

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

It is said that you would never have to work a day in your life if you did what you love. I have always enjoyed hanging out at the beach, soaking up the sun's rays, and listening to the sound of the waves. If I could work any job, I would want to be a Professional Surfer or Surfing Instructor, regardless of the cost of the gear I would require or the length of training I would need to complete. I've met a Surfing Instructor that taught me how to surf, and what amazes me the most was his way of perceiving life. Not only did he impart to me the basic surfing skills that I need to know as a complete beginner, but he spoke with practical wisdom on how to simply live life. I've concluded the contrast between how people think in the city where everything is fast-paced and complex and the way surfers simply go about their lives, worrying about nothing at all since a circumstance, just like a wave, no matter how large or small, passes. With that said, I hope to become one not only because I love being in the water, but with the wisdom that comes along with the profession.

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?

Having experienced a failure that I caused makes a stressful situation that I would fearfully face later. In my early college days, I failed a subject that would eventually make me a year late for graduating. As a planner, I spent years of believing that everything will not fall into place since I already planned out everything, from what year I will be graduating to the year that I want to get married, but I didn't follow through. Little did I know that life will surprise you with situations you'll never be ready for. I have robbed my present by immersing myself to contemplating 'what could have beens' when I could have just used it for consolidating myself and learning from it. I can proudly say that I didn't overcome that situation alone because there were people that were willing to show up, life me up from my rock bottom situations, and remind me that failures are mere experiences, and not my entire identity, that will mold me to the person I am now. That new way of seeing failure has helped me with my job in such a way that I've become more aware of my shortcomings that has allowed me to make an action plan on how to mitigate them.



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

As an English as Second Language online tutor, I didn't feel the weight of the tasks that was given unto me since I am familiar with the tools that I am using, however what I find the most challenging was teaching a four-year-old kid without a parent that's guiding her since she could never understand even a little bit of English. I know I will guide her through learning this language, but I anticipated a parent would come along to guide the child too. I love teaching little children because they will unknowingly require me to have the patience that I need to extend as long as I can, and I get to share a childhood with them. That four-year-old kid became one of my favorite students for the reason that we enjoyed our time together, without her having the pressure to learn every words right away, and as for me, knowing that I could become an effective teacher in my own little ways.

4. How would your past colleagues or managers describe your work ethic?

As far as I can remember, my past colleagues and my manager would always notice the way I laugh and the way I don't take myself too seriously, unless a certain situation requires me to. That, I am not surprised since I know that side of me too well. What surprised me was when they praised the soft skills that I had and have now, because I'm not well aware of how I show them to people. They would always regard me as an empathetic person because of how I listen and lend a hand to them when they need someone, how I communicate well for them to better understand each other, and how I show my leadership without trampling on anyone. They said that more than focusing on cultivating hard skills which can always be learned with proper training, we must also try to acquire soft skills because we were dealing with people, and we give the service they truly deserve.

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

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If I could think of one thing that I attained which made me the proudest of, I honestly couldn't give one. This might be the result of my inability to accept credit for work that I have rendered well and my inability to give myself credit when I truly deserved it. This, I believe, will be the moment to gradually recognize the work I have always done to perform to the highest standard, regardless of how mundane or minor my responsibilities may be. Right now, it is the personal accomplishment that I can say I'm the proudest of, allowing myself to recognize the effort I put in every work I'm appointed to do, allowing myself to celebrate small wins, and allowing myself to extend patience and to show kindness to me.