

My experience in bilingual education

My bilingual education has had a great impact on my life. Since I was a kid, of around 5 years old, I have been learning English and Spanish (my mother tongue) so that now, after finishing my bilingual and bicultural education, I have got a really good level in the English language. I have received this education both in primary and secondary education. In primary education, it was mainly focused on learning by hearing, while in secondary education we secured our English knowledge in grammar, vocabulary and pronunciation.

Being able to enjoy this opportunity has opened many doors in my life. For instance, when travelling, speaking English has been tremendously helpful. Some years ago, I participated in an exchange organised by my school with a school in Hull, a city in England. During this trip, I was perfectly able to live with an English family and to handle every little aspect of everyday life in this foreign country successfully (buying, asking for directions, etc). It was really satisfying to see how all the work and learning of my last years was not in vain.



I also remember something that happened to me two years ago. I was visiting Italy, with my school, and when we were returning from the trip, waiting at the airport, a policewoman asked me for help. A Spanish man had had a problem with a car enterprise and he was trying to explain his problem to the Italian police officers, who did not understand a word. I could help them, as a translator, as the police could understand English. The fact that I was able to help this man, and solve his problem with the police, made me feel great.

This education has been really useful. Nowadays, for example, my English gives me a huge more amount of opportunities when applying for different types of scholarships or programs, such as Erasmus. Moreover, it is obvious that in the future it will be something extremely useful when looking for a job, in Spain and outside Spain.

All in all, this education has given me so many important things, I would definitely recommend it to everyone. It does not only improve our language skills but also helps opening up our minds to different cultures, countries and people. I would definitely say that this education has changed my life.

