help them. In the beginning of class, it took long time to understand what teacher says on the phone, but she always told me many times what I misunderstood and gave time to do well by myself with direction. Her direction helped me not to be lost and her example helped for giving me better understanding. The sentence what I had heard from her was, ’Jennie, you are doing well, please don’t be worried to talk. Please don’t be hesitated to tell anything. Be brave, Jennie.’ Thanks to her direction, I was enjoying the talk and I could keep doing it for three years. If I could not have met Clara, it would be hard to learn the language with happiness.

Actually, one of my closest teachers introduced to my mother to talk on the phone every day. Her name was ‘Park’ and she found out that Jennie enjoyed English compared to other subjects. Whenever I visited her office, she kindly asked me to talk my ordinal life include my studying. She always makes me comfortable to talk about my problem on my study. She was one of my closest friends who can share my private things. One day, she told me, ‘Jennie, I want you to live happily with what you really want. It is hard to find, but it would be appreciated if I can do for you.’ Others asked me to put importance what most people cares important as money or great job. However, she asked me to live with what you purely enjoy for my future. There was no one to tell to me at that time. My mom trusted her words and asked me to improve my favorite skills. I consider the ‘real’ teacher should scan his learners how they are doing on their behavior. Although there will be needed abundant time to wait, I believe teacher does important role in observing learners clearly. As Mrs. Thompson cared for her child well, I will put my effort to look on my students in detail in the future. Also, I will try to talk with my learners as much as I can for being a great listener without any prejudice. I want to be a teacher who can help to find a direction on their dream.

When I was student, I had met many teachers who have prejudice and asked me to have as it is true. Since I have grown up, I find out ‘If I had more opened way of thinking, I would have more positive way of minds.’ I get used to study with text and have quiz with reminded studying without deep understanding. Teacher Clara, she tried hard to think broad without limitation. She thought with much broader think, learners can grow up wiser and wiser. And if students got conservative way of thinking, it prevents from developing their ability and motivating their various senses. One day, it was word learning class with Clara. She gave us a picture each of us and let us writes any words we remind through the picture. I received fruit picture. I wrote more than 20 fruit words. And I explained why I remind those in front of others. Learners had enjoyed my story and also, I had great time to listen others’. Clara corrected my spelling on my typo and did praise to all with smiling. I felt she wanted to develop our sense of imagination and think ourselves as we can. From that point of view, I had never forgotten those words I had learned in that class. I want to be a teacher who can assist learners’ thinking by themselves without interrupting.

I will practice to be a patient teacher for learners. I believe it takes time for students to absorb what they have learned. But, I will try to communicate as I much as I can do. There will be needed patience for teachers supporting the learners. I trust this period of time will make teachers grow up at the same time. Based on my experiences, I will try to be a teacher who students can ask their problems whenever they want as closest friend. The most important thing I consider when I teach is talk to students’ without any prejudice. I believe this is great wall for communicating with students’. I will bring sincere mind for learners and do with patience for helping them.