

I did my apprenticeship as a teacher assistant at Kids Talent International Preschool and Kindergarten, which is located at Taman Kopo Indah 2 Blok 3A no. 60-61 Bandung. In this school, I could apply my English skills in several aspects, among which were speaking and writing skills. This is my reason to choose this school as the place for my apprenticeship. I also love children.

“Kids Talent” is an international preschool and kindergarten in Bandung. It was opened in July 2004 for preschool and 2007 for kindergarten.

Kids Talent International Preschool and Kindergarten has several requirements for an assistant teacher, such as:

- Be able to use English orally
- Love and care about children
- Show good attitude and performance, as well as high creativity and loyalty
- Show ability to work as a team

The routine activities I did during my apprenticeship at Kids Talent were:

- Making a lesson plan for one month
- Give story telling through a role play
- Helping the teacher to manage the class in every activity.

I started my apprenticeship on January 9th , 2008, and ended it on February 9th , 2008. I did my apprenticeship the same time every day. The following is my time table and where the activities were done:

Day	Time	Place
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Tuesday.	07.30 am-07.50 am 09.00 am-10.30 am 11.00 am-01.00 pm	Prayer room Nursery Class Kindergarten Class
Friday	07.30 am-07.50 am 09.00 am-10.30 am 11.00 am-01.00 pm 01.00 pm-02.00 pm	Prayer room Nursery Class Kindergarten Class Meeting room

During my apprenticeship, the job I should do was to help the teacher making a lesson plan for one week and one month. We attended a meeting every week, discussing the character development and the learning ability of every child. My job in class was to accompany the children when they were studying and make sure they understood all the materials that the teacher gave.

I faced several problems during my apprenticeship. I got my biggest problem when I did the first day of my apprenticeship. The first problem was lack of experience when teaching in front of a class. I did not have enough self confidence when I had to speak in front of a class as a teacher. My second problem was that I did not have enough knowledge to understand children development. I had difficulties to handle the pupils crying, lacking of discipline, lazy, and spoiled too.

In my apprenticeship, the subjects I often used were speaking and writing. The skill I used very often was speaking skill. For example when I talked to the children, either inside or outside of the class room.

There are several lessons in D-III English Program that are useful during my apprenticeship, especially Speaking skill, Vocabulary, Technique for TEFL, and Psychological Approach to Teaching. I felt my speaking class helped me a lot. Because of that I feel relief when teaching simple conversation to children. The knowledge that I got from vocabulary class is especially used when I introduced simple English words. Techniques for teaching that I got from Techniques for TEFL class were useful when I helped the teacher making a lesson plan. Psychological Approach to Teaching class is useful when I faced many kinds of children.

After my one-month apprenticeship in Kids Talent International Preschool and Kindergarten, I learnt about my strength and weaknesses in using English, according to what my supervisor had evaluated. My supervisor said that I had good integrity in teaching and speaking. She was satisfied with what I had done. Besides, I also lacked confidence when I had to speak in front of a class. I had no initiative to do my job. My supervisor always reminded me about it.

All that have learned in D-III English Program are useful and help me in teaching at Kids Talent. The most useful subject is conversation, especially when I was communicating with children. Psychological Approach to Teaching was very useful when I handled the children. I could make the children more interactive in learning activities and socializing with each other. I hope the children will be more confident with themselves.

I want to give a suggestion to Kids Talent International Preschool and Kindergarten that they should buy many teaching aids like English children books, puzzles magazines, toys, etc.

I suggest that D3 Networking program should maintain this apprenticeship program. The program should prepare the students to enter the real working life.