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Tesol essay #2

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* My first lesson planning in 3 different situations. -

Students and teacher is the most important thing in classroom. However teacher can’t always expect everyday class situation. So as a teacher, I will have to deal with a range of unexpected problems. I can have many options of decisions and actions. During deal with 3 different scenarios I’m able to make up my lesson planning.

In my experience, there is not a strict policy “English only”. When I took English conversation class in Myungji University, Korin who was a foreigner teacher didn’t mention about ‘English only’. So I and my friends spoke in Korean for asking to one another about lecture that we couldn’t understand. Of course, we didn’t speak loudly.

If my institution has a very strict “English Only” policy, I will make environment to speak only English. First of all, I will change arrangements to interact with different people in class. In my previous class, I sit with 3 people as a group, so some students were sitting with their back against the teacher. It was easy to speak other language secretly. I will make a horseshoe shape in my language class. Learners can make eye contact with everyone else and interact much more naturally. Also I can see and monitor all of students easily. Second, I will make a rule. I would like to tell students “If you have a question about the lecture or subject, ask me, not your friends. I will explain again in detail. If you speak in Korean, you have to pay a fine, 1$”. And there will be a fine box for penalty in classroom.

When I was a second grade in Yangjae high school( March 2006-Sep 2006), my class teacher whose name was Hoon,Lee always punished tardiness and frequent absences in the classroom such as star jump, standing out of classroom and whipping on the palm using ruler. But this type of punishment was temporary and was not effective. So I will make ‘praise day’ in my future class. I will praise students who are not late for school and absent for his diligence once in a month. I will give them a small present by calling each of students’ names. Then the students who are not called can realize that they are frequently late and absences themselves and through that reason they can’t be praised. The book ‘Whale Done!’ shows how efficient way praise is. My favorite quote in book is ‘Praise can make elephants dance’. Students who do not be praised also want to call their name in next ‘praise day’. They will change their attitude.

The research in Josun says that 65% of common people are worried about presentations. And they have some problem in front of people such as feeling nervous, tensing, and wavering voice. In my case, I felt really nervous to speak my opinion in front of many people. I had to do presentation each class in university for graduate. Even though I had confidence and knowledge about my subject, it was really hard thing to me.

But now, I changed a lot because of Ben’s Tesol class(Sep 2011-Oct 2011). He gave us many opportunities to speak our thought. Whatever that thought and grammar was correct or wrong, he always listened carefully. After that he gave feedback. Through that class, I realize that it is important to give an opportunity to students and let students express their opinion naturally. ‘Practice makes perfect.’ The best thing for presentation skill is to practice a lot. So in my future class, I will give my students many opportunities to express their opinions. And I’m going to listen to their ideas. When students have in trouble about a presentation, I will give some feedback and corrections to them. I think this is the ways to encourage students.

Before I take the Tesol class, I thought that teachers should just know about the subject that they taught. But now I realize that teacher should deal with a range of unexpected problems. It is not a good teacher to have only professional knowledge. If I’m in real these situations, I might have many options that I could choose. Whatever I choose, I’d like to make our class be positive. Writing this essay I realize teacher is like a sea captain. Teacher help students go right ways and should be concern about whole class. In my future class, I would like to be a good teacher to help students be motivate and passionate.