

DREAM AND BREATHE IN ENGLISH

“*It is a truth universally acknowledge*” that English like love, according to *Wet Wet Wet*, is all around us. It is the most spoken language, counting both native and non-native speakers. Globalization has been the one, that has encouraged the extension of it, nowadays most of the main organizations and official organisms use it to communicate. Therefore, if you ask for a job most of the times English is a requirement.

All in all, I have been asked to talk about my experience and what has given to me the *Bilingual Project*. At the present time I am almost twenty years old, and happily studying a degree in Biology. My relationship with English started quite early in my life, I was just three years old when this language was firstly introduced to me. Through the years it became a part of my life, even with a short age I was able to have a slightly fluent conversation with my mom in English. Having native teachers in the school gave me confidence, and the opportunity to learn about their cultures, making me fall in love with the language. With the project, we did not only study English, the language itself. History, science, history and technology were also taught in English.

As an anecdote, when I was little girl, my babysitter, who had also been taught English at school, was helping me for a science exam when she did not recognize the word “lungs”. For me it was an easy and basic word, but for her it was completely new. Telling you this story I want to recognize the value of the experience, and how my vocabulary compared to her was more extended due to the subjects that normally are taught in Spanish and we had in English.

I think that the *Bilingual Project* has contributed mainly in our way of feeling the language, I mean, we have not only learnt a language, but we have breathed English, through all these years. As I said before, having native teachers has given us the opportunity to celebrate Saint Patrick Day, learn “In Flanders Fields” poem, and about the culture of United States, for example.

Acquiring a good level of English has been essential, I am able to read an article in English, watch movies and series, follow the television channels and conferences, like one that I assisted to, from both winners of the “*Premio Princesa de Asturias de Investigación Científica y Técnica*” of 2019.

It is said that if you dream in your non-native language, you can consider yourself bilingual, I do not know if this is true, but I have dreamt in English several times, and I feel happy about it. The opportunity that was given to me when I started school, has posed me through the years to try and live abroad because I know I will be confident communicating, not being the language a handicap. Even though I do not speak in English as much as I did and I must confess that it is a little bit rusty, I love how I feel when I speak it.

Thanks teachers, for all your support and knowledge.

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