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Current Issues in EFL/ESL

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Winter Reflection Questions

In order to prepare a bit for the class, students are asked to reflect on and write semi-formal answers to some questions related to the topic we will be exploring together this semester – Current Issues in EFL/ESL? The answers to the questions should be ready for the first week of the semester, March 10, so we can discuss these in class. Revised answers are due to be posted into the Snowboard system as an assignment before the 2nd class on March 17th.

Stage 1

What do you think are the most crucial issues facing English teachers in South Korea? Make a quick list of up to 10 issues.

Stage 2

From the list you made above pick up to 3 issues that you want to reflect on more deeply. For each of those reflect on the causes, effects, and possible solutions.

Stage 3

Do you think the issues facing English teachers in South Korea are unique? How do you think the issues in other places you might be somewhat familiar with (e.g., the U.S.) might be similar or different?

Stage 4

Now, come up with 4 questions you have about current issues in EFL that you would like to discuss in class.

There are no strict guidelines for answering the questions regarding length or format. This is up to you. Try to reflect deeply and answer each question/stage as best you can. As with all assignments, try to have fun with it and learn from it. Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you might have.