



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

They say that dreaming is free, and I agree with that, even though we live in a world where everything has a price. My dream job is to become a lawyer, and that was the initial reason why I took psychology. I realized that there are a lot of complications when you become an adult, and the turning point for me was when we noticed that my NSO birth certificate was different from my LIVE birth certificate. I had two name registrations from different cities due to family issues before I was born. We had to process it immediately because I was graduating from college at the time, and the documents are required to process my credentials. My lawyer, who gave me an idea of what it is like to be in a legal field, suggested that I take law after the board exam. However, I can't take the board exam this year due to the lack of documents (NSO/PSA is required to process my TOR). My parents are supportive of the path I want to take so I realized that everything has its own timing. I don't have plans on taking law yet because of financial issues, but if I could, I really want to be a lawyer so I can help other people struggling for justice and justness.

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?

Stress is inevitable in our day-to-day lives. I have experience teaching English online for Korean students, and yes, it really is stressful. I encountered countless students who were rude and improper, with their parents beside them who sometimes reprimanded them or just let them be. I remember a student who was so annoyed at something that I know nothing about, and he sent a message in the chat box saying, "Just get on with the class!". He even said a bad word, to which I responded calmly. After that incident, I reported it to the Korean manager and indicated the class video's details and the student's previous behavior. Together with his mom, he apologized to me and made an excuse for why he was acting that way. Given the situation, I realized that there are things we can't control, and the best thing we can do is act proactively, be confident that we can solve them, and trust the process.



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, one thing that I found most challenging was aligning my energy with the students' enthusiasm and tension. As a teacher, you must lead the class and do the talking most of the time. There are students who really don't say anything, so you must go the extra mile to make the class interesting and engaging. No matter your way of teaching, there are students who learn differently, so you also must be resourceful enough. On the other hand, one thing I enjoyed the most was meeting adorable and kind students. It made my heart full when they appreciated the class by leaving a message saying, 'Thank you' or 'See you next time'. Their parents also showed appreciation and helped their children listen attentively, especially those who were still so young. I realized that there is no perfect job at all, everything has its good and bad sides, but as someone who takes challenges head-on, I enjoy the process as well as the stress that it brings to me.

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

I'm very particular with my schedule; most of my trainers would point out why I was early every day. I respond by sharing that I can still use the time to look at my schedule and prepare for the class. There were instances when a new student was enrolled in my class, which is why I needed to look at it carefully to assess the skills of the student. I think my supervisor would also agree that I did well in my classes, because I haven't received a single complaint from the students' parents. I taught English for almost a year, and I am glad that the parents liked how I handled the class. Communication is also essential when reporting absences, and in my past job, I didn't have any absences for 6 months. I had only a record when I needed to process something, so I think my past colleagues would describe my work ethic as something good for starters.



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

I was most proud when I got into the DOST (Department of Science and Technology) scholarship because it is known as the scholarship with the highest stipend among others and the most difficult one to pass. I had friends who encouraged me to apply, but I was hesitant at first because I thought that I wouldn't pass the qualifying exam. It saved me from financial issues, especially during the time of the thesis presentation. The scholarship had a lot of programs and events for us, so I had the chance to travel and stay for three days in Iloilo City and since it was my first time, I enjoyed everything there. I felt deeply honored to be a DOST scholar because it gave us opportunities to explore and find jobs tailored to our skills. As part of the policy, we need to render two years of service as part of giving back to the people who funded the scholarship. The service is not that strict if you have worked for two years in any job, whether it is related to your course or not.