

English has been widely used as the means of communication in the media as well as in the entertainment. There are some entertainment media such as: magazine, television, newspaper, movie, comic, and so on. For my apprenticeship program I am particularly interested in dealing with the use of English in entertainment especially in the movies and comics. Therefore, I decided to do my apprenticeship at MYTH VCD&DVD rent.

MYTH is a rental store for comics and movies. MYTH provides various categories of movies and comics from Asian and Western countries such as Mangascan comics, Anime movies, Japanese comics, Hollywood movies, and so on. For my apprenticeship I am assigned to focus on anime movie, Mangascan and Japanese comics. I did the apprenticeship from January 8, 2007 to February 17, 2007 as a Manager Assistant. During my apprenticeship I have to work from Monday until Thursday, starting from 10 a.m to 8 p.m whereas; another staff is doing their job every day, starting from 10 a.m to 10 p.m.

In 2003, MYTH started the rental business in Jalan Surya Sumantri 82 and since 2006 they moved to Jalan Surya Sumantri 57 with 4 staff members. They work as an *Operational Manager, Sales and Promotion, Collector, Finance, and Cashier*. On doing their job, one of four staff members have a double position as an *Operational Manager and Finance*.

There are several requirements to be a Manager Assistant. I need to have good English competence. Besides, the job requires me to have basic computer skill especially in MS Word and MS Excel. I also must be proactive in doing my job, discipline, and always come on time.

During the apprenticeship my activity as a Manager Assistant is making catalogues. There are two types of catalogues; the first is the catalogue of Japanese comics and Anime movies and the second catalogue is Mangascan comics. In making catalogue, my routine activity is to scan the covers of the comic books in the computer. Afterwards, I have to write Japanese comic & Anime movie reviews by reading the English reviews then translate them into Indonesian. After editing the pictures and combining the pictures with the reviews, I arrange the movies or comic catalogue then print them out. In making catalogues of Mangascan comics, I have to find the titles and the covers; I must browse the Web Page (www.animenewsnetwork.com). After reading the Mangascan on the internet, I have to write the reviews in English. Afterwards, I copy the picture and reviews together and print them out.

The function of these catalogues is for helping the costumers to find the movies or comics they like by reading the reviews before they rent the comics and the movies and buy the Mangascan. During my apprenticeship, I have made ten catalogues, some of them are Mangascan comics and the others are Japanese comics and Anime movies. I also learn how to use a scanner to do picture scanning and how to use Corel Draw to edit the picture which I already scanned. Moreover; I

need to help the cashier to assist the students from Bandung International School when they come to MYTH to ask for some information about the movies. All activities that I have mentioned above are my daily activities during my apprenticeship,

There are some facilities which are provided by MYTH to support my job as a Manager Assistant. There is a computer to input the data such as movie or comic reviews and also to make a database. There is also a scanner for scanning the covers of anime movies and Japanese comics.

In carrying out my work, I am responsible to the Operational manager. I have to report my job as a Manager Assistant to him. The staff members at MYTH can cooperate well with one another, as a result, the work coordination can be well established.

During the apprenticeship I mostly practise my English competence in reading and translating. Almost every day I read the Japanese comics reviews in English before I translate them into Indonesian. I usually translate one review in a day. Sometimes I find it difficult to translate certain English words related to movie or comic reviews such as *foreboding*, *imprisonment*, *woes*, *bunk over*, etc. I use a dictionary to translate them.

For the Mangascan reviews, I need to write reviews of 8-10 sentences in English. I also find some difficulties in grammar. I seldom practise my speaking skill because there are only a few students from

Bandung International School coming to MYTH. Besides, there is no foreign staff in the working area so I seldom use English to communicate.

In conclusion, I believe that I can practice and develop my English skill such as reading and translating especially for making a movie and comic reviews. I realize that I need to improve grammar and vocabulary related to movies and comics. And also I have to improve my speaking skill because it is seldom used.

As for my self-improvement during the apprenticeship, I become skillful in operating computer and scanning the picture of Anime movies, Japanese comic, and Mangascan comic. Furthermore, through this apprenticeship I can learn how to cooperate well with another staff in my work place, to be discipline and come on time.

To keep the good image of MYTH and to keep the customers coming to MYTH, it is my hope that MYTH will pay more attention on the quality of service and increase the variety of Japanese comics so that the customers will be more satisfied. I also expect that MYTH can have more staff members so they will not handle double position. I also suggest that networking programme should provide more places for the students to do the apprenticeship.