



More than words: Real Life Stories

1. What is your name and what is your course of study?

Rumi Bosky, Public Relations and Spanish.

2. What languages do you speak, are interested in, or that you relate to in any way?

English is my native language. I studied Spanish at secondary school and continued this at university.

3. At what point in your life did you realise how important and how valuable knowing multiple languages was?

When I was able to do a year abroad in Barcelona.

4. How has being able to speak more than one language helped you in your personal life?

It's helped me in foreign countries and allowed me to make new friends locally and around the world.

5. How do you think knowing more than one language has helped you, or will help you, in your professional life?

I think it will better my chances of being employed and it will allow me to work abroad.

6. What career/s do you hope to go into in the future?

Public Relations.

7. What has been the most impactful thing about learning a language on your life to date?

My year abroad in Barcelona and working as a Languages Mentor in Swansea.

8. What has been the most unexpected benefit of learning languages during your life?

Having the confidence to speak it with natives.

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9. What is your favourite word or phrase in a language other than English?

Sacapuntas. It's Spanish for 'pencil sharpener'. It's fun to say.

10. Are there any other languages you wish you could speak?

French because a lot of my relatives speak it. Also, Chinese because it is widely spoken and Arabic because it is the language of my religion.

11. How has being an MFL Mentor supported your journey with languages?

It's been fun to talk about a passion of mine to my students.

12. If you could give one piece of advice to students thinking about learning another language, what would it be?

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