



READING TEST

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COMPETENCIA: LEE DIVERSOS TIPOS DE TEXTOS ESCRITOS EN INGLÉS COMO LENGUA EXTRANJERA

CAPACIDAD: Obtiene información de textos escritos.

DESEMPEÑO PRECISADO: Identifica información variada; para resolver ejercicios de comprensión lectora adaptados a su nivel del idioma.



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STUDYING AROUND EUROPE

The Erasmus programme is a popular student exchange programme involving university students in the European Union. Students spend at least three months studying abroad in one of over 30 countries involved in the programme. Here is what some Erasmus students say about their experiences.

Nelly Samuels, The Netherlands

The decision to study abroad has changed my life in so many ways. Academically, I immediately fell in love with the style of the lessons we received. Before, I wouldn't express my opinions much in tutorials. But thanks to the stimulating, open atmosphere I became much more confident about constructing my own arguments and defending them. It helped that all my classmates, mostly Dutch, felt very passionate about modern history, my area of study. Socially, things couldn't have been better either. Before, I found it difficult to make new friends, but in this situation I felt happy and relaxed being with all the students I got to know.



Teresa Lopez, UK

I studied in a new, relatively small uni in the UK. The fact that it was small turned out to be a good thing because in no time at all I got to know lots and lots of people. There were a lot of international students like me. I have invitations from people in about 20 different countries round the world to go and visit them one day. This could be really useful later on if I move around. Campus life was really stimulating. For example, I got the chance to work as a presenter for a weekly news programme shown on the university website. That was something that I'd always wanted to do and it related well to my degree in media studies. In terms of studying, it took me a bit longer to get used to a different style of teaching and learning from what I'd known in Spain. But in the end I came to prefer UK style education!



John Vaughan, Poland

I'd never really studied languages before. But, being a business student, I knew languages would give me an advantage later in the world of work. It was so frustrating at first, knowing I probably spoke the language worse than a five year old, but my Polish classmates were very patient with me and after a month or two I'd made sufficient progress to be able to follow the tutors' explanations. I shared a house with students from five different countries. Often we could only communicate using sign language. What really opened my eyes during my six months abroad was the shock of seeing my subject from a totally different cultural perspective. That really added something to my understanding when I went back to the UK.



Keith Johnson, Slovakia

The one thing that affected me the most during my time studying abroad was realising that, at the end, I didn't consider myself British. I was now European. I suppose that feeling is natural after spending every day with young people from so many different European countries. Despite our differences, we all had so much in common. As a student of politics, I think this was so important. It helped me to see that even when people have different opinions and backgrounds, we can work together constructively if we really want to. Now I know that, when I finish my degree, I want to study a master's degree. But only on the condition that I can do at least part of it abroad.





Match students A-D with the questions below.

Which student says ...

1 they took a while to get over linguistic difficulties? _____

2 the Erasmus experience will be a practical help when they travel internationally? _____

3 they didn't use to socialise much? _____

4 they managed to fulfil an old ambition? _____

5 they want to repeat their Erasmus experience? _____

6 they immediately preferred the different teaching style? _____

7 the Erasmus experience made a difference to the way they see themselves? _____

8 their attitude to the teaching method changed completely? _____