**My Life as a TESOL Certified English Communication Facilitator**

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What I have gained from the California State University at Long Beach Times Media Gangnam TESOL Center Class Number 145 is gaining self- confidence to speak English in front of others. That is most satisfying part to me. I remember the first week of this class. I was totally frustrated. Everyone spoke English very well. I lost confidence so I was too worried whether I could finish this course. Even I could not sleep well one day before the class. I can say it was too stressful to me. By the way I was getting used to doing it. I could be that quickly, thanks to my beloved professor, Frank. He kept saying that if the students can communicate with others in English, then there is no problem. Using English is the key to learn English. It gave me relief because I believed him he did the same to me.I was used to saying English freely. Finally I have been enjoying this class a lot. I love my teacher, Frank and all my class mates. it make me easier to speak out. That is the most important thing I have gained in this class. I had had no idea having a class in English, but in the class there were plenty of opportunities to speak in front of others.So I can speak my opinion without hesitation in English now. I built a confidence to have English class as an English Teacher. Of course I cannot say I can speak English without mistakes, but I will keep studying English harder. Speaking English without hesitation in front of others is the most valuable point for me. Through this course with Professor Frank, I learned teacher’s attitude also. I learned that a teacher respects her students and Teacher will not let Students do something which a teacher is not willing to do it.Every time a teacher does first before doing something in a class (show and tell). I perfectly keep in mind. All of those are definitely right, but if Frank did not emphasize it, I could not realize all of these. I am really thankful.

I have learned a lot of valuable ways to teach English. After several times micro teaching, I am getting used to making a lesson plan. It makes me learn the flow of teaching well. Now I become to know a little bit about the communication base English class. I would like to be a teacher who has great impact upon my students not like my former English teacher in middle & high school. I would like to let them know Learning English is fun!! If you can speak English, you can communicate much more with people wherever you go and it is really exciting to communicate with other counties people and go into their unique culture. It is true!! So I would like to let them know it. As I learned in the TESOL class, I will not to force them to learn English. I have an experience to learn English already and I know it is not easy to learn other languages. I will just help students to use English. I will make them know speaking English is enjoyable. I will let them feel free to speak English even though they make mistakes in sentences. In a class, I will use English only. I will show speaking English then I encourage them to speak English without pushing students. I believe if I use English only one day they will use English at least in front of me. It will be really fruitful to me.

For example, there is Suzy is one of my students who is too shy. So she never tries to speak English. I know she is here to learn English but I do not want to force her to speak out. I believe she needs more time to be ready. I am waiting for her. One day, I am welcoming my students in a class. Suzy come and say “Good afternoon, Julie. Did you have lunch?”“um? Yes, I had Bibimbab for lunch, thank you for asking me. How about you? What did you have for lunch?” with warm smiling and warm eye contact. She said“I eat Bulgogi”. It makes me happy a lot. I am totally excited butI do not show my excitement for her speaking English and I do not want to correct her error because I can understand what she means. She had Bulgogi for lunch. Then there is no problem. The key is making her speak out. So I give her a chance to speak in the class. She is still shy, but she tries to speak English. She looks like she is really satisfied by herself.She will enjoy speaking English!!

I have a class with the text book for my class and I add entertainment class also. The entertainment class consists of dialogues of animations which normally come from the Walt Disney Company or Dream Works Animation and act class of mimicking the scenes. It is more fun class. I cannot skip this kind of class, since it makes me get more energy and passion as a teacher and students love these activities. We are really enjoying this class together. Almost all of my class’ students have a confidence in themselves. I would like to make a more fun class and let students enjoy learning English because I would like to give them a good impression about English. It could be one of my aims as an English teacher because I have an experience of being influenced wrongly when I was a high school student. I totally lost interests of studying English. It was why I had to change it and took so long time to have an interest again. Through this experience, I found out that the teacher could have influence on students’future. So I specially care about approaching them to teach English and using words, my action and attitude in my class. I will keep in mind the phrases “A Great Teacher Makes Great students!!” and “An eagerness to want to teach better to reach more students more effectively and more compassionately.”