

1.If anything was possible, what would your dream job be, and why?

To be a public teacher has been my childhood dream. I am fond of this profession because of 3 things, namely, benefits, cause and impact, and lifelong stability. The first thing on the list is the benefits. It is an undeniable fact that I need financial assistance in my everyday endeavors. And being a teacher, benefits have always caught my attention from year-end bonus to allowances and cash gifts in which I can support myself and even my own family in the future. Second is cause and impact. It is a common knowledge that a teacher is a mother of all profession. I would like to be part of this and pass on the legacy that I will not only be a teacher but also an educator. An educator who will give importance to equity and not to equality.

And the last one is the lifelong stability. This is one of the important things that I consider in my future, the assurance that I will become financially stable because of the pension and insurance that I could get when retire as a teacher.

2. Have you ever experienced a stressful situation in your past workplace (college if fresh graduate), what was it and how did you overcome it?

As a former online ESL teacher, a particular stressful experience I encountered was with a naughty and inattentive student. There was once a scenario where I was having a hard time getting his attention and make him respond to our discussion. To solve this issue, I took time to think of what I would do in our next discussion. In our next class, I improvised a game related to our discussion, let him talk about himself, family, and hobbies. These activities were beneficial because my goals were to make him participate in the discussion and communicate using the English language.

Improvising is one of the important skills as an online ESL teacher because of the limited teaching instruction that could happen in an online class. This skill is also important in other jobs since there will be a possible scenario wherein, we need to think of other solutions to solve a particular problem.

3. In your previous position, what task did you find most challenging and why? What task did you enjoy most and why?

In my previous position, which is an online teacher, the task that I find most challenging is handling different kinds of students especially those who are yet to learn the English alphabet letters and numbers. And because of the language barrier, I needed to learn basic Mandarin instructions so that those students who could not understand, could follow. Because if I didn't do it, misunderstanding would arise and dissatisfaction from parents would lead to poor performance rating.

And the task that I enjoyed the most is when those beginners were able to learn the lessons that I taught them. It is very heart warming that they sang along and chanted along in the

lesson. Also, I was able to receive good feedbacks from the parents and it also meant more students to be enrolled in my class.

With these experiences, I was able to prove to my students, parents, and my TM that I can be trusted and can be easily trained and can adjust when a situation asked for it.

4. How would your previous managers/coworkers describe you?

In my previous ESL companies, I may have received negative feedbacks and encouragement from my trainers and TMs, I was able to bounce back and excel as an online teacher. And with that, I was one of the Top Tutors in my previous ESL teachers and has English for Kids award since I have garnered high ratings and good feedbacks from my students and their parents. So, I can say that since I have received those recognitions, my previous TM described me as someone who is teachable and capable. Teachable in a way that I am willing to learn new things and capable because I have the skills as a teacher wherein, I know how to deal with my mistakes and learn from it. Also, I am capable in finishing my tasks since in my previous employment, updates were frequent especially in the teaching materials and platform and we needed to train and have good marks in it.

5. What personal or professional accomplishments are you most proud of?

The accomplishment that I am proud of is not receiving awards and be acknowledged by someone, but it is to be there with my family when they needed me. Being an online ESL teacher has not only given me an opportunity to deal with different kinds of students, explore a new environment, and learn new teaching approaches but it also gave me means to support myself and my family financially. In this pandemic, a lot of people lost their jobs, but I was one of those fortunate individuals who were hired in an online job where I did not need to go outside and violate the pandemic protocols. In the comfort of my home, I was able to support my family despite the difficulties we faced during those times. There might be struggles along the way especially the power outages and internet connections problems, but those hardships were all fruitful when I was able to see the smiles in my parents' faces because we surpassed another trial that came in our way.