



My name is Srey Orn; I am 21 years old. I was born in a rural area in Siem Reap Province, but I moved to the city to continue with my studies. I am the oldest child among three siblings. My parents are rice and cassava farmers.

I really love my family. When I was growing up, we didn't have enough resources or money. However, my parents always motivated me to continue studying, so thanks to their support, I finished high school. We never stayed together as a family because, for a long time, they had to migrate to Thailand to seek work.

My family really wanted me to finish my studies at university, but they could only support me for the first year of university, as I was taking online classes during 2020 - 2021. At the same time, I got enrolled in PEPY Cambodia. Fortunately, in the following year applied for a scholarship from SE Asia Foundation and won it, so I could continue my studies at university.

During my studies, I was also working as a volunteer for PEPY NGO as an English teacher assistant for almost one year. I learned so many things: I improved my English skills and developed leadership skills. Volunteering also helped me understand more about a work environment and the responsibilities involved.

Before this experience, I never thought I wanted to be an English teacher. I didn't love teaching, but I quickly changed my mind after I started working as an English teacher assistant. I realised how important the role of a teacher is, especially for the rural communities in my country Cambodia.

I am so excited and proud when I share what I've learned with younger generations. All in all, working as an English teacher at REACH Siem Reap is my first full-time job. I am glad and delighted to bring all my knowledge, experience, and energy here and be a role model for the students.

I believe that "Quality Education Will Change Our Life" and "Do What You Love and Love What You Do".