**Who Am I.**

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TESOL First Essay

“Take a picture.” “Thank you.” That was all I knew about English, when I was a little high school girl. I liked a foreigner and I loved pop-songs, so I tried to speak with foreigners but I could not, so I just spoke my words and ran away. It was nice trial and error for me.

At least I fostered my English skills, and it made me motivated to study language. After I finished my university I traveled abroad to Canada. My short Canada experience gave me a lot of things, especially confidence and a goal. I could not go to school because I had no visa for studying so I decided to study in nature, make friends at the library or the park that was hard work without knowing English knowledge and skills.

First I used body language, just the main word, making short sentence, and using slang. Finally I felt comfortable with it. I was so proud of myself, by that time something hit my head, I wanted to teach English to children, time went by when I was back, I applied to a kindergarten school.

I have been teaching at the kindergarten, I made it my top priority as being an expert of child English. For my purpose I needed to learn how to teach and manage a class; for that reason I am taking a TESOL class and am learning. This lesson will be great pressure and a change in my ideology.

My educational philosophy is as follows, students as I teach satisfy the self and at anytime they also speak up. That is a “good job” because there are no rules and no right answers to learn a second language just to enjoy the community.

The Korean educational system still uses the cramming method of teaching even now because we have taken the wrong way to teach and learn English. Koreans don’t know about Korean culture and rights.

Under globalization we assert and cheat and act like we understood everything. Therefore, I will inform my own students about our own culture first than open their minds to diverse cultures.

After achieving a certificate, I will work in a kindergarten. Working there is the most suitable thing for me regarding my character and passion about English. Maybe someone might think about me as someone who doesn’t have much patience and can easily change mind. However, when I have my dream job I have the happiest life. In other words, I should not be afraid to try a new one. Therefore, I will do my best for my dream and I will always think about how to teach children better.