

SOPHIA MARTIN

Global ESL/EFL Education Specialist

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Professional Summary

TESOL-certified ESL teacher with 15+ years of international classroom experience across South Korea, China, South America, and the United States. Skilled in curriculum development, differentiated instruction, early childhood education, phonics, and literacy programmes. Proven ability to increase student retention and engagement through innovative teaching methods and digital learning tools. Adept at supporting diverse learners, mentoring teachers, and integrating cross-cultural understanding into language acquisition.

Core Competencies: TESOL/TEFL instruction, curriculum development, early childhood education, phonics & literacy, student assessment, classroom management, differentiated instruction, student retention strategies, intercultural communication, digital learning platforms, teacher mentorship.

Teaching Experience

Global Language Centers – Boston, MA

English Teacher | Jan 2024 – Present

- Deliver ESL lessons with strong emphasis on **speaking, fluency, and grammar accuracy**, aligned with TESOL methodologies.
- Coordinate **academic events, assessments, and programme quality control** across multiple levels.
- Improved **student attendance and retention** by building a supportive classroom culture and using interactive digital resources.

Selected Teaching Roles – South Korea

Head Teacher & ESL Instructor | 2016 – 2023

(Global English Academy, Bright Kids Institute, Horizon Language Center, Maple Tree Academy)

- Led **elementary curriculum development** and teacher training as Head Teacher at Son's Edu.
- Maintained **100% student retention** during the COVID-19 shift to online learning by using Zoom, Smart Boards, and digital assessment tools.
- Integrated **AI-powered writing and debate exercises** to promote critical thinking and creativity.
- Selected from 25 instructors for Orange Cat Center's **early childhood education programme**.
- Acted as **Head Teacher liaison** at Kid's College, ensuring **curriculum consistency and parent engagement**.

Volunteer & Early Career Teaching

Chile, Peru, China, South Korea | 2007 – 2016

- **Volunteer ESL teacher** in rural Chile and Peru: designed lesson plans in resource-limited environments, strengthening cultural exchange and communication skills.
- Disney English (China): taught phonics, literacy, and **early childhood English programmes** for ages 3–12; facilitated the **“Mommy and Me” parent engagement programme**.
- EPIK Public Schools (Korea): co-taught ESL with Korean teachers, implemented **after-school enrichment programmes**, and used **differentiated instruction** to meet varied student needs.

Education

Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics – Eastbrook University, MA | Jan 2007

Certifications

- **TEFL Certification (120 hours)** – Global Language Institute, NY | Jul 2007
- **TEFL-Children Certification** – Star English, China | May 2011

Skills & Technology

- **Instructional Design:** Lesson Planning, Curriculum Development, Early Childhood Education, Differentiated Instruction
- **Assessment & Leadership:** Student Assessment, Retention Strategies, Teacher Mentorship, Parent Engagement
- **Digital Learning Tools:** Smart Boards, Zoom, Online Assessments, Canva, ChatGPT, Google Suite, Microsoft Office Suite

Languages

English (native) | Spanish (professional) | Korean (intermediate)

References

Available upon request.