



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

- If anything is possible, my dream job is to be a newscaster. Ever since I was young, I enjoyed being in front of a microphone and speaking in a large crowd. I also like writing articles. I enjoyed making reports and sharing my thoughts about certain issues and topics. I joined a broadcasting competition when I was in high school and I was chosen as the anchor of our team. It made me realize my dreams and goals in life. I love public speaking and it gives me a satisfying feeling whenever I do so.

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?

- I joined my previous company as a part-time employee. I was a first-year university student when I started teaching English. The part that stressed me out a bit was my working schedule. There was a time I struggled to manage my working and studying time since I didn't want to quit my job and I also didn't want to stop attending university. Thankfully, our management allowed me to choose the most convenient time to work so it would not intervene with my school schedule. As time went by, I was able to adjust well, and I decided to continue as a full-time employee after I finished my university degree.



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

- I taught English to both Japanese kids and adults for six years. The most challenging part of my job for me was overcoming the cultural and language barriers. Most people in Japan have limited English skills and my job was to understand what they are trying to express and make them feel comfortable in learning the language. There were times when miscommunication and misunderstanding occurred, but I just tried to adjust according to their skills. The part that I enjoyed the most was connecting and conversing with them. I love exploring their culture and it gives me joy whenever they share something unique about it. Japanese people are very polite and understanding. They also love listening to stories about what is like living in the Philippines. I think this was the part I enjoyed the most. I was able to connect with my students and went beyond learning a foreign language.

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

- I had a lot of good relationships in my previous job. They would describe me as a quiet, hardworking person who established a good and friendly relationship with my students. They would notice and joke about the number of students I had in a day. As for my managers, one of our Japanese managers appreciated how I value my time as I would come to the office at least 30 minutes before my work schedule. Japanese people are very particular, especially with time. It made me realize that my hard work had paid off for them to notice it.



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

- I finished my degree as a part of Dean's list. I was also able to provide for my mom and myself while I finished my studies. I passed the Civil Service Exam only through self-review and in just one take. In my previous job, I was recognized as one of the most booked teachers for two consecutive years. I was also one of the best performers last year. These accomplishments made me realize that all my sacrifices and hard work are not overlooked. They came from my determination to succeed no matter what the circumstances are.