



CASE STUDY Viktoria Hardt

ESOL (English for Speakers
of Other Languages)

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Introduction

Viktoria arrived in Britain from Hungary in October 2007 and has just completed her first year of part-time study at Braintree College. Although a qualified beautician in her own country, Viktoria decided to come to England and work as an au pair in order to improve her English.

Achievement

Viktoria has been studying for the Cambridge ESOL Skills for Life examinations. She passed Entry Level 2 in December 2007 and is awaiting the results of the Entry Level 3 examinations. She said: “When I came to England I didn’t know much English, just a few phrases for social situations which I had learnt from a short course I took when I was in Hungary. Now I can say whatever I want and I can understand most things, so my life in England is much easier. It’s very difficult when you can’t understand anything. I really enjoyed the course and being with the other students. The teachers are very helpful and are happy to discuss any problem. The College has helped me to feel at home and to enjoy my life in the UK.”

The Future

Viktoria continued: “I really want to work as a beautician in the UK. To do this, I know that my English has to be good, so I’m going to study for the Level 1 exam next term. Fortunately, since I’m here at the College, I can discuss my qualifications and my future plans with the ESOL staff and with the staff in the Beauty Department. I am also able to use all the other resources here to help me live and work in the UK.”

