

MY EXPERIENCES AND EXPECTATIONS ABOUT THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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- My name is Raiza Vinhal Rocha.
- I'm 19 years old.
- Besides studying, I do an internship at a Spanish school named Hispánica and I work as an English teacher on Saturdays at Bit Company.
- I really enjoy poetry and literature
- I am going to talk about my previous experiences with the English language and how I see it in my future.



The experience

- I guess I was six years old when I first walked into an English classroom. I remember it was at CCAA, but I don't remember any more than this. It is a cloudy memory and I don't know why, but all I recall is an English book and some words on the board. I don't remember why I stopped going there or the things I've learned. Maybe I was too young.



- Some years later, I started studying English again, but this time at another school named Excellent Global. I loved it! I couldn't wait to go there... It was awesome! I learned there most of the things I know now and my teachers were outstanding. After Excellent Global closed for financial problems, I went to Number One and I had a great time there too. My experiences in private English schools were all great.



Motivation

- My first motivation to learn English was the music. It just killed me that I enjoyed so much something I didn't understand. I had to learn it.



- After some time, I started to get into cinema too and after that I found out the TV shows and I became addicted.
- I started to think in English and every thing I wanted to say, I repeated in English in my head... I even dreamt in English.



Resources

- I had a very good friend (that today lives in the USA) that used to talk to me in English so we could practice pronunciation. That helped a lot.
- I gave a lot of thoughts to words and sentences and I understood grammar by thinking about it.
- The greatest think about learning English is that one doesn't have to depend on the others to learn.





Today

- Today, the English language plays a very important role in my life. It provides me the best shot I have (at least for now) to be independent and save some money by doing something I really like.
- I always knew I wanted to be a teacher and, thanks to the English language, now I am. I'm having so much fun!



Future

- I believe that, in the future, teaching English won't be my main goal.
- I'm more into literature and the philosophy behind the language, but it doesn't mean I'll stop teaching English.
- I want to understand a little more about teaching techniques and learning skills before I decide my area for sure.
- Only one thing is certain; I will never ever ever stop studying. Learning is as awesome as teaching!

