**My English Learning Experience**

I have started learning English as second English for 13 years. It was very difficult to learn but once I accepted English as learning about other cultures, it was easier and more fun. And now I enjoy teaching English to my students and this experience have made me into a more fun and positive person.

When I was a little girl, my mother always played the Disney movies such as Aladdin and the Little Mermaid in my room. I found the characters in the movies were so beautiful and I literally memorized the songs as well. At that time, I might not understand exactly what the stories and songs about but I just loved them. So I asked to my mother that if I can go some places where I can speak the language in the movies which was English and she finally sent me to St. Louis when I was 17.

While I was in St. Louis, everything was so new and fascinating. Although there were some difficulties , I really enjoyed the challenges like questioning what the signs say, how I order in restaurants and any other new things. The person who taught me English for the first time was one of my class mates, Ashley, who liked to be fun and was kind. She was very interested in me like the other class mates because I was the only Asian girl. She taught me new words everyday and she gave me homework to do at home. But it was not enough to learn English in a short time. I had a hard time doing assignments the assignments and it was not easy at all. Then, I had a chance to be taught English with a tutor in school. His name was Chris and he taught me so well that I could be more confident in speaking and even doing my assignment. My English improved a lot in 3 months because of him. I could get involved in the other classes and I even could ask and answer with another teachers. The most effective way he taught me was letting me talk more. Even if my grammar or vocabulary was wrong, he never told me I was wrong. He knew that Korean language and English structures are far different and he understood it can be difficult to learn another language. He sometimes prepared some pictures to make me understand better and he researched some things that I was interested in to connect with me. It was 13 years ago but I could tell his class was very effective and it was a modern way to teach. Learning English from him was definitely motivational to study English more.

After I finished studying high school in America, I went to the Philippines and Australia to study more. As I traveled to many countries, I found eventually that learning about their languages is not just about putting words together, it is about knowing their cultures as well.

I have always been enjoying learning English. Since I have been teaching English to Korean teenage students for 3 years, my English skills has been also improved a lot. I just knew an image of a good teacher but I could not define the right direction to be a good teacher. I hope I can be a professional teacher who can explain, involve and enable to students through this TESOL course.