Kyung-Sun Hwang

June 9th, 2014

TESOL #101th

**MAKE STUDNETS WANT TO COME YOUR CLASS AGAIN.**

Even though many Koreans spend a lot of time and money to study English, most of them have a big trouble when they talk to foreigners. Of course there can be many other reasons, I want to focus on the important of the English- language environment. And I also think that the teachers are the best people who can guide students to the effective way to study English. And on the basis of this, I will present some opinions to be a good teacher who everybody want to study with.

First, teachers should try to make their students have confidence when they learn English.

I remember the first day I learned English at the middle school. You may not believe this, there was nobody who can write the all English Alphabet letters without me. So, although I rarely knew about English except the alphabet letters, the teacher picked me up as a leader of her English class and encouraged me to help her during the semester. Thanks to her praise and encouragement, I could start to study English without any fear. Remember this old saying, “Praise a fool, and make him useful”.

Second, teachers have to wait until they want to say.

My mom used to be very proud of me when I did something she couldn't. One of them was talking to foreigners on the subway. But, because it was really hard to speak to someone I have never seen before, I could never satisfy her. My confidence has been slowly eroded by repeated failures and I finally had to avoid taking subway with my mom for quite a long time. Don’t make students angry, or they will never tell anything anymore.

Third, it is very helpful to make the student feel the need to learn English for themselves.

Luckily, I got an opportunity to change my life at my last English institution. Although, I had experienced as an English teacher for five years, it was really tough work for me to control all the system as a head teacher. But the hardest thing was that communicate with foreign teachers, Emily, one of my best English teacher I have ever met. However, when I asked her to teach me English, she readily accepted my proposal, and she split her time to help me twice per week. Thanks to her help, I was able to speak good English than before. If I hadn’t felt the need to speak with foreigners, I could not have studied English again. Don’t forget that students never study English if it is not necessary.

Nowadays, many solutions for teaching English were suggested by educationalists, but I think the best way is to go back to the basic before trying to find any particular solution. I will try to find something to boost my students’ morale and spend time to find what my students really need instead of finding the questions and answers from the last school exam. And I will also try to make comfortable environments for students tremble in fear. Finally, I will never push them before they are ready. I know how difficult they are for teachers like me born and raised in Korea. But I think it is another goal for teachers live in Korea to break the vicious circle for a continued number of years. I believe that efforts will never betray me. And I will try hard to do what I suggested when I become a teacher in the future.