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English is the language of the world and an international language. There are many

reasons why people throughout the world are learning English. Many of them are learning

for a good communication with foreigners while some are learning to get a better job or go to a better

university. Many people in Korea are learning English now and some of them are in underage group.

Many are learning English not just because they want to live in America but it is necessary to understand

the people from all different world. Without a single common international language, how the people

from all different world can meet and have conversations with each other ?

The importance of English is thus very great. That is why I want to teach ESL. I am proud of teaching

English .

The next, there are some problems in Korea. Many Korean students are learning English to enter a good University

rather than for communicating. Many schools emphasize grammar and Comprehension so

if a student becomes a middle school student, his/her parents send the student to an academy to learn

more grammar and comprehension rather than speaking. But it is very important to know that learning how to

speak is very necessary. Grammar skills are necessary too but trying to understand someone has the priority.

Some parents send their sons and daughters to a foreign nation (usually US or other English Speaking

Nations). So they need to have a better speaking ability. But, English is merely used as a tool

for college entrance or getting hired. That is why students focus on grammar skills more than communicating.

The most important thing is that instructors, not just students only, must study more and they too

need to learn more about English Fundamentals and good speaking skills.

Many older generations’ English teachers emphasize grammar and think the grammar , punctuation

and comprehensions are everything in English but they are wrong. They ignore the importance of

speaking , conversations and how to express. They must change attitude.

English Education must focus on how to speak English fluently rather than just how to get a good

test score ,going to a good school and/or getting a good job. This is very important in English

Education and I strongly agree . If people understand this, then English will develop in Korea more.

I believe it is possible. So let’s learn how to speak English fluently.

Another important thing is that there is no superiority of one nation over the others.

Many Koreans wrongly believe America is the most superior and American Accent

is true English accent while believe that all other accents include European

are inferior to American Accent. I strongly

disagree and people must change such attitude. We must recognize cultural

differences and all existing regional dialects and accents. This does not affect

on how to learn correct pronunciation since the accent and pronunciation

are not same concept.

There are many cultural differences, Of course. Any one living in Korea or any country in Asia

must learn and get used to. For example, Some Westerners may demand Western style

Housing and other Western Ways of life (and even Western Style Toilet) but unless they accept Asian culture ,

they cannot stay here. I hope everyone can stay here without difficulties.

If a foreigner gives a remark that contains any belittlement of Korean Way of Life or any Korean Style things,

and /or traditional Korean ways of life, it would offend Korean people.

So always be cautious ! Many Koreans dislike someone who talks without politeness especially when the person

is talking to someone whom he or she does not know personally or someone who is older.

Although It is common to call someone by the name in English or other Western Languages,

that is unacceptable in Korean Society and in Korean Language.(In Japanese and other Asian languages too)

People must show respect for older people . Please try to learn about the cultural differences.

Good Luck for everyone ! .