

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

If anything is possible, I would love to be a voice actor. I think being a voice actor can be a fun and fulfilling job. Voice acting isn't just about having the ability to change your voice, you also need to convey the feeling of the character that you are enacting and make sure that the audience/listener can grasp the emotion intended by the story.

Being a voice actor is also different from regular actors especially when it comes to their respective lives. Actors often get recognized for their looks. As a result, people tend to stalk them, make commotions whenever they are in public, and sometimes even bash them or make some rumors. Voice actors don't really suffer much compared to regular actors; you still get to enjoy the acting part of the job, and some niche group of people might recognize you but they won't be as oblivious. You get to enjoy all of these things without the detriment of your private life.

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?

A stressful situation that I have experienced before was when I was teaching as an ESL tutor. I was teaching a kid how to pronounce the word "vegetable". The kid got it wrong at first but then after some constant practice, she got it. After a few days we tried to review our past lessons including the pronunciation of the word "vegetable" but, this time mother also wants to join her. Everything went smoothly until we reached the "vegetable" word. Of course, the kid got it correctly but her mother was pissed and scolded the child, saying that it should be pronounced as "ve-gee-ta-bol".

Both the kid and I were surprised, then the mother spanked her. They went into what I assumed was a heated argument. Obviously, I can't understand them because they are speaking in Mandarin. Time's running out and we haven't finished the lesson yet, so I tried to stop them. I gently talked to her mother and corrected her mistake and said that her child actually did a good job and pronounced the word correctly. The child heard this and cried some more, with no time left I asked her mother to review the lesson on their own then I'll just give a little quiz next session.

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

I think the most challenging part of my task before was teaching a student who aren't really interested in learning. They can't absorb the lesson well given the fact that they don't want to. They won't care if mistakes were made, since it's your job to make sure that they understand the lesson, you'll have to constantly correct them resulting to a very annoyed/pissed student.

The task that I enjoyed the most would be Free talk. On Free talk lessons, students would just share or talk about whatever they like. The goal here is for them to practice communicating in English and get used to it. These lessons are often booked by adults or teenagers, basically,

students who can understand and communicate in basic English. I enjoyed this because it shows how far your student has reached in terms of the English language. Surprisingly you can also learn from their insights on businesses, culture, and cuisine.

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

I was an Online ESL tutor so I don't really have a coworker because of the nature of my work. Instead, I'll just write comments on how my students describe or feel about me. They said that I don't really look like an introvert, which is a common sentiment for me. I liked to think that I'm an approachable person but, I tend to enjoy my own company more. Some of them insisted that I looked like a Chinese person, given that my eyes are on the smaller side. They liked the fact that I'm not a strict teacher but still concerned enough about their lessons. Other students also commended how I can incorporate the lesson into their interests or hobbies. Overall, most of their comments are positive and I feel very blessed but I think some of them are just exaggerations or maybe I'm just not used to compliments.

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

I don't really have diverse experiences when it comes to working but there are still some accomplishments that I've achieved. First was saving enough money to help my mother pay her debts. Back then it was fulfilling to see her happy and free from financial trouble, albeit the pandemic happened and we're back again in the same situation, it was still empowering to accomplish something from your "checklist". Next was one of the accomplishments that I really didn't expect. It was when I realized that I've taught my student well. She was one of my first student and back then she doesn't really have any idea about English. I was her teacher for a few years and it was before she finished her studies with us (end of contract) that I realized that she became talkative and expressive while still using the English language. I really didn't expect to feel satisfied and somewhat proud to see her apply the things that we have learned together.