

SIRIPAT NENGCHAMNONG TRANSCRIPT

Segment 1 - Background & Introduction

>> **SIRIPAT:** My name is Siripat Nengchamnong and I come from Thailand. I came here in 2005 and I began to study English at SAL (Studies in American Language), San Jose State University. Right now I am running a restaurant, the name is *White Elephant* and the location is 930 El Camino Real in Santa Clara.

Segment 2 - Education and Requirements

>> **SIRIPAT:** I took some English classes in my country before, but I never used it in my country which is why my English is not that good before I came here. I went to San Jose State University, where they have an intensive second language class. A student who comes from a foreign country needs to learn four skills – reading, writing, speaking, and listening. It is a basic foundation for them.

I think it is very important for a second language student who wants to become an owner of a restaurant, or if you want to do any job in the US you have to take some classes at school first, because it is very helpful. So before I opened the restaurant I studied at Mission College, majoring in Hospitality Management which helped me a lot. I could not have opened the restaurant without suggestions from my teachers.

Segment 3 - What Does the Work Involve?

>> **SIRIPAT:** Myself I like cooking and like eating and I want to cook for people and enjoy when they like my food. I come to the restaurant at around 10.30am and then I open the restaurant and make the soup and the salad for the customers for lunchtime, and then I help my husband with the cooking in the kitchen and sometimes I work as a waitress.

Segment 4 - What Do You Enjoy about the Work?

>> **SIRIPAT:** For myself I like working in a restaurant because I can meet new people I like talking with people and knowing what they do, and then they can share their experiences with me. One of my customers he travels around the world and tells me about the places he had been to.

Segment 5 - What are the Challenges?

>> **SIRIPAT:** It is very hard work. I work at the restaurant every day. The restaurant opens every day from Monday to Sunday. The restaurant opens at 11am in the morning until 3pm in the afternoon and then we close and we open again at 5pm until 9.30pm. But I have a helper too.

Segment 6 - Would You Recommend This Job?

>> **SIRIPAT:** It depends on if you like it or not, because some people they don't like working in a restaurant and some people do, it depends on yourself. How do you like it? I like this job. That's why I do this. I like cooking, I like eating and I like people eating my food and enjoying it and feeling happy to eat it. That is why my restaurant is not that big, so I can control many things in the restaurant.

I hope my restaurant is going well, getting a lot of customers and I hope they enjoy it and tell me they like my food and the service.

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