**Good Teacher Is an Entertainer.**

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I’ve been teaching my nephew for several years by having him memorize, and explaining to him. If he didn’t do well, I got angry at him easily. I realized that I have made big mistakes to teach this way. After I took this course, I found not only some problems but also solutions.

First of all, my class was too boring. I didn’t listen what he really wants. Sometime, he didn’t want to study English. I know, sometime, children don’t want to study and they want to play. However, I forced to teach him. Also, I taught him English grammar by having him memorize, and explaining to him. It is true that English grammar is not easy and boring. However, I shouldn’t have taught that way. He must have felt painful to memorize English words. To make fun class, I should give him fun activities and more fun way to teach. I should remember Learning cycle which is “Notice 🡪 want🡪 challenge🡪 play🡪 succeed🡪 Link 🡪notice ….” I should make students want to know. For this, I should create curiosity and interest in the lesson and I ask students to join in. I do first and show students. There are a lot of games and activities. All activities start with the teacher first. I need to show first and then students do next. When I do icebreaker like these kinds of activities, students won’t get bored.

Next, I made him scared and uncomfortable. I made him do his homework by that day. I had never smiled when I taught him. When he didn’t do his homework, I yelled him and I punished him. Also, when he didn’t understand what I teach, even I yelled him. I think he doesn’t like me as a teacher and he has fear of me. I think I was the worst teacher. To overcome this problem, I should make him feel free to talk and I make him trust me. I should start by trusting him and smile a lot. If I trust him, he is getting to trust me. Also I treat the children with respect, and focus on possible solutions that encourage them to learn, not on negative solutions.

Lastly, I gave him a lot of homework to do. So he got stress. For example, I gave him 30 words to memorize a day. He must have been under stress. If he didn’t do that, he was punished by me. Many Korean teachers probably teach like me. Suddenly I feel scared. I know giving a lot of homework is Korean style, and it is different from western style. However, I think too much homework and difficult homework is to make students get stress. Also too little homework is not for students. I think I should give him reasonable homework then nothing. When students don’t do homework, I don’t punish first, but I should listen what they need and I should help them. Then I think students try to do homework responsibly. I should always listen carefully and what they want.

This TESOL for Children course teaches me that learning cycle which is “Notice 🡪 want🡪 challenge🡪 play🡪 succeed🡪 Link 🡪notice ….”. I need to show first and then students do next. Also, I have to make students fun and comfortable. When I am a teacher, I will be a good entertainer to help students have fun and want to learn. I should make class active joyful and inspire confidence. When I teach actively, joyfully, confidently and safely, students will be more likely to learn English. When students have fun from my class, they think English is easy to learn, so they can study English effectively. I think it is a good way to be a good teacher.