

ENGLISH HOMESTAY

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For the past 15 years I have been providing private tuition and accommodation to intermediate students of English as a foreign language. This full immersion system is based on individual lessons of a traditional and structured nature in conjunction with daily participation and interaction designed to accelerate the entire learning process. In this way the theoretical approach is combined naturally with practical application and for that reason only candidates of a sufficient level are pre-selected to attend.

Largely as a result of his academic background, Markus arrived already competent in most areas so after the initial diagnostic evaluation an intensive programme was formulated to improve those abilities. The standard techniques such as grammar revision, vocabulary extension, listening and reading comprehension, oral expression and fluency, pronunciation refinement and written work were then integrated into a multidisciplinary framework in order to develop and progress existing skills.

He proved to be highly intelligent, motivated, diligent and linguistically talented, thus enabling him to maximize his experience optimally. In terms of a formal appraisal, any judgement given from a personal perspective is by its very nature subjective. However, by adopting the Council of Europe convention of sub-division specification and criteria, after this three-week course my statement would be as follows:
Listening C1 Reading C1 Spoken Interaction C1 Spoken Production C1 Writing C1

From here Markus travelled directly to Hewlett Packard in Bristol. Having spent six months living and working there, he came back for a visit on 27th October before returning home to Switzerland. As would be expected after such a prolonged period of contact time with native speakers, further improvement was evident in his verbal communication. Coupled with an intrinsic mental agility, he now displays the flexible proficiency and confident manner of one who is at ease with the English language.



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