



## More than words: Real Life Stories

- 1. What is your name and what is your course of study?**  
Angharad John, Applied Linguistics and English Language BSc Hons.
- 2. What languages do you speak, are interested in, or that you relate to in any way?**  
I speak English at home. I was taught to speak Welsh fluently in Welsh-medium primary and secondary school. I studied French GCSE, then French and Spanish at A level.
- 3. At what point in your life did you realise how important and how valuable knowing multiple languages was?**  
Around the end of GCSEs / start of A levels.
- 4. How has being able to speak more than one language helped you in your personal life?**  
It has developed my confidence and communication skills.
- 5. How do you think knowing more than one language has helped you, or will help you, in your professional life?**  
It has allowed me to mentor in a Welsh medium school.
- 6. What career/s do you hope to go into in the future?**  
Something related to linguistics.
- 7. What has been the most impactful thing about learning a language on your life to date?**  
Being taught by very passionate and dedicated teachers who expanded my thinking.
- 8. What has been the most unexpected benefit of learning languages during your life?**  
Being able to speak with more people.

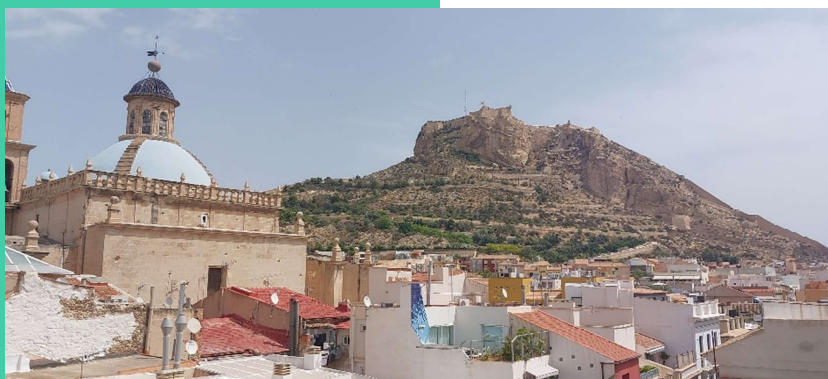
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**9. What has been the most challenging aspect of learning languages during your life?**

Persevering when it feels like you're not getting anywhere can be very difficult.

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

Plouf - meaning 'splash' in French. To me it sounds much more like a splash sound than the word, 'splash'!

**11. Are there any other languages you wish you could speak?**

Italian, as it seems like a very pretty language.

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

It has helped me to explore languages again and engage mentees with new concepts.

**13. Has anyone or any one particular moment or thing, inspired you on your language learning journey?**

My A-level French teacher was a huge inspiration to me.

**14. Do you have any funny stories to share about your language learning experiences?**

I unintentionally used a swear word when asking for an ice cream cone in Spain - luckily the lady in the shop laughed and corrected me.

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

Take the opportunity at GCSE if you can, as it will be the best opportunity you have without getting private lessons.

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