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## Work Experience

### Owner - Web Handyman (07/05-now)

- Responsible for **pitching, planning** and implementing **project plans, meeting deadlines, controlling budgets** and meeting **KPIs** with evaluation for clients and internal projects.
- Working in a **technical** and management capacity. **Leading a team** of freelance developers and designers.
- Well-developed **IT skills**, including experience with **website development, design, copywriting, SEO and social media marketing**.
- Internal projects, including **guessmyage.net**, that use paid advertisements (PPC, affiliate) and premium paid features.
- **Entrepreneurial** success in turning a childhood hobby into a **successful part time business**.

### Teacher - Aidi International School, Beijing, China (08/18-now)

- **Managing a busy schedule** of year 3 and four classes in addition to after school English Plus classes for **low level students** and reading classes.
- **Working individually** and as **part of a team** to develop and implement **curriculum, weekly plans, lessons** and summative **assessments**.
- **Excellent administrative, organisation and communication skills** from working in a bilingual, multicultural environment.
- Working with a wide range of students, including those with **learning difficulties** and **mental health disorders**.
- **Awarded** "Honorable Achievement in **Outstanding Teaching**".

### English Teacher - Kilkenny English School, Spain (09/17 - 06/18)

- Teaching **Cambridge English** levels A1 (**beginner**) to C1 (**advanced**), including **business English** and **one-to-one conversation classes**.
- Running classes for **young, adolescent, university and adult students**.
- Responsible for **exam preparation**, writing **report cards** and **speaking to parents** about their child's progress.

### English Teacher - Seoul Gaewoong Elementary School (04/16 - 04/17)

- Teaching the national English curriculum to **year 3 to year 6** students.
- Running an **English afterschool club** for **North Korean refugees** and **Chinese students** from low income families.
- Planning and teaching two week long **summer and winter holiday camps**.
- **Working independently and with Korean teachers** to produce engaging lesson plans. To successfully manage classes of 28 students, activities, time and resources.
- Working with children with a range of **learning and behavioral difficulties**.

### English Teacher - Daegu Dong Pyung Elementary School (08/13 - 08/15)

- Teaching **year 4 and 5** classes on a bi-weekly rotating basis and supplementary **afterschool classes**.
- Producing and hosting the morning **"321 Happy Together English"** TV broadcast.

- Teaching **winter/summer camps** on space, culture, travel, sport and more.
- Teaching in a school with **1,800 students and 90 members of faculty**.
- **Actively participating in school events**, such as sport's day, teacher's trips and dinners.
- Part time role at the Daegu Global Education Centre (04/14 - 06/14) teaching about British culture and **managing a Korean volunteer student**.

After graduating from university I worked for **IT and media firms** Cloud Business and Havas Media.

I have worked since secondary school, starting with a part-time retail job and office based positions.

## Education & Qualifications:

Cambridge International PDQ course - **Certificate in Teaching and Learning** (awaiting assessment)

- Completed a comprehensive professional development course, certified and assessed by **Cambridge International Assessments**.
- Covering a **wide range of teaching theories**, methodologies, methods, assessments, objective and effective lesson design and other teaching and learning practices.

UK-**TEFL 28 hour in-classroom** certificate (Teaching English as a Foreign Language)

I-to-I **120 hours** online **TEFL/TESOL** certificate

University: **Sogang University**, Seoul, Korea

**Korean Language** - 400 Hours: **Level 2 (86%)**, **Level 3 (77%)**

- Studied Sogang Level 1 Korean language course at the Daegu YMCA.

**Chinese Mandarin** Entry Beginner (pass) - Practical Mandarin

- Continued Mandarin tuition and independent study whilst living in Beijing.

University: **University of East Anglia**, Norwich, UK

BSc (Hons) **Business Information Systems (2.1)**

- Studied in the school of **Computing Science** and the **Business** School.
- **Presented welcome talks** to future students and parents **within a lecture theatre**.
- Received a bursary for a **distinguished performance** in year 2.

School: St Peter's Sixth Form and Secondary School, Guildford, UK

- **A Levels: Applied ICT, English Literature & Product Design**.
- **10 A - C grade GCSEs**, including **English** and **maths**.
- I was elected as a **Head Student** and helped with day-to-day management tasks.

## Interests and Hobbies:

- I enjoy travelling and learning about other cultures. I have travelled to nearly 40 countries, in Europe, Asia, Africa and North America.
- Whilst living abroad in China, Spain and Korea I have enjoyed learning the language, trying new foods, sightseeing and socialising.
- In Korea I **managed a social group for English speakers and students** so that foreigners and Koreans could **experience Korean and foreign culture**. I ran monthly events including **hiking**, **bowling** and celebrating national festivals.