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My Profile:

I am a newly qualified TEFL teacher and cannot wait for the many exciting challenges that lay ahead for me.

Although I have a lack of teaching experience, I believe that as an Afrikaans (my native language) speaking teacher, that I can bring a different type of creativity to my classrooms. My mother is English speaking and the children at school used to ask me “how I learn English”. Luckily for me it was not a matter of learning it as I heard it being spoken on a daily basis. As a matter of fact, my last exam at school, I received higher points in English than in my own native language. Actually, I prefer English to my own native language.

Even though I am rather nervous in teaching my 1st online class (because of the different types of accents, nationalities etc.), I cannot wait to plan and start teaching my lessons and to make it as interesting as possible.

One of my main goals is to get the students looking forward to attending my classes due to my personality, so much so that they don't want the lessons to end.

If I am successful in this position, I would rather teach full time as I feel that I will be a better asset to the school rather than in my current position as I am learning new skills daily but I would like to pass my knowledge onto my students, especially sharing interesting facts about our beautiful country.

My TEFL Qualifications:

2023 – Qualifi Level 5 Diploma in Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL) (The TEFL Academy) (RQF)

- An introduction into Lesson Planning;
- Teaching English Vocabulary;
- Teaching Pronunciation;
- Understanding English Grammar;
- Teaching Respective Skills: Listening and Reading;
- Teaching Respective Skills: Speaking and Writing;
- Teaching English Grammar;
- History of the English Language and English Language Teaching;
- Teaching Materials and Aids and Classroom Management Strategies;
- The Effective use of Resources for TEFL.

Courses:

- Various computer courses to keep me up to date with the latest versions of all programmes.
- Certificates in Exports and Imports:
(in previous working experience I was an Expeditor and we had to import raw materials (eg, copper and brass) and export the end product to various of our International Customers (Germany, America, China, just to name a few)).

Due to my current workload, I have unfortunately not had any chance to further my studies as I am away from home a lot busy with work.

Employment

October 2001 – present.

I work in the Hospitality Industry where we are the managing agents for a few resorts in South Africa and one in Kenya. I have had the privilege to travel to some of the resorts (the one next to the Kruger National Park is my favourite).

Hobbies & Interests

I have an absolute passion for animals therefore I regularly volunteer at our local shelters. We take part in weekend 5km “fun runs” to raise funds for various shelters (although I am not one of the fittest people participating).

My other interest is reading crime novel books (I can read an interesting book in a day).

Personal Details

Date of Birth: 16th November 1977

Nationality: South African

