When I heard about my first essay homework, I smiled because I thought it was too easy. But, I was not able to write anything for quite a long time. Who am I and how should I explain myself? Should I write about which school I graduated, or which company I worked for? Or should I represent myself as a mother of two children? I do not deny that those facts are some important pieces which made me. Nevertheless, the reason that I do not want to explain myself with these facts is probably because I have lived half of my expected lifetime.

In 1967, I was born as the eldest daughter in the family. As I have an age difference of 40 years with my parents, I grew up getting great love from them. After my youthful days, I always kept in my mind about my position and role in the family whenever I had to make important decisions in my life. I used to follow with what my parents wanted rather than insisting to do as I wanted. Obviously, there were no forced pressures from them. From choosing the university to the man I would marry, I only chose to be obedient, considering my family circumstances and my parents’ minds.

Although my married life seemed to be happy, I always had a certain unsatisfied thirst inside myself. As I have mentioned, being the eldest child made me to be a responsible individual. Therefore, even though I regret and hate my decision, I could not run away or express my true feelings to anyone. Sadly, my mind became exhausted day by day. Then, I went to Malaysia by chance, and I lived there for ten years with my two kids. During the time, there were some dramatic changes in my life.

Living abroad with no one to depend on to, I had to make endless decisions by myself. Thus, I learned to express my opinions clearly by saying “Yes” and “No”, and to refuse which is still difficult for me. Moreover, I became a woman who was not afraid of new challenges. I was also surprised to find out that I was a really independent human. Before I came back to Korea, I had a chance to think seriously about how I should live in the future. Actually, I hoped to live my life, doing my favourite work which is teaching.

I like English. Also, I was under English speaking circumstances, so I was not afraid the language even though I was not good at it. I planned that I would teach English to kids in Korea. However, I have no experience in teaching, nor do I major English education. Moreover, the worst thing is that I am too old to get a job in Korea. Despite my situation, I really did not want to repeat the past timid behaviours such as considering my conditions and not trying any challenges. So, I was purposed to get a certificate of TESOL.

Before I joined the TESOL program, I had an undefined image of a teacher. Fortunately, I was very glad to realise detailed figures through the lessons. I learned that these are involver and enabler types of a teacher. The type of teacher I want to become is a desirable teacher. First, he does understand his students well and comprehend with them, instead of pushing a lot of knowledge and information. Moreover, he always prepares to help his students to find the answers and the right ways themselves. I honestly want to be such a teacher. Of course, I know that I have to be patient as it would take a long time for the students to become independent and creative thinkers.

I feel that my ability is awful as an English teacher. But, I truly hope to improve my language and teaching skills progressively if I study through TESOL program sincerely.