

Reading comprehension: Francisca Meneses

Fran Meneses



Fran is a Chilean illustrator, born in 1987, who has lived in Europe since 2013. In an interview, she said that living abroad and having the internet has allowed her to open an online store and use platforms like Patreon that she couldn't do in Chile. Not only that, but also, when she moved to Berlin, she says she felt very lonely and had a hard time connecting with other artists because of the language barrier. About her work, she says that it comes from a deep state of vulnerability to show experiences, thoughts and emotions. For example, her first full length graphic novel *Personas Favoritas*, tackles the difficulties of adult friendships and how those friendships sometimes fall apart.

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Multiple choice

Instructions: Read the following questions and choose the correct answer.

01 What does she do?

- a) She is a writer.
- b) She is an actor.
- c) She is an illustrator.
- d) She is a singer.

02 What is she famous for?

- a) For working in a well-known franchise.
- b) For being a famous musician.
- c) For publishing her drawings on online platforms.
- d) For being considered one of the most famous Latin-American authors.

03 What are the difficulties she has gone through?

- a) She has lost an important person in her life.
- b) She had a difficult time living in a foreign country.
- c) She hasn't got the chance to show her abilities completely.
- d) She experienced negative emotions while working on a project.

04 What has she done up to this point?

- d) She played an important role in a worldwide TV program.
- a) One of her creations positively influenced other people's lives.
- c) During the pandemic, she could write her latest album.
- b) Through her creations she has been able to show personal difficulties experienced in her life.

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Which of the following statements is true about Fran Meneses?

- a) She wants to help people enjoy the work she does.
- b) She uses her work to show a wide range of her experiences.
- c) She became famous after participating in a famous TV program in her origin country.
- d) She states that living abroad gave her new opportunities that she would never have been able to have in Chile.

True or false

Instructions: Read the following states about the artist and decide if they are True or False

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----- Living abroad complicated the process of displaying her work on the net.

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----- *Personas Favoritas* addresses the struggles with adult friendships.

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----- The language barrier made it difficult for her to interact with other artists.

Order the sequence

Instructions: Read the following statements and order them chronologically according to the reading.

Write a number from 1 to 4, being 1 the oldest event and 4 the most recent

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_____ She wrote her graphic novel "*Personas Favoritas*".

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_____ She felt very lonely living in a foreign country.

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_____ She moved to Europe in 2013.

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_____ She was born in Chile in 1987.

Fill in the gaps

Instructions: Fill in the blanks
with the word in brackets in
present perfect tense.

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Francisca Meneses says that living abroad _____ **(give)** her the opportunity to open her own online store.

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Through her creations, Francisca _____ **(draw)** about personal difficulties of adulthood and friendships.

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Fran _____ **(stay)** in Europe since 2013.

Good job!

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