



August Interviews

Interviewee: Dianne
Capacity: Club Leader

Hello Dianne, how are you today?

It's a miracle, I actually just woke up. I was checking my messages on discord and I saw your message because I didn't receive it in my notifications, so I'm not not sure why that happened haha.

We are here to interview you as club leadership for the K-Language club.

To start off, could you please introduce yourself?

My nickname is Dianne, I am 27 years old. I joined KSG last year, this is actually the first server that has helped me understand discord. It has also helped me take my Korean studies seriously. I am considered a dynamite army as I joined in the middle of map of the soul, when they were ending their promotions.

Would you like to introduce your team as well please?

Firstly, Sriya, who is the co-leader of our K-Language club. We also have our secretaries, Griz, Ohana, and Rara.

Could you give us a general overview of the club? What have you guys been doing since you started?

What the K-Language club is trying to do every month or so is we try to focus on learning, and how it's more about discussing topics that surround the korean studies. What we understood is that the language has an infinite amount of topics. For example, grammar, hangul, how the hangul alphabet is pronounced etc. Although the server is already doing this, K-Language is



trying to make the learning process fun. We try to show our members that learning the language can be fun whilst taking it seriously. It demonstrates to the members that we are capable of being serious while yet having fun.

And since how long has the club been running?

It's actually our anniversary this month. We started in August of 2021.

Have you been the club leader since the start of the club?

Yes.

Why did you want to become the club leader for this club?

I was one of the first members to join. Since no one actually wanted to or was available to become the leader, I didn't volunteer, if not this club wouldn't have been made. It's actually one of the first clubs that I actually liked, so naturally I volunteered because I really liked it. I'm thankful for leadership as I have learnt so much, especially about discord and how to use it, it's also really fun.

You mentioned how no one had volunteered, if someone had do you think you would have tried to go for the leadership position?

I don't think I would have if someone else had volunteered. Members of the club would tell you I wouldn't open my mic as I was shy about it. However, if someone else had become the leader I still would have joined leadership as a secretary.

You mentioned you can be pretty anxious, do you think this impacted your experience as a leader?

I guess it did because at times i feel like I had those days were I didn't feel good enough, as we all have, and then I constantly started to think whether i'm actually good enough to become a leader but you know from what we're



seeing and the feedback that we receive from the members we are doing good. Although we are not perfect, I still think I'm doing okay.

And how has your experience been?

Hmm. So I think I kind of can be kind of addicted to the club because before when I started as a member of the server I never had my notifications on, I never usually have my notifications on in general but now they are on. It's actually been one of the best experiences, because I never thought of myself becoming a leader but being there for the club really means a lot especially in regards to how I interact with people online. That was one of the best things that's changed the way I interact online. Being a bit more confident in myself, I guess I can see that I'm allowed to be part of leadership.

What is the best part about being a part of the club leadership?

Actually for me the best part is making materials, it is also in the meetings when members usually mention how they are having fun when discussing the topics during the meetings. It's pleasing as well to know the members feel comfortable in the club and that they had fun while we're discussing things about the Korean language.

What are some of the challenges you have faced while being part of the leadership.

The hardest part for me I guess would be communicating. I think that's one of my challenges. Although I want to communicate better, I think that's my worry. I want to communicate with the members as well as fellow leadership.

How have you overcome these challenges?

Hmm... for overcoming leadership challenges I think firstly being open, because being open with them was comforting to me. So yes, my lack of communication skills being open with leadership as well as asking questions



has helped me. And as for the members, Griz especially helped me become organized. As leadership you really have to be organized if you want to communicate well with the members.

How does your leadership team operate? Do you guys divide tasks among yourselves?

We usually divide the tasks and then if anyone needs help or is struggling with the task given, they usually will tag everyone in leadership and whoever is available will help, we do try to help each other.

What's your opinion on the clubs and how do you think you can improve the club?

I must say my opinion of the club will be pretty biased but in this case I do think the club is good, really good. Since we want to become a club that makes members feel comfortable to make mistakes within it, we can show them different ways to have fun whilst learning. For what we can improve, hmm... even if the club has been around for a year, we're still trying to figure out how to make the meetings shorter. I think if we could find out how to do this it would be good and could actually help leadership as well as members.

You mentioned it's the club's anniversary. What do you have planned for this month?

Oh hm, we usually have a review week every month. We feel like if we just discuss one topic you may forget about it which is why we have these reviews. During review week, looking back it's more of an idea but we are gonna be creating materials that the members can use to still learn about the Korean language. So what we are doing for the anniversary is during the review week we will be creating materials showing the members of the club what the club has been doing since the beginning of the year. Like a flashback. It will show the members what we have been doing since the beginning.



What are your goals for the club and what do you look forward to doing in the future?

Since our initial goal was to make learning Korean fun and the server is already a safe space to make mistakes, we also exaggerate in the club that we all have those days where we make mistakes and it's okay to make them. This was our initial goal. It should be a comfortable club where members feel comfortable making mistakes as well as members getting ideas of different fun ways to learn Korean so those goals will continue to motivate. I guess the goal is to find more ways to showcase the fun aspect of learning Korean.

There have previously been collaborations between clubs on this server. Has your club ever had a collaboration?

If I remember correctly, I don't think we have ever collaborated with another club.

Would you like to have a collaboration with a club?

Oh definitely! I would love to collaborate because there have more clubs made recently, I wish I had the time to join them. So yes I definitely want to collaborate with them.

Which club did you have in mind?

Any would be okay but I guess in my imagination I want to see how our club would collaborate. I want to see how we would be doing the collaboration. Also maybe the Reading Club because they got new leadership. I used to be in leadership and I actually want to experience what they do.

I noticed your Korean level is AIW, have you ever struggled with hosting meetings because it was too difficult for your level?



Oh absolutely, it is difficult but we usually provide disclaimers during meetings that we try to discuss topics, not really teach the members. So we choose a topic and we do research on it, if there are questions we usually do discussions. We do regularly inform them first that most of our materials are based on research and as much as possible we make sure that the sources are from credible or well known sources and make sure that we are spreading correct information. We provide the members with information so if I'm not knowledgeable about that specific topic members are aware via the disclaimers.

What about the assignments? How do you try to make it different and unique?

For assignments we make them fun and unique. For example, in July. The theme was BTS FESTA month. The FESTA last year had a test so we made a test that looked like the BTS 2021 test. We've done crosswords before. Those are just a few different ways we've been making the assignments fun and unique.

And do you provide feedback to these assignments?

In terms of feedback, if members ask we can definitely do that but what we usually do is we share the answers for the assignments. This gives members the option to check their assignments. The assignments that we create are usually centered around the topics we discuss so members can go back and check the materials and see if that has the answer.

Lastly, Would you recommend members to join the club? If so, why?

Of course. We would definitely like new members and we are always open to them. Why? It's because we want to show them how fun it is to learn Korean and I think sometimes, especially when we are studying, we tend to be more serious and forget our initial intention as to why we are learning Korean. So members should join the K-Language club because we are a club that makes



members comfortable enough to make mistakes, to motivate them regarding their learning and to make sure they don't forget their initial intention as to why they are learning. We also make our materials in a way that ensures members enjoy learning.

Thank you for attending the interview Dianne~

