**The Teacher I would like to Become**

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As a child, I had the chance to go abroad and live in England and the U.S. While living there, I was able to learn a lot by just playing in nature. I didn’t know how much of a privilege it was until I came back to Korea. In England and the U.S., I was able to learn a lot by using my body and the nature around me. It was all related to having fun and naturally I loved to study and learn new things. However, it was very different in Korea. The only material I had to help my studies was the textbook and it didn’t take long for studying to become very dull. The current education system doesn’t seem to have changed that much from the days I used to go to school. Actually, I could say that it has become worse with much more competition and more students studying not because to fulfill their dreams but to go to a better university.

By taking the TESOL and children TESOL classes, I wanted to be able to learn the skills to become a good teacher. I lack the experience of teaching so this course was like a lifesaver to me. I learned a lot about how to teach but more importantly I learned how important the role of a teacher is. I thought a lot about what kind of teacher I would like to become and for now I think I know what kind of teacher I would like to be. I would like to become an understanding teacher, who not only teaches well but also can communicate and understand the students’ needs. Also, although I am not 100% sure yet, I think I could be a better teacher in teaching children than adults. I really like children and think I could be able to be a teacher who can get down to their level. I hope that by the time I finish taking the children TESOL course, I can fully decide what kind of teacher I would like to be and carry on my thoughts.

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