

# **NARRATIVA DE APRENDIZAGEM**

**YUSSEF EVEN HELUANY**

# Who Am I?



- **Yussef Even Heluany**
- **Age: 30 years old**
- **Hometown: São Paulo**
- **Profession:**  
**English/Hebrew**  
**Teacher**
- **Hobbies: Chess, Trips**  
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**Mateus.**

# ENGLISH IN MY LIFE

- ❖ Since my childhood I have never enjoyed this language.
- ❖ Public School was a disaster!
- ❖ Private English school was a disaster too.
- ❖ I remember listening to songs and trying to sing them without knowing their meaning. I couldn't pronounce the words properly.



# Life after school

- I am free from English.
- I got a job at a multinational enterprise.
- I expected English would never be necessary again.
- I got my graduation in philosophy.
- Scholarship in London.
- FCE (B2) requested.
- Game Over!!!



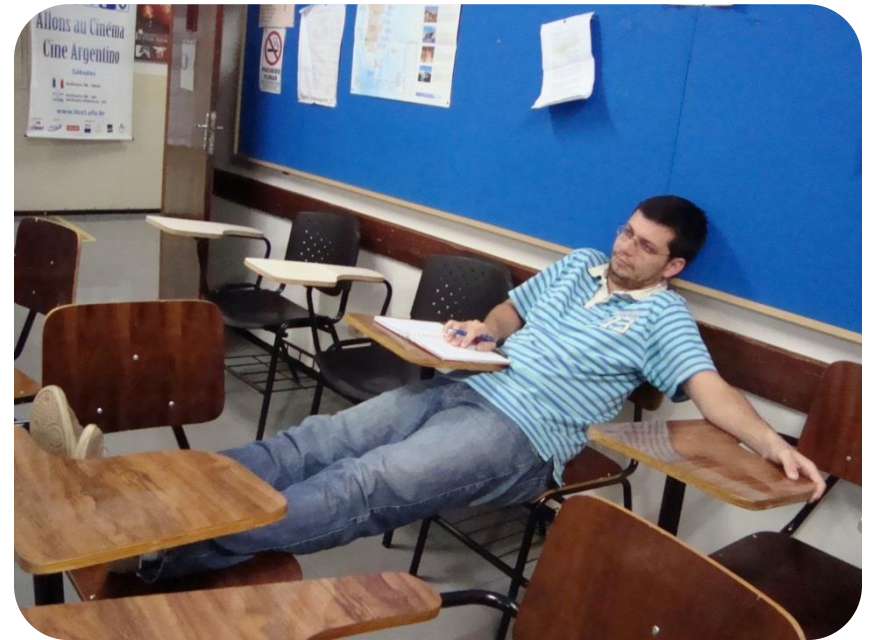


## London September 2004

- 8 Months to get the certificate for college.
- Terrible weather and cold people.
- Disgusting food and missing home.

# Leaning English in UK

- ❑ Studying in two different schools: one for grammar and the other one for communication.
- ❑ 3 very difficult months without making progress.
- ❑ Christmas at the train station in Carlisle (Scotland).
- ❑ Sweet potato episode.



# The miracle

- ❖ I ran into an Irish man, Tony Green, who taught me to love the culture first before loving the language.
- ❖ He started showing me the language and the culture.
- ❖ We did uncountable classes eating Irish stew and drinking Guinness.
- ❖ Tony has taught me to learn the culture before learning the language.
- ❖ I got the certificate.



# Nowadays - Future

**I am an English teacher!!!**



## **UFU - CPE/TKT**

- ✓ I got PET, FCE, CAE, TOEIC and TOEFL. I want to get CPE and TKT.
- ✓ At UFU I have been enjoying the course: to see what the English language represents to the world and its importance.



# Complete Narrative Text

- Since my childhood, English was always a big problem for me. I remember my first contact with the language at elementary school. It was awful. The public school has never offered me anything that could get my interest in the language and to take out my fear of learning it.
- At secondary school my parents decided to put me in a private school. So, you can imagine the difference between the two systems of teaching: if at public school nobody does anything, at private school they just do too much!!! It was kind of shocking, my first English class at private school. The teacher only spoke English and I was hidden under my desk.
- Somehow, I got to go through all that and never again I thought about English. Later on I got a job at an international enterprise, but English was not necessary at all.
- When I was 22 I was invited to go to London in order to get some further studies in my area. Guess what happened? The ghost was back!!! How could I overcome my fears and actually learn English? I remember the very day when I arrived at Heathrow airport, and I couldn't even say good morning to the immigration officer.

- I had 8 months ahead to get a certification, so that I could enter university. I got enrolled at a grammar English school and at a conversation “repetition” English school. It was the most terrible experience of my life. Until the day I ran into an old Irish man, Tony Green, who offered himself to help me. He started to show me the language and the culture, without demanding anything from me!
- I remember with passion the uncountable classes we did, eating Irish stew and drinking Guinness. Tony has taught me to love the culture before learning the language. Then after 7 months I got the certification and I never stopped learning English anymore. I could also learn other languages.
- Nowadays I am an English teacher and curiously I am taking English classes at university at the Letters course. To tell the truth, I wasn't expecting anything from this classes, however, once again, life has surprised me with an incredible English professor. She has caught my attention to what the English language represents to the world and its importance. She has also shown me the different ways of teaching it.
- So, that's my narrative of learning and I hope people never give their dreams up. It is absolutely true that I never wanted to learn English. Life has given me more than I have ever asked or dreamt about.