

English for survival

Hey guys. Welcome to this class. I know it was super hard to come because it's summer vacation season. Maybe you guys want to go somewhere like a beautiful valley near this city, or you can go to the ocean to swim. But, you came here to learn English. That's good anyway. Everybody is welcome in this class.

So, I'm Jony, my job is college assistant. Basically, I'm in the computer science field but I'm also good at English. Why? After getting discharged from the Army, I went to Australia to get a job. There wasn't any special reason. I just wanted to live in other countries. I couldn't speak Japanese, French, German, Chinese, Arabic. But you know, we all study English from primary school. I couldn't get a job because I didn't have a green card in order to live in the US. Life in England is too expensive to live in, Canada is too cold, so I chose Australia. Plus, I wanted to improve my English. Which meant the place where I stay should be a small city where there is no Koreans around. So it was kind of a crazy idea. I chose the desert. Actually, it wasn't the desert you guys imagine in Egypt. We call this place "bush." In three days, I got a job in the kitchen. That's how I started to survive. If I didn't speak English, I could have been fired. If I didn't speak English, I could not buy something in the supermarket. If I didn't speak English, I wouldn't be able to make friends. About less than one year's my experience in Australia, I came back to Korea and published my essay. Look at this. You guys can find it in Yes24. And I worked as an intern in a company located in New Jersey, the US. I was also on the front page of the local magazine. Not a cameraman, this is me who is wearing an apron.

So, what is this class? This class is "English for survival" like I survived in the desert. This is not an English grammar or word class. It's not even a TOEIC class. If you want to study TOEIC, this class is not really helpful to you. We will study less and learn more. Don't be perfect. I know you guys can not speak English. That's why you came here. Please, make a lot of mistakes. For instance, in many English classes, people learn how to read news magazines. Seriously? You never even read the news in Korea. Do you care about the Amazon rainforest? Do you care about citizenship for sale? Do you care about Donald Trump? No, you don't. How about TED? Let's read a topic. Do schools kill creativity? Do you talk with your friends about this matter? No. Never. Please, start simple. Imagine your situation. When do you talk with friends, with family, with colleagues, with neighbors? We will make "our" conversation.

So, until next time, You should prepare your two minutes of Korean conversation in your real life. Anything is possible. Not in a movie, not in a magazine, prepare your own situation. Any Questions?