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here was a little girl who wants to be a flight attendant at international airlines and travel all over the world. She thought what she has to do to become it and she realized that one of the most important qualification is speaking English as like a native speaker. She was frustrated thinking of her English ability. She is standing at the crossroads between giving up her dream or challenging “English”. The wise girl chose to face the challenge.

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he rewinded her time back how she learned English and started thinking why she cannot speak English fluently although she has been learning for years. At the very first time, she began learning with “Phonics” at English institute when she was 10 years old. It was very interesting to see new pictures and listen new sounds and songs regarding to alphabet and words. The programme gave her a chance to learn it naturally by doing games and repeating. Therefore she has good pronunciation at least.

However, afterwards, she could only learn English by a textbook from her school. The lessons from her teachers were all about new words, grammar and reading and listening in very traditional way of teaching. The students read a paragraph related to target grammar, teacher translate it straight away and explain the words and rules of the grammar. The teachers did not give her time to think or guess. So the all information the teacher gave her, she tried to memorize them all, but could not make it into her own knowledge. So English became her complex.

When she became a university student, she met another crisis because of her English. She had a native English speaker professor for her ‘English conversation’ class. Every time she went to the class, she stressed out and frustrated. She had to find a way to improve her speaking ability to survive in the class.

This wise girl believes that ‘English’ is not only a language itself but also culture. The best way to learn a new language is to know their culture better first. So she chose to watch American series. At first, She watched it a couple of times without translating or the scripts and also observed their culture and expressions. Secondly, she paused every sentences by sentences to mimic their accent and pronunciation and record her voice to compare to the original. And she practiced repeatedly it until she satisfies herself. When it became her own sentences, she played the series again and acts like them at the same time. And the last, she practiced to apply with the memorized sentences into her real life. She also made a study group to practice to speak out and learned from each other. Those were very effective so that she could get A+ at the class at the end thanks to all these her efforts. In addition, she got confidence speaking in English. Finally, she applied the job she dreamed of and had the interview with full confidence and her dream came true.

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ere is the girl who had enjoyed her dream life for 8 years. She expected the education system of foreign language have been changed better, but it is still at a standstill. Now she has another dream that she wants to share all know-hows from her experiences and helps people who struggle to speak in English. She would never forget what she had been through and how she successfully learned English herself with new method. To the new dream comes true, she attends a course called “TESOL” which will develop her teaching skills with systematic methods.

Therefore, she will always make sure that all students have a fun to learn English and not get stress out. And she will teach students not only verbally but also teach them with facial expression, body gesture and even acting if they needed so that they can learn it intuitively and naturally. She hopes that all Korean become a two native language speaker in both Korean and English someday.