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 When I decided to become an English teacher, the goal was clear but the way was vague. I wish after I finish this essay I can see the blueprint to be the best teacher.

I started learning English when I was 9 years old, even though I started learning English earlier I had a difficulty in making sentences and I did not have any confidence in speaking English until I was 23years old before I go to Singapore for English training. People around me thought that it is weird studying English in Singapore, but the reason was I had a relative there and I can say it was a really good experience for me.

I was taught in Grammar Translation Method by English teachers in Korea. It is also important to improve my English skills. But, before I realized the advantage of it, I felt English grammar was difficult. However, the teachers in Singapore were modern style and they were involver type. First of all, they focused on speaking and communication. Teaching was based on five basic language systems especially phonology, function and discourse at the first time. After then, I was taught using Communicative Language Teaching method. Especially the CLT method improves my English speaking and inspired confidence to me for speaking English which I could not get in Korean English class before. Comparing with Korean teacher, Korean teaching type was quite traditional way like just lecture and that way was not suitable for me. So I decided to change my mind with new learning style in English.

I like group work so that students can speak English with exact pronunciation and grammatical construction. I believe, through those group activities, students improve their speaking skill like what I did. In addition, students can learn various English expressions like they could not get in normal classes.

I will help students to understand them well and figure out the best way of teaching style for each student. For instance, if a certain student has musical and visual strengths, I would suggest to student singing along pop song and watching American drama so that student remember the sentences and the way to express him or herself in English.

I want to tell my students in the future to enjoy learning English. I think it is the best way to approach the goal. When they have an open mind, they can catch the goal. I want to be a suitable teacher to the students. To achieve my ideal teacher type, I need more interaction and to show respect. I also have to serve students as equals in experience and knowledge. I will be a teacher who gives them encouragement so that it will make a modern classroom which can make student enjoy learning English and I will show respect to students and listen to them carefully as my English teachers did for me.