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Why I am doing TESOL. My experience of learning English and how it will affect the way I will teach in the future.

Life never what I expected. When I was 20, I was too young to decided what I should be. I was too sad because of losing my dad. I just wanted to run away. So, when I turned 20, I bought a flight ticket to Australia. Why Australia? I couldn’t afford to study or travel. Getting a Visa was the hardest part of going abroad. Australia gives Visas to Koreans relatively easily. That visa is called workingholiday.

So I went to Australia without enough money. I had to work first. I couldn’t speak English at all at that time. I couldn’t choose where I wanted to work or what kind of work. There was farms everywhere in Australia. They needed workers all th time. so I worked there. Then I met my boss and her family luckily. They liked me and I liked them. We got close. Then I moved to their house, so we lived together. I was never shy to speak broken English to them. I kept asking them when I didn’t understand. Also I tried to copy them when they talked. I spent almost 3years. I never studied, read or even tried to learn. Just one day, I told them what I wanted to say and I could understand what they said to me. It just happened naturally.

After that time, I went to the US for an internship. I worked at the Marriott Hotel in Chicago. I met many kinds of international customers. I used to listen to all different intonations and pronounciations. That was good a experience for improving my English.

when I came back to Korea, I wanted to keep using English to not forget. So I got a job at an English Academy. I wasn’t a teacher. My job was just about paper work, but many of my co-workers were native speakers. I tried being friends with them. We hung out all together all the time. I helped them a lot to live in Korea. It’s a few years later now, I am an English teacher.

This is how I learnt English. I never studied by books or went to school for English. That’s why many parts are not correct. That makes me think I need to study systematically. I don’t think I know enough about English teach somebody.

I want to figure out how I can be a good teacher.

I remember when I taught my students at the beginning, how much I enjoyed that and how I was so happy. But I’m starting to follow Korean style teaching, only caring what my boss wants me to do and worring about getting fired if I don’t push or be strict to my teenage students. I am confused thesedays. I want to teach English to my little students how I learned. I want to let them know English is interesting and it is not like math. But Korean education is too much focused on only an academic style. I wanted to ask who knows how to teach “well”, what is the right way to teach? This TESOL class has been only 1week, but it’s already reminding me of my passion, a positive way to think. So I think it will make me follow my belief with conviction.

The Best effect is this course makes me happy. I am happy in the class and prepare classes too. My life is getting more exciting now. And I will pass this course definitely!