

It Changed my Life

A) Read the text and do the activities below

It changed my life...

I loved Uppsala from the beginning. It's a real student city, full of young people. My room was in a student house. I liked it very much. It was small, but comfortable.

On my second day I rented a bike – everybody travels by bike here. It's great. The other students were very nice – it was easy to make friends from all over the world – and the teachers were fantastic. They helped me a lot. The university was beautiful, with a very big library where I studied every day. I needed to work on my final year project. I visited other Swedish cities like Stockholm. I really liked the food.

The only thing I didn't like was the weather. I arrived in October and it was very, very cold. In the winter it snowed a lot, and it was dark at four o'clock. Sometimes I was a bit lonely – I missed my family.

Uppsala is expensive, but I was very lucky, and money wasn't a problem! Ericsson, the Swedish telecommunications company, offered to sponsor my project. It was a great opportunity for me.

When my Erasmus year finished, I stayed in Sweden for one more year. Now I'm back in Spain – but I didn't arrive home alone. My Swedish husband, Lars Åke, is with me! Now it's his turn to learn to live in a new country.

Being an Erasmus student changed my life completely – in a good way!

A) Choose true or false.

1. Clara was in a big room.
2. Clara rented a car.
3. She visited Stockholm.
4. It wasn't cold in the winter.
5. Clara never felt lonely.
6. Uppsala is an expensive city.
7. A Swedish man sponsored Clara's project.
8. She traveled back immediately after her Erasmus year finished.
9. Clara lives in Spain with her husband now.
10. Clara's husband is Swedish.

B) Were these things a problem for Clara? Choose yes or no.

1. The transport
2. The other students
3. The teachers
4. The university
5. The food
6. The weather
7. The money