I have been a successful ESL teacher for over ten years. My first experience as an ESL teacher was at Mountainview International Christian School in Indonesia. When I first met my students, they were wearied and frustrated due to the language barrier. Not being able to freely express themselves, they felt discouraged and were reluctant to become proactive in both their social life and academic studies. It was my earnest desire to help them overcome the language barrier and demonstrate their full potential. In order to motivate my young elementary students, I designed my lessons with a lot of hands-on activities such as making mini-books, art crafts, and science experiments. I tried to make it as fun and exciting as possible; in the meantime, I always had clear objectives for each of my students. I made sure that their vocabulary pool and grammar knowledge expanded day by day.

My second job was teaching TOEFL to university students, which was followed by teaching high school students at a foreign language high school. These experiences awakened me to a whole new paradigm as an ESL teacher. I realized that students struggle so much because of their limited English vocabulary. With a larger vocabulary pool, students can hear, read and write better and richer sentences. On the other hand, with a limited amount of vocabulary, it was literally impossible to move forward. Keeping this in mind, I try to equip every student I meet with a large pool of vocabulary, knowing that this will help them not only score well on standardized English proficiency tests but also open up a door to limitless knowledge delivered in English. Therefore, even when I teach kindergarteners, I tried to adopt variety of vocabulary in my classroom, and when new words are introduced, I do my best to explain in as fun and exciting manner as possible for my students to remember.

For the past twelve years, I have taught over millions of students. It was my joy to see them improve day by day in their English ability, and for my students, overcoming this language barrier truly opened up a door to a whole new world. For me, teaching English is not simply a job and a career, it is what I am born to do and it is my life. I am still striving to find more efficient ways to teach English every day.