

Reading Comprehension Test

1. Read the following students' statements.

Teenagers on exchange programmes abroad

I did a degree in French and Spanish, and an Erasmus semester in each country. I first spent five months in Montpellier in the south of France and then five months in Granada in Spain.



One memory that really sticks out for me is my first evening in Granada: I had moved into my new flat earlier that day and my new French and Belgian housemates took me up to the Mirador St Nicolas to watch the sunset. Anyone who has been there before will know just how stunning the view is. I remember feeling like I'd won the lottery knowing that I'd get to spend the next five months living and studying in such a beautiful city. My year as an Erasmus student was honestly one of the best years of my life. **Sophie, 26**

I spent one semester in Luxembourg as part of my degree. I had all my courses in French. It was an amazing experience to study in a different education system and I made lots of friends from across Europe that I continue to see to this day.



My project was about foreign language teaching in the primary curriculum. It was really interesting!

I cannot stress how awful losing this program could be for a generation of young people. The loss of Erasmus would be a huge missed opportunity and could stop young people making new friends and forming relationships that could last a lifetime. **Stephen, 21**

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1.1. Translate the following words to Portuguese.

(4 x 10 = 40p)

- a) Exchange programme - _____
- b) Abroad - _____
- c) Course - _____
- d) Foreign language - _____

1.2. Match the underlined words in the first text with their opposites. (4 x 10 = 40p)

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| a) First | 1) worst |
| b) New | 2) forget |
| c) Remember | 3) old |
| d) best | 4) last |

1.3. Read the first paragraph of the second text and look for words that mean the same as these.

(5 x 10 = 50p)

- a) six months course - _____
- b) university course - _____
- c) fantastic - _____
- d) many - _____
- e) all over - _____

1.4. Which student says that he/she...

(7x 10p = 70p)

	Sophie	Stephen
a) Studied in two countries?		
b) Still has friends from the Exchange Course?		
c) Studied two languages?		
d) Had a project related to education?		
e) Visited places?		
f) Lived the best days of his/her life?		
g) Studied in France?		



Good work!