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

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My dream is to become an English teacher, and now I will talk about the impact I will have on my students and what I can give my students in the near future. First of all, I think I should say how I came to hope to be an English teacher. In my case, I have tried to find out my own aptitude, intelligence, and dream for a long time. In order to find them, I have done many kinds of work such as being an English tutor, being a reporter at a broadcasting station at my university, being a clerical assistant, being a waitress in two restaurants, being an English teaching material maker, being a doctor's assistant, and even being a housekeeper. Then, I finally realized that I wanted to become an English instructor in front of many students because of the fact that teaching students English was the most fun for me. For this dream, I enrolled in a TESOL class of California State University at Long Beach Times Media TESOL Center TESOL Class 130 in an attempt to improve my English teaching ability and got an assignment to consider about the impact I will have on my students and what I can do for my future students. Prior to explaining about that, I want to explain about what I hope to gain from the TESOL class.

What I really hope to gain from this TESOL class is just two things like practicing English teaching a lot and having confidence in front of many people when I make a presentation in English. In fact, I have a public English teacher license of the second grade of a regular teacher from Korean government. I could luckily came to become a student which I could apply for it and endeavored a lot to get it for a long time. However, I just realized that that license was not that helpful for my real teaching owing to its insufficient teaching practice. Even though I had studied English and English teaching for quite a long time, I sincerely thought that my English teaching skill was not enough. The reason why I realized this fact was that I had applied for an English teacher at two different English academies, but the academy owners definitely did not like my English teaching skills. Even if I was too timid to teach students English at that time, I clearly realized that I lacked real teaching experiences. As for other skilled English teachers, they would teach English to students from when they were university students. Though, I did not practice English teaching at that time enough and tutored English instead without standing in front of students a lot. Although I finished teaching practice while I prepared for the public license, I was still not good enough to become an English teacher in front of many students. This is why I registered for this class in the end; and hope to practice English teaching as much as I can. At the same time, I really desired to improve my confidence in front of many people in itself. Frankly speaking, English tutoring is not that difficult for me in that I only have to talk with my students sitting next to them. Plus, it is usually just one by one. Therefore, I do not have to be nervous at all. Yet, standing and teaching in front of many students is very different from personal tutoring. I am still too nervous when I stand in front of other people. Thus, I really want to improve my confidence when I speak among many people. In this way, practicing English teaching and improving my confidence among a lot of people are my ultimate aims from this TESOL class.

Next, I want to say about the great impact I will have as a teacher of English learners on my students. So as to talk about it, I think I should explain about my teaching style first. In my case, I am obviously an easy-going teacher rather than a strict teacher in that I try to make a comfortable atmosphere in my classes at all times. It was because that I felt very uncomfortable whenever I had met some strict teachers. In their case, their voices were very loud and had a great charisma as much as I could not ask any questions easily. In contrast, most easy-going teachers whom I met until now were understanding, generous, and tried to teach me even a very little thing. For these reasons, I definitely hope to become an easy-going teacher to make my students feel comfortable in my classes and ask what they do not know freely. To heighten good effects from my teaching style, I also try to keep my way of talking and voice stable, calm, and a bit loud instead of speaking too loudly and expressing too great charisma to students. Moreover, I will be a surely patient teacher to my students. The reason why I want to be patient to them is that it is an essential and basic qualification of every teacher, and I know that learning a foreign language is very difficult in itself according to my previous experiences. To put it bluntly, it was very hard to learn English at first. My family situation was not enough good to send me an English country or an English academy when I was young. But luckily, my homeroom teacher recommended me to go to an English academy for free from a public program which offered students who studied quite well free private academy. Yet I spent a really hard time there on account of my too insufficient English ability. I still remember saying the wrong things in the English academy all the time. But then, all teachers of the English academy always tried to wait for my understanding and were patient until I mastered their lessons. Without their efforts, I could not like English at that time and learn it that well. Hence, I really want to have a great impact on my students which they can learn English much better by creating a comfortable atmosphere, keeping stable and good voices in my classes and being a patient teacher to them.

