TESOL FOR CHILDREN AND ME

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Globalization, it is a very familiar word in these days. Nowadays we need to communicate often with foreign people. We may see many foreign travelers in Seoul. Also we can visit another country in a day. We can buy another country’s products easily in Korea. If you are a business man, your customers are not only Korean but also someone from other countries. We will influence each other more and more because of globalization.

People need to have a shared language for frequent communication between foreign people and English has come into wide use as that second language. And these conditions and situations are reflected in the English education system in Korea. Elementary schools want professional English conversation teachers and many university professors lecture in English even if the class is not a course for English majors. I think English is becoming more important and students need more time and effort for English study.

I remember one girl who I met in English learning camp 6 years ago. I was a staff member for the English camp and I worked for children. One day, a crying girl came to me and she kept crying for a long time. I asked that what happened to her but she couldn’t say anything. I tried to calm her down and then I heard the reason why she cried in Korean. All students had to use only English in English camp at that time. But she was not a fluent English speaker so she could not express her emotion and needs exactly. English might be very stressful to her so she could not enjoy English and that made she felt sad. I am not sure that she will still like English.

I want to be an English teacher who can motivate student to enjoy English so they would be willing to learn more by themselves. And I think this work has to start form a young age, when students first learn English. That is the reason why I choose TESOL for Children. I hope I can learn great teaching skills for children so I can make them happy with English. I will learn very actively and try to use various teaching skills to be an able teacher. I just took one step for English teaching now and I want to make the wonderful path with English.