

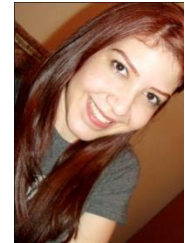
The experience of learning a foreign language

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Good evening,

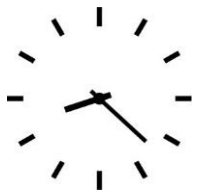
- My name is Thamiris Souza Tavares;
- I'm 19 years old;
- I'm from Campo Grande, Mato Grosso do Sul, but I've been living in Uberlândia, Minas Gerais for the past eleven years;
- I'm a student of Public Relations at ESAMC and of Language Arts at UFU.



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My past experiences



- I first started learning English when I was a kid watching a TV educational program;
- The program would show an image and the word correspondent to it, for example, the image of a duck with the word below it;



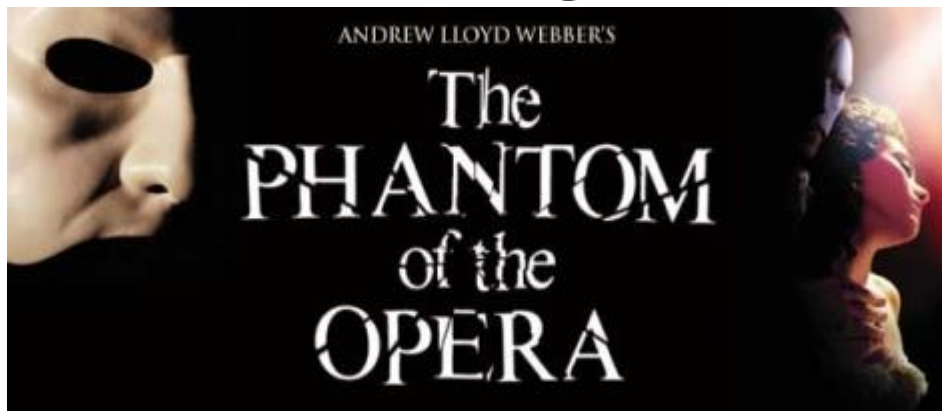
When I was eleven, I got into Centro de Idiomas and it was the first English school that I ever went to. After a couple of years I got sick of the entire thing. I didn't like to go there, I didn't like the classes and I didn't really feel comfortable.





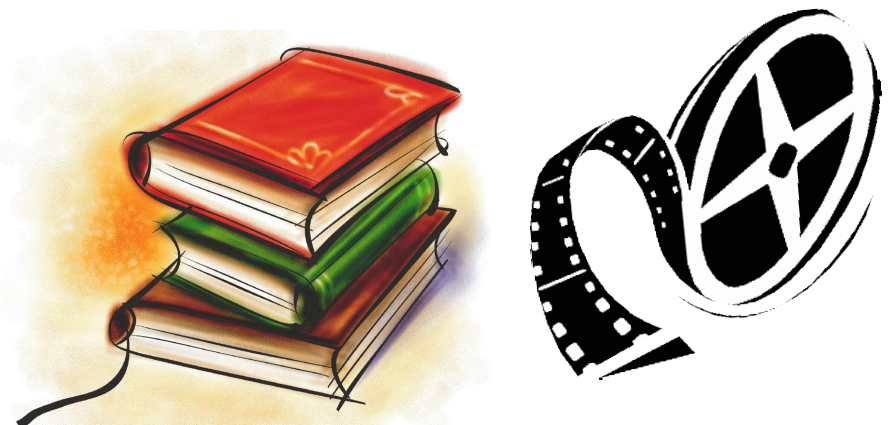
- I eventually I quit the course and decided to stay the rest of the year without English classes;
- The next year I did an English replacement test and came back to study the language at Wizard;
- I liked the classes because they were more dynamic and I think I had a better identification with the material, that way, slowly I rediscovered my pleasure in learning another language;
- Later I started having classes with a private teacher. She would use movies and songs in the classes and I liked that a lot.

- It was with her that I watched for the first time a movie in English with English subtitles.



After a while she had to move away and I started having classes with another private teacher and that was when my love for the language really emerged. I loved the classes and I think that more than a teacher, she became a friend.

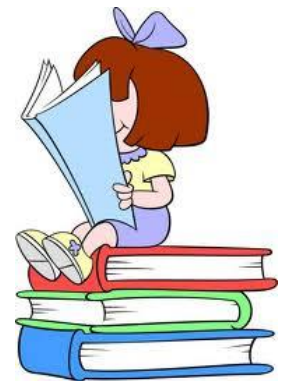
- We'd talk about everything and she always brought movies, songs and books to the classes. We had a common interest in literature and cinema so we'd always talk about that;
- During the classes she would also pass hundreds of exercises to prepare me for the FCE test;
- I took the test and passed when I was at my junior year in High School and then I decided to stop taking the classes.



Today



- Since I stopped the classes I continued watching movies with English subtitles and sometimes with no subtitles at all and also continued reading books in English;
- Most of the books I read are written originally in English and when I read them in Portuguese I have this urgent need to know how a particular sentence was written in English.
- I'm studying English at UFU in the Language Arts course;
- I have classes once a week and I quite enjoy them. They are dynamic and the teacher uses several tools in class, which makes them more interesting.



Future

- I intend to continue my studies in the language and also learn other ones and deepen my knowledge in the ones I already speak.

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Thanks for the attention!