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'He's had a grand vision for his life since he was a boy'

- The Great Gatsby -

Me, in ten years...

- Helen -

NOTHING SPECIAL, JUST ME

I'm 24 years old and I have studied English for 15 years. Now I live in a big house with a pool, in California. I'm living with my best friends.

I don't have a job yet, but I'm at university. I enjoy it, because later in my life, I want to have a good job to make a lot of money to do what I want to do. I think, when I finish university, I will be a little bit freer and will be able to earn my living.

I need English every day, because I'm living in the USA. When you speak English, it's very useful, because you can use it everywhere, all around the world. I need English to do everything in my country, for example to buy things.

At my university, we speak English and I have to understand it. With most of my friends I speak English as well, but with my German friends, I speak German.

When I travel and I can't speak the language of the country, I also speak English.

I'm at my best friend's house in Germany. We're having a lot of fun and we enjoy life. My friend's house looks like a normal family-house.

I can see this house very well. It has nothing special. There are 5 persons around me. They don't look special either, they look like they are having fun. They wear only normal things: jeans and T-shirt.



I can hear some music and my friends laughing, talking around me. We're chatting and listening to music...

I'm dressed like my friends, nothing special.

I'm talking in German with my friends, but suddenly, my phone is ringing. It's an American friend. He wants to tell me, that he's in Germany and he wants to meet up with me. Normally, I speak English every day, so it's nothing special to speak English with my friend! I feel....



Studying in California



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Me, in ten years...

- Jeanne -

MY LIFE WHEN I AM TWENTY-FOUR YEARS OLD...

I'm twenty-four years old. I have studied English for fifteen years. Now, I have brown eyes, brown hair and I look more tired than when I was fourteen years old. I live in a big and beautiful flat in New York. I live with my best friend Dana, because we are two journalists and we work in the same company. I enjoy it because, since I was thirteen years old, I have wanted