



L2_Paths Project

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Language Advice Sessions

Case Study

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Date(s) of Advice Session(s): _____

Learner Description:

Name, nationality, approximate age, life situation

R, French, 40, unemployed

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

Goal of returning to education, 3rd level. High level of written and spoken English with a number of issues relating to accent, pronunciation and understanding local dialects. Learns autonomously through movies, newspapers, TV., socialising etc. Level C1

What advice were you able to give them

To pursue 3rd level education options as soon as possible. To investigate the various websites and online materials etc. and to take part in the Pathfinder navigation and advice tool.

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

Their level was quite high for many of the online materials but a few movies with peculiar or colloquial accents were recommended. Their problem is accent which must be dealt with through speaking with other people. These opportunities do not occur readily in everyone's life.

Your observations about your interaction with this learner.

Sensitivity is paramount when commenting on a person's learning abilities etc. They were very frank in giving feedback. They have now applied at the university to attend a suitable course in science.