**First Essay**

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**Can I inspire someone to learn English?**

“The secret of education is respecting the pupil.”

-Emerson, Ralph Waldo\_An American essayist

Today’s age of globalization, learning English is quite important part of education. For this reason the most students are learning English as a second language. So, many Koreans begin studying English since early years including me.

When I had began to speak Korean well, my mother used to showed me The Walt Disney’s video without Korean subtitles. The video were Aladdin, Beauty and the Beast, Cinderella and the Little Mermaid. She played that video everyday even when my back was turned. But, while I’ve been playing with dolls and doing another something, I could hear their conversation of English. I didn’t know what that conversation really meant. Although I didn’t understand what was meant by that, the more I heard, the more became friendly with English. In this way, I met English naturally. Thanks to my mother, I become interested in English naturally without explicit goal for learning language like an adult learner.

 I met different type of teachers while growing up. The English class of the middle school was so boring. Because, the teacher who is my 2nd grade English teacher has an old teaching style. The teacher explained something all the times and written on the blackboard and memorized grammar always. And then, the students diligently copied down that things. There’s no activity, of course. I think it was a typical traditional classroom. Sometime, when I looked back on my English class of the middle school, the scene that I written down something thoughts come into my mind. Because, the teacher makes students passive, not of [participatory](http://endic.naver.com/enkrEntry.nhn?entryId=e9644d9c83ba4754b9d916674d4e2d1e&query=participatory).

In contrast, I met enabler English teacher my first year in high school. The teacher liked presentation after group activities and visuals. By using computer and TV, she showed us the scene of the movie and then, gave us the script. We studied real dialog with movie and script. And she ordered that the students have to role play as pair work. Thanks to studying like that way, I could learn appropriate express for real situation easily and get a confidence in conversation. And she always encouraged students to actively participate in class and never discriminate students. I felt that teacher really respect student’s opinions.

The teacher recommended some way to study English. They were watching the American dramas, listening to CNN or BBC and reading article regularly. Until now, I try to watch the American dramas and read article. It’s very helpful for me. But sometimes she gave us a lot of homework like writing some sentences that we had studied, making some examples by using the grammar. But I didn’t think it’s too much. Because I believed doing my homework is helpful to learn English. Her passion for the teaching English and loving heart for the students had a big impact on me. It was chance to learn English with great interest to me. In addition, she motivated me to study English hard. Through her teaching style, I realized that the interact with the student is important to make a good atmosphere to learn English. And I think I want to be a good teacher who interact with the student.

 I’ve been learning English just in Korea. So, If I become a English teacher, I will make full use of the [visual materials](http://endic.naver.com/enkrEntry.nhn?entryId=b98745c4109148318b7adddecdfbd791&query=%EC%8B%9C%EA%B0%81+%EC%9E%90%EB%A3%8C) used actually in US or England and audio. I’ll make a lot of chance to indirectly experience American study method. For instance, I don’t spend very long time for explaining about English. I’ll make my expression simple and clear and just explain 15 minutes. And then, I’ll show the visual materials like script, movie to the student to understand easily. Next, I’ll give times to students to debate in a group or pair. Through the debate, they can teach and learn each other. After that process, the students have to make a presentation about discussion. Because I think it is not good for the student to make cramming education, competitive atmosphere anymore.

In this way, I want to be a teacher who can inspire someone to learning English like my high school English teacher.

The writing essay was a opportunity to arrange my teaching way in the future. So, In order that I don’t forget to be a good teacher, I try to study English and get a teaching skill [enthusiastically](http://endic.naver.com/enkrIdiom.nhn?idiomId=bfa02f90ceec42ac96f6782e355249a7).

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