

A2.11 Education

Useful Language:

- I like to listen to explanations from the teacher.
- I like discussions in pairs and small groups.
- Do you like traditional teaching methods?

1



Learning a Foreign Language

Read what these students of foreign languages have to say about their language learning classes.



Image Attribution to Julie70

In my Spanish class, I like to listen to explanations from the teacher. I also like to read about life in Spanish speaking countries. I think learning about the Spanish culture is really important.

Elsie

1



Image Attribution to Mait Juriado

I'm learning German and I like to have regular tests in class so I can see if I'm making progress. I also like the teacher to correct my mistakes, especially in writing because I want to work in Germany and I will need to write a lot.

Fiona

A2.11 Education

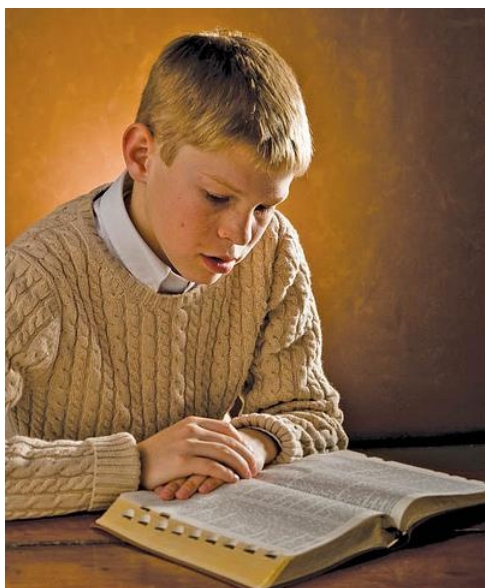


Image Attribution to More Good Foundation

I'm learning Dutch because my parents are going to move to Holland. I like working with a textbook and I like discussions in pairs and groups, problem-solving. I think lessons should be fun.

Matthew

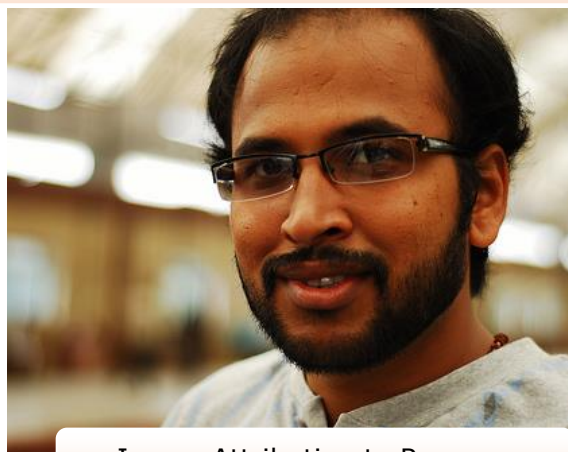


Image Attribution to Ravages

I'm learning French because I often go to France on holiday. I love it when we watch videos and I like to role-play situations that are like real life.

Ravi

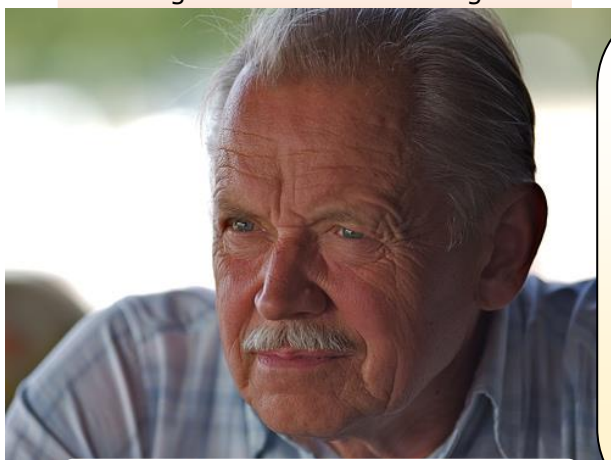


Image Attribution to liber

I'm studying Russian. It's just a hobby because I'm retired now. I prefer talking to reading and to be honest, I don't like studying the grammar much. It's so hard!

Tom

A2.11 Education

2



Which of the people in the last exercise are most like you? How do you feel about studying grammar? Which of the four skills (reading writing, listening and speaking) is easiest for you? What is most difficult for you about learning a language? What is most enjoyable? Do you like traditional teaching methods, or a more modern approach? Discuss with your partner.

I'm learning English of course and I'm doing it because it's the international language. I love working with a partner or in small groups during class time. I also...

3

What are the qualities of a good student? What are the qualities of a poor student? Think about good students that you know (or have known) what makes them good students? In the same way, think about bad students you know (or have known)? What makes them less successful?

3

hard-working? disruptive?
lazy? studies out of class?
considerate?
does things at the last minute?
helps other students?
pays attention? well-organised?

A2.11 Education

4

School Discussion Questions

- Did you enjoy your school days? Why/why not?
- Which of the subjects you can study at school is the most interesting?
- Which is the most useful these days? Why?
- Which is the most difficult to study? Why?
- Which subjects were you good at and bad at?
- Did you go to college or university? Why/why not?
- What are the qualities of a good teacher: patient, strict, flexible, good with children, kind, creative?

4

Mathematics **Biology Chemistry Physics**
Computer Science **Art** **Your Language**
Literature **Modern Languages**
Classical Languages **History** **Geography**

5



Write instructions on how to be a good teacher. Write three things that a teacher *should* do and then three things that a teacher *shouldn't* do.

I think a teacher should always listen carefully...

