

# My Teaching Philosophy

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I am a Christian and I believe ALL of us are created equally in the image of God. Therefore, every student should be and will be treated equally and respectfully in my class regardless of age, gender, race and intellectual levels. I believe “Love compromises everything”. I follow the Golden Rule: I treat my students the way I want to be treated (which is lovingly and kindly).

First of all, I enjoy teaching. Very few things can actually match up the joy of seeing a student’s face lighten up. It can be a great problem solved, a sincere feedback or a spontaneous response from the pupils. There is a saying “There are no inadequate students only inadequate teachers”. This indeed posts a challenge for all teachers, and has always motivated me to be creative in teaching. Because students are different individuals, some have higher IQ, some higher EQ, some are fast learners, some require a great deal of patience. As a teacher, my job is to find the differences in my students and deal with individually. My own experiences told me, both from my own learning experience as a student and teaching as an instructor, a good teacher can spike up students’ own interests and they develop the inner desire to learn, even on their own, then the teacher should carefully guide and gear the students to the right path.

In term of teaching a language, I like the Chinese proverb: 熟能生巧, which is very much like the English saying “Practice makes perfect”. This is true in every practice, but especially true for learning a foreign language. My own journey of learning English with a native Chinese tongue will benefit people here learning Chinese. The comparison of English and Chinese has proved very helpful to those I’ve taught. Also learning foreign language can sometimes be very boring, I like to fill my class with fun activities.

Confucius said “一日为师，终身为表”. A teacher plays a significant role in building up students’ characters, not just simply give out knowledge, a teacher has to live up to his or her moral role. I believe it is important to learn Chinese culture while learning the language, it is simply one whole package. Students will get both from me.

*“When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul”* Proverbs 2:10