

IELTS ENGLISH PODCAST. DIGITAL LEARNING. TRANSCRIPT

Part 1. First Question Is: Do You Prefer Digital Learning Or Traditional Classroom Learning?

That's quite a tough question, but I would say because of the type of things I like to learn, nowadays I probably prefer digital learning. I like to do things at my own pace and I like to sit in somewhere that I'm comfortable, such as my office or at home, and use these platforms that are available. I think there are a number of wonderful e-learning sites nowadays. So I think for my own pacing, I prefer online, learning.

Part 1. Have You Ever Taken An Online Course?

Well, yes, I've taken several online courses. Probably the first one that comes to my mind is, an e-learning course for video editing. Video editing is a huge part of my life, my job, so I'm always trying to improve that and, I've taken several courses, but some of them have been on YouTube, just free courses, maybe very long videos, sometimes multiple hours and that has helped me increase my ability in video editing.

Part 2. Describe An Online Course Or Learning Experience You Have Had.

I'd like to tell you about my experience learning Spanish. About seven years ago it was my marriage and honeymoon and for our honeymoon, we went to Spain. I've never learned Spanish before in my life, so I had nothing, but I decided before we went to Spain, my wife and I both decided that we would learn Spanish together, through Duolingo. So, you know, for, quite a long period, perhaps six months, leading up to our honeymoon, we took this kind of self-paced Duolingo course, following it step by step learning vocabulary in preparation for our honeymoon.

So let me tell you a little more about this Duolingo course. Firstly, Duolingo is a wonderful learning platform that is free, but you know there is a paid tier, but we took the free version and as I said, you've got this kind of self-paced, but they do want you to make daily progress course and they've got courses for several languages, but we chose the one for Spanish. Duolingo provides amazing courses that are designed by professionals, and it's, fun. It's kind of gamified, so it's interesting. There's nice images and it feels like you're progressing all of the time and I was just really impressed by their platform. I thought the whole thing was very engaging. So for me personally, during the six months, I had a wonderful time, really enjoyed learning Spanish and I felt like I improved and when we went to Spain, I was able to use Spanish and we were able to use different vocabulary here and there.

VOCABULARY

comes to mind (verb phrase) - when something comes to mind, it means you think of it or remember it.

engaging (adjective) - if something is engaging, it's fun and keeps your attention because it's interesting.

gamified (adjective) - if something is gamified, it means it's made to feel like a game, with points or rewards to make it more fun.

honeymoon (noun) - a honeymoon is a special trip that a couple takes after getting married to celebrate.

increase (verb) - to increase something means to make it bigger, higher, or more.

marriage (noun) - marriage is when two people get legally and officially married, usually through a ceremony.

multiple (adjective) - if something is multiple, it means there are more than one of it.

own pace (noun phrase) - own pace means doing something at your own speed, not too fast or slow, just how you want it.

paid tier (noun phrase) - a paid tier means a special level or part of something that you can only get if you pay money for it.

platform (noun) - a platform is a website or app where you can do things like learn, shop, or talk to people.

preparation (noun) - preparation is getting ready for something, like packing your bag before a trip.

progress (noun) - progress is when you make things better or move closer to a goal, like getting better at something you are learning.