Lastly, I want to speak about the great impact that my students will have upon me if I truly desire to understand each of my students and am willing to give of myself openly without reservations. In a bid to express my own thoughts about this, I think I need to look back on my teens. When I was a teenager, my family situation was really bad financially. Simultaneously, there were quarrels and domestic violence all the time between my father and mother. Furthermore, my mother started to hit me since when she justified it by herself. I think she just needed a means to vent her anger on a weaker person than her at that time, and it was definitely child abuse. Due to these kinds of bad situations, I was alone for a long time. As I was not loved and looked after by my parents properly, I could not have friends in general. Plus, my relationship with boyfriends was also terrible. But fortunately, I had some good teachers who prevented me from deviating from the right path and supported me to study continuously. As for my homeroom teacher of the first grade of my middle school, she was the first person who made me feel touched by her. When I entered my middle school for the first time, I was not good at my studies. But thanks to her praise which I would study very well thanks to my calm personality, I started to study hard and kept good grades all through three years of my middle school. With regard to another homeroom teacher of the second grade of my high school, she told me that I should follow my own way regardless of my parents’ bad behaviors. As a matter of fact, it was not that easy to say such things like that in Korean society which people should unconditionally respect their parents due to strong Confucian ideals. Still, she supported my effort to live differently from my parents and told me child abuse is very bad in itself irrelevant of the Confucian ideals. Thanks to her advice for me, I felt much freer and got confidence to study harder and dream far more humane life for me. In addition, my luck to meet good teachers lasted after I became a university student. In relation to two professors in the French department of my university, Mr. Go and Mr. Park were the best teachers for me. First, Mr. Go was just like my grandfather even though I had never met my grandfather before. In his case, he asked me if I was eating my meals properly and where I was staying at that time. Plus, he introduced me to a Greek restaurant and got me work there in a bid to earn my living cost. I did not know how to thank him at that time. As to Mr. Park, he is a certainly good teacher too. He chose me as a successful candidate when I had an interview to pass my university. Since when I came to be a university student, he always tried to recommend me for a scholarship. Thanks to their great impacts, I could graduate my university properly and got to have a lot more opportunities in the end. From now on, I think I should talk about the great impact which I can offer to my students. To begin with, I want to become a good listener who can always listen to my students’ family problems, financial situations, and relationship with their friends. Then, I will give good advice to them as much as possible. Of course, I know that I cannot solve their problems perfectly and am likely to become a just advisor. However, being a good listener and advisor for my students is very significant for their normal and mature growth. What is more, I will find some ways which I can help them with my behavior as well as just words. For example, I think I can correct their English diary free of charge of some students who want to improve their writing though it was not my official duty. Plus, I also can find additional programs for some students who want to improve their English apart from my English classes. Besides, I can search some policies which my students can use in case that their financial situations are very hard. In a word, being open to my students and listening to their stories including even personal things, and finding ways to help them will have a really great impact on them which I can give to my students. Through my efforts, I naturally expect that my students will improve their English ability and can be mature even more after being with me.

Until now, I spoke about ‘My Dream as a Teacher of English learners’. To come true my dream as an English teacher, above all, I will actively participate in my teaching presentations in my class of California State University at Long Beach Times Media TESOL Center TESOL in an attempt to practice my English teaching a lot and improve my confidence in front of many people. Also, in a bid to become an English teacher who can give can truly have a great impact on my English learners. I will definitely make my classes which my students enjoy them comfortably and beneficially through my effort to make the kind of atmosphere that inspires students to learn English. I will be a patient teacher who helps them master English in the end. Finally, I sincerely desire to become a real teacher who truly understands my students and I am willing to open myself so as to help my students not only academically but also financially and mentally. Through such kinds of great effort, I will gorgeously achieve my own dream as a teacher of English learners.