

2011 TESL ONTARIO ESL WEEK CONTEST

BLOG ENTRY #1

TITLE **ESL Experiences and Reflections at Kristin's Backpack**

<http://kristinsbackpack.com>

The ESL teaching category (of all posts related to ESL):

<http://kristinsbackpack.com/category/experiences-teaching-english-as-a-second-language>

The following are 8 posts related to ESL teaching:

1. <http://kristinsbackpack.com/how-to-choose-esl-teacher>
How to Choose an ESL Teacher
 - This post discusses qualities of the best ESL teachers for non-native speakers to think about when choosing a teacher to study with.
2. <http://kristinsbackpack.com/first-day-jitters-in-the-esl-classroom>
First Day Jitters in the ESL Classroom
 - This post talks about the best ways to approach the first class with a new group of students in order to achieve the best ongoing relationship and successful classes.
3. <http://kristinsbackpack.com/mixin-it-up-in-the-classroom>
Mixin' it up in the Classroom
 - This article goes into ideas for making the best ESL lessons to ensure students enjoy themselves and achieve the lesson objectives. It discusses ways to use variety and creativity to connect with the different learning styles of students.
4. <http://kristinsbackpack.com/interview-questions-for-esl-teachers-to-ask>
Interview Questions for ESL Teachers to Ask
 - This post addresses issues that a lot of teachers abroad have to deal with when finding jobs. It talks about important things that new teachers should ask employers to ensure a good school and positive teaching experience, in an English speaking country and abroad!

5. <http://kristinsbackpack.com/how-do-i-find-my-passion>

How Do I Find My Passion?

- This post was written on the road as I was talking about my ESL teaching profession with other travelers. It really made me realize my growing passion for the ESL field.

6. <http://kristinsbackpack.com/students-kids-vs-adults>

Students: Kids vs. Adults

- I wrote this article after taking my CELTA course and experiencing a class with adult students for the first time. It discusses the differences and similarities between the two groups of learners.

7. <http://kristinsbackpack.com/korean-school-to-celta-classroom>

Korean School to the Celta Classroom

- This post dives into my experience as a teacher in Korea, my feelings towards leaving that place, and the excitement that comes with me as I continue to learn about teaching and the time to become part of a new ESL community in Ontario.

8. <http://kristinsbackpack.com/teaching-portfolio>

Teaching Portfolio

- I created this portfolio post before leaving Korea in order to keep track of my teaching experiences in different parts of the world. It reminds me in many ways why I continue to strive to be part of ESL programs. I look forward to adding to it in the near future.