Essay #1

The Lesson from

My Experiences in Learning English

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One week has passed since I had started to learn TESOL course. It was my wife that recommended the course to me. Until that time, I had never heard about TESOL. It was a meaning that TESOL is teaching english to speakers of other languages. ‘Who do I teach? , Do I? ‘. I had never taught english to anyone. I had major in mechanical design, graduated from university and worked for a company for 16 years. With the part of the work, It was only to teach the new employee on electrical and mechanical knowledge every year.

So, I decided to recall the school years. The time when I come across english for the first time was the elementary school. My sisters liked listening pop-song on cassette tape or radio. Though I didn’t know the meaning of the words of song which is written in english, I used to singing along in english. But, singing along like a parrot doesn’t please me any more without knowing the meaning of the words of songs. I became curious about the lyrics of my favorite songs. Singing while I had enjoyed the lyrics made me more pleasant. As I was familiar with english, I didn’t feel a difficulty in english class when I got to the middle school. Teacher forced us to memorize the vocabulary and grammar. Students did nothing but looking for an answer for test. I adapted relatively well, though.

A grade was not bad. Even after going on to the high school, English class environment was not changed. Anyway, those traditional teaching method didn’t hinder me from entering university. Only after starting the life of work, I realized that a problem was in mine as for english. In spite of my knowledge in vocabulary, I couldn’t speak a word in english in my thought during the meeting with buyer. ‘What was wrong with me?’ I got to know only after attending TESOL class. From the start to learning English, I had never thought in english. Teachers had only to get the students to memorize and to teach grammar. But, what I got to know in TESOL class is teacher must know the learner’s needs and share the ideas with their students. Furthermore, I’d like to learn a lot of techniques and principles in language teaching. Then If I had a chance to teach students in the future, I would like to make active mood in classroom and try to get the students to be participants not lookers-on. I am certain TESOL course will very helpful to me to improve my knowledge, insufficient experience. Finally, I hope that students could generate language not just copy language. I don’t know I can be a good teacher, I want to try to do my best during the course.