

I did my apprenticeship at FFF Photography which is located at Jl. Terusan Sutami no. 20, Bandung, as an assistant to the photographer and as one of the editors. In this studio, I could apply my English skills in several aspects, among which are reading, listening, writing, and translating skills. It was my reason to take this company to be the place of my apprenticeship.

“FFF Photography” is a business in photography and photograph editing. It has been growing since 2006. This studio did not grow as it should be at the beginning, but it began to grow about six months ago because the owner of FFF Photography learned photography in Darwis Triadi School of Photography (DTSoP), Jakarta. FFF Photography is a business which gets its customers from friends or relatives because this studio is still new and its name is not known yet by the public.

FFF Photography has several requirements for an assistant of the photographer and an editor, such as:

- Being able to use Photoshop computer program for photo editing process
- Having high creativity and loyalty
- Being able to work as a team
- Being able to use English orally and especially writing sentences in English that are used in editing process
- Being able to use SLR camera
- Understanding the basic composition of a photograph

The routine activities I did during my apprenticeship at FFF Photography are:

- Writing English sentences to displayed on the photographs
- Translating FFF Photography's package list
- Designing and editing photographs
- Helping with photography sessions in the studio and also outdoor

I started my apprenticeship on July, 23rd 2007, and ended it on September, 14th 2007. I did my apprenticeship in different time everyday because my schedule and the owner's schedule did not match. Besides the schedule, my working places are different everyday. The following is my working time and place in general:

Day	Time	Place
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday	13.00 – 15.00	Studio
Tuesday, Friday	13.00 – 24.00	Jakarta (DTSoP)

During my apprenticeship, I always looked for, copied and retyped many sentences in English that were used in photo editing process. Besides looking for inspiring words or romantic sentences in various articles from the Internet, magazines, and books, I also made many sentences by my own creativity as given in the appendix. Another job that I did during my apprenticeship was in designing and editing photographs, helping with photography sessions, and preparing the tools for the photography sessions.

I face several difficulties during my apprenticeship. I got my biggest difficulties in first day of my apprenticeship. I had to understand and had to learn photography jargons such as shutter speed, trigger, fill in, main light, patch, marquee, lasso, crop, etc, which were very different from everyday's English and I

had to learn them from the experts. Working as an assistant of the photographer and an editor is not as easy as it looks. I have to learn much more about photography jargons above and how to use the tools that support my job.

During my apprenticeship, the dominating English skills are reading, writing, and translating. Reading skills are used in reading articles from many media such as the Internet, books, magazines, etc. Writing skills are used in making sentences to be added to photographs, such as given in the Appendix. Translating skills are used in translating some Indonesian sentences into English to be added to a photograph such as given in the Appendix.

There are several courses that I took in D3 English Program that are useful during my apprenticeship, especially Reading, Listening, Translation, and Emotional Intelligence in the Workplace. Reading skills that I got from the Reading classes were useful when I look for articles from many media such as the Internet, books, and magazines. Listening skills that I got from Listening classes are useful when listening to many songs that have inspiring and romantic sentences to be used in photograph editing process. Emotional skills that I got from the Emotional Intelligence in the Workplace class are useful when I have to interact with people who are customers of FFF Photography because I always have to give good impression to them.

After my two-month apprenticeship in FFF Photography, I learn about my strengths and weaknesses in using English based on my supervisor's evaluation. My strengths in English are in listening and translating. My supervisor thinks that my strength in listening is very useful when I have to listen to people who speak English and Indonesian and a song. I can understand the sentences that I hear well. My supervisor also thinks that I can translate Indonesian sentences into English

accurately. My supervisor also evaluates the area that I need to improve, which is in grammar, because I am not really good in arranging sentences using appropriate English structure and my supervisor really good in grammar. He suggests that I get an extra lesson for grammar so that my English skills can be perfected.

From my apprenticeship that I did, I can say that I have learned a lot. I learn much more about professional photography that not all people would know. Moreover, I gain good experience about doing a real job. The good experiences are from several aspects that I got from my apprenticeship, such as creativity aspects that make me more creative in doing my job, communication aspects that help me to interact with a lot of people, also the aspects of motivation which are very important in doing my job.

I want to give a suggestion to FFF Photography to increase the use of English in daily life in the studio. I think it is important for FFF Photography staff to understand English because most of photography jargons are in English, so that the staff will have no difficulty in their works. Besides, English language has become an international language that is used by many countries. The staff and the owner of FFF Photography need to speak English fluently, so that FFF Photography can enter the international market.

I suggest that D3 Networking Program maintains this apprenticeship program. This program helps students to be ready to enter the real working life. I hope that D3 Networking Program provides much more options of institutions for apprenticeship, so that students can choose institutions for apprenticeship according to their talents, criteria, and their interests.