

A GREAT OPPORTUNITY IN UPPSALA

1. Read the text and do the activities below.



Hello. My name is Clara and I studied in Uppsala which it's a city in Sweden. I loved Uppsala from the beginning. It's a real student city, full of young people. My room was in a student's 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. I enjoyed all the classes. My favorite subjects were economics and maths. I didn't have problems with the language. I speak English fluently so it wasn't difficult for me to learn Swedish. The university was beautiful, with a very big library where I studied every day. I needed to work on my final year project so I avoided to waste my time.

The only thing I didn't like was the weather. I arrived in October and it was 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 so when it happened, I called my mother and talked to her for hours. I also tried to spend my time by helping foreign students with problems in the language and in some subjects.

Uppsala is expensive, but I was very lucky, and money wasn't a problem! Ericson, 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 Ake, 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!

2. Choose True or False.

- a. Uppsala wasn't cold in winter.
- b. Clara stayed in a comfortable room.
- c. She never felt lonely.
- d. A Swedish man sponsored Clara's project.
- e. Clara lives in Spain with her husband now.
- f. The transport was a problem for Clara.
- g. Things in Uppsala are cheap.

VOCABULARY!

avoid: evitar

waste: desperdiciar

miss: extrañar

spend time: pasar el tiempo

sponsor: patrocinar

Erasmus: Programa educativo

3. What kind of multiple intelligence do you think she has. Tick the correct option.

Linguistic intelligence Spatial intelligence Bodily – kinesthetic intelligence

Logical – Mathematical intelligence Musical intelligence

Interpersonal intelligence Intrapersonal intelligence