

Student Testimonial



Débona Brazil

General English

Communicate School, Manchester

Why did you choose to study English in Manchester?

Because I think there are more possibilities here, it is a cheaper city if you compare it to London and there are friendly people here. When I researched some cities online it showed me that Manchester has the friendliest people! It's good because when you want to study you want to have a lot of conversations in the park and in the street. So with friendly people I can have these kinds of conversations.

How are you finding your classes so far?

I love the classes, I love the teachers. I think they are really interested in teaching us, so we can get help from them when

you don't know the meaning of words.

The teachers always have time to explain if I have any self-doubts. I don't feel afraid to ask the teachers because they show us that they are here to teach us and help with everything, and not just learning English but everything like, 'how can I get a bus?' 'How can I get to somewhere?' So not just academic things.



What was the hardest thing about coming to England by yourself?

I think the culture because every country has their own culture. I think leaving your family is difficult and food because you don't have the same kinds of food that you have in your country. So, to adapt to a new culture and a new lifestyle is difficult at the beginning.

How does the food in the UK differ from back home?

In Brazil, we have a big meal for lunch and that is not something that happens here. Dinner seems to be the main meal here and in Brazil it's not the main meal - it's just a snack. I went on a trip with Smile Adventures on the first two Saturdays of my trip, and I tried some food in the local cities that I went.

What are your aspirations for the next 4 months learning with us?

I hope to improve my English. I want to improve my speaking because I'm not so comfortable when speaking English. When I go back to Brazil, I hope I can speak better and I can feel more comfortable to speak and also listen. I studied English in Brazil for six years; only grammar and writing. I hope that when I go back that my speaking and listening will improve. I also want to go back and try to get a new job using English because it pays more and it's a good idea to continue practising and using your language because I am here spending a lot of money with this goal in mine. So, if you go back and continue to practise,

then your money is well spent.

Have you been enjoying taking part in Smile Adventures trips at the weekends?

Yes, I really enjoyed them. I think that the guides are really friendly and kind people. They always make the bus trips really fun and they show us the best things to do and places to go. It's really enjoyable and I think it's safer when you have someone to guide you because you are new in the country and you don't know everything. You don't know where you can or should go.

Is it easy to meet people in the school?

Yeah, it's really good. I think it is really easy to make friends here. The students here are the kind of people that want to have conversations with. They want to practise their English every time. So I think that I don't have problems with making friends.

