

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

If anything were possible, I would want to be an Accountant. I have a few reasons why this is my dream job. One of the reasons is my love for mathematics. I grew up loving complex tasks in mathematics. I feel happy and accomplished if I solve a complicated problem no matter how hard it may take. Another reason is that I like doing office-like jobs. I want to work with paper jobs, keep records, interpret data, calculate payrolls and conduct financial audits. I always wanted to work at a bank even though I have no idea what it's like. The last reason is I want to be a Certified Public Accountant. I also wanted to be a government employee since there are a lot of benefits that are given and practically speaking, the government gives big bonuses to government employees. This is only my dream job, no matter where life may take me, I will always trust God that he will put me right where I belong. Somewhere I can enjoy and live life to the fullest.

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?

One of the stressful situations I experienced in my past workplace is having to work for more than 8 hours with very few breaks. I worked as an ESL teacher where no class, no pay is the deal so if I want a bigger salary, I need to work hard. It's stressful because I have 16-22 classes per day with only two 30-minute breaks and must work 6 days a week. I don't have a life-work balance, so I don't really enjoy it much which makes me stressed. What I did is I tried to make the best out of it. I multi-tasked so I can have a few minutes of free time to finish everything, so I don't extend more time at work. I also tried having lunch for five minutes so that I could rest during my 30-minute break. I also try to utilize my one-day off to enjoy and spend time with my family. No matter how stressful or hard my work is, I continue to strive every day because my happiness is seeing my family happy and having a good life.

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

The most challenging task in my previous work was teaching different levels of learners. I taught from level 0 which is kids below 6 years up to adults who are professionals who wanted to learn English. I randomly get different levels of learners each day, so I must switch my way of teaching from slow and funny lessons to fast and serious kind of lessons. Every day is a challenge since I don't know what kind of learner I will have, and I must fit my way of teaching to their level. I enjoy teaching kids the most because they are very sweet and fun to be with. We have a lot of time to do something enjoyable and at one time I feel like I was a child again. They are also grateful and appreciative of their teacher. No matter how challenging or enjoyable my job is, I will always be thankful for having work and will always try to do my best in everything.

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

My previous coworkers might describe me as someone who is shy and reserved at first but is very fun and enjoyable to be with. I am an introverted person who is not comfortable around people, especially new ones. It's like I'm testing the water because I have anxiety and I'm scared to be judged by people who wouldn't like my personality. I only show my fun and goofy personality around people I'm comfortable with and I really make them happy and feel loved. They might also say that I am a hardworking person because I work for longer hours before taking a break. I like working for straight hours because I only feel tired when I'm taking a break. They might also say that I am thrifty because I don't usually go with them when they buy some snacks because I'm always saving money and I don't feel hungry when I'm at work. Those are the things that I'm happy to hear from people who have been with me at work.

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

The personal accomplishment that I am most proud of is overcoming my social anxiety. I was very scared of social interactions before I gave up every opportunity that came into my life. I was afraid of riding a bus, ordering at a fast-food chain, doing interviews, responding to strangers and all social interactions that may happen. But right now, I am very happy because I have learned to face my fears and overcome those fears. I am now confident doing social interactions although I'm still a little bit reserved. I am also proud that I have improved my communication skills in English because of the training I had in my previous job. I was not that good with pronunciation before but now I am confident to communicate with anyone in English. I am looking forward to learning and accomplishing more skills in this company to continue growing personally and professionally.