



L2_Paths Project

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Language Advice Sessions

Case Study

Partner: Translex

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Learner Description:

Name, nationality, approximate age, life situation

R is a 38 years old Brazilian that has been living in Ireland for the past 12 years. He works as a delivery man for a Brazilian food shop so he mainly deals with Brazilian people. He has a daughter in university and he is really interested in improving his language skills.

Assessment of the Learner's language learning goals, their skill levels, learning styles, and preferences

R is interested in achieving a C2 level. At the moment he is at B2 level. After an assessment of his learning style he agreed that he is a visual and kinaesthetic learner. He prefers to learn in a class environment and thru the internet.

What advice were you able to give them

My advice to R was to read the newspaper every week, listen to the radio and watch movies with subtitles. I asked him to write a small report on every movie he watched to practise his writing skills. He was also advised to review different areas of the English grammar weekly. He had also have to attend classes every week.

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What was their experience of learning after your advice? Was it successful? What problems did they have?

After 2 months of following my advice, his English had improved a lot. He is now very happy with the results but there is still a long way to go to achieve the level desired. He found very difficult to understand the news from the newspaper because of the language used but he is slowly understanding more by the day. He is really happy after all the advice sessions and definitely feeling more confident. He watches movies with English subtitles regularly and he seems to enjoy it more every time.

Your observations about your interaction with this learner.

R was very open to all suggestions given and I truly think he will achieve C2 level in no more than 1 year.