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Why am I here?

I went to the U.S when I was in 5th grade and came back to Korea after graduating high school. When I was in high school, I wanted to be a nurse but when I came back to Korea, I thought maybe I should major something I am good at, so I went to Han-kuk University of Foreign studies and majored English Interpretation and Translation. But more I studied, I realized being an interpreter or translator is really not my thing. There was too much pressure and stress. So after graduation, I got a job in some academy teaching English. I was like the native speaker and among the Korean teachers, I spoke English most fluently. But for some reason, teachers who majored in graphic design or piano but with teaching certificate got better evaluation from their students. Then I realized speaking English and teaching English is two very different things. That is the reason why I am here; to learn how to teach.

 I am very good at speaking and understanding English. It is the only thing I am better at than any other people so I want to teach others how to speak English fluently. When I was teaching, my teaching method was not effective. I would tell them the grammar usage and make them practice it, and same thing all over again. Of course, my students didn’t improve much as I expected them to and now I realize there is so much more than just memorizing and repeating. When I first saw the book, Techniques & Principles in Language Teaching, I got so excited just by looking at the title. I am most anxious to learn how to become a world class teacher and I am confident that at the end of this course, I would be one step closer in becoming one.