

WORK SHADOW 2008

I chose to enrol for this project because I was curious to see how English people live and work. At first I was afraid because I found difficult to understand local people but I tried to solve this problem with concentration and asking them to repeat.

It was my first stay with an English family and it was fantastic.

I lived in a beautiful house with a wonderful family composed by Ruth (mum), a friendly and sociable woman, Dominik (dad), a very active man and two children: Rowan, 12, and Jamie, 11. Rowan likes playing the trumpet and Jamie playing tennis.

They had two pets: a dog, Stellar and a cat, Juliet.

I enjoyed my staying with them very much because they were very attentive and painstaking with me. They also were very spontaneous with me and I learnt a lot about the typical English lifestyle. From the family I learnt some new English words and expressions such as: garret, trumpet, narcissus, match, slice, towel, "over the moon", "pleased about something".

The "Work Shadow course" also helped me to learn a lot of new English words and expressions such as: stapler, annoyed, scissors, despatched, bargain, "I just grab my staff", "do you fancy a drink?", "I'm popping out", "once upon a time", "spring cleanings".

I liked the course very much and I learnt a lot without difficulty and in an amusing way.

A part of my time was devote to "work". I worked in a "SPCK book shop".

It is a company, born 300 years ago, formed by 20 stores in the U.K. specialized in selling Christian books. Its typical clients are religious people.

In the shop there were six shop assistants and a director called Christophe.

There I met Joel, Cecily, Catherine and Ed. They had to sell books and materials religious; their career opportunity is to ascend the shop hierarchy. Their marketing strategies are website and good in store presentation.

I didn't have particular duty. I had to help my tutor or people who needed some advice. I liked my "work" because I had a relationship with a lot of English people and I was forced to speak very often with English people.

Everybody was kind and friendly with me; in the people I worked with I appreciated above all their availability.

I learnt to be always happy and kind with the clients and to make them satisfied with the purchase.

My tutor is very good! I'm particularly happy when we are all together!

I had a really good time with all the people I met there and I would recommend "the work Shadow Project" because it is a fantastic experience which gives you the chance to learn a lot.

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