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Teachers should prepare many things for their class. Before the class, teachers consider their students and plan activities in order to teach students effectively. Although teachers plan the class, sometimes they may face unexpected problems. As a teacher, it is very important to deal with problems in the class. Now I’m going to talk about some problems to be able to happen in class.

First problem is how to implement ‘English only’ policy. If I face the situations which implement ‘English only’ policy, I should create atmosphere using English and help them get confidence in speaking English when students learn English. When I took a conversation class, my teacher encouraged students to use English but it was not strict. He required speaking English when students had used Korean and made students speak English freely. During the class, speaking English only was not easy obviously but I could learn English more than using Korean in class.

 Using English only in the class is very beneficial. Of course, it is challenge at first but it helps students learn English better. However the teacher should not enforce students on using English compulsorily. Before the teacher tells students policy, the teacher has to explain some reasons why we speak English. The teacher has to make rules related this policy together. For example when students are using their mother tongue, at first I would ask the students to stop using their first language. If they continued, I would get rid of activities students like such as games. On the contrast, if students observed these rules well, I would offer appropriate rewards. Also I believe it is good way to decorate the class room just like foreign country and attach useful expressions which students can use in class on the board of walls.

 Second problem which is able to happen in class is students’ frequent tardiness and absences. Frequent tardiness and absences in class can cause not only troubles focusing in class but also disturbing other students’ study. During my high school days, I had to go to school until 8:00 AM. If students were late, teachers gave students physical punishment. However, in my opinion, corporal punishment has bad effect on students’ emotion because first I’ll ask the reasons why the student is late and absent frequently and whether or not he/she has problems. Moreover I’ll put activities like warm up, talking about interesting topic at the beginning of the class. It helps students’ participate actively. In addition, if there were some students who are late in class, they would not miss lesson. The other solution is giving assignment about the lesson that the student missed.

 Finally, third problem is about the ways to help students prepare for any lesson presentations. Presentation is good opportunity to learn how to speak in front of people. As students deliver presentations, they can develop their speaking skills and participate is class actively. Though presentations have many good points, when I was a university student, I didn’t like speaking in front of people since I was shy to speak in many students. However my professor used to give students the presentation in a group. I felt more difficult than other tasks but I could not avoid that. When I told my professor these problems, he gave me some tips about the presentation. It was useful for me so I could finish my presentation.

 There are some students who are afraid of speaking in front of others like me. These students are reluctant to present their thoughts and opinions so the teacher should make students speak freely and comfortably. In order to make students comfortable in class, the teacher gives opportunity to interact with peers and then offer presentation in groups rather than individually. In addition topics should be familiar with students. It makes students less stressful and accustomed to presentation. After fear about presentation decrease than before, the teacher lets students present individually about various topics. When students finish the presentation, the teacher should give advice and feedback positively so the teacher has to encourage students to do presentation.

 As you see above, leading the class is never easy. Moreover teachers can face the unexpected problems, even though teachers thoroughly prepare their class and plan activities. Whether to solve the problems or not is up to the teachers. In order to manage the class effectively, I think teachers need to figure out students and pay attention to students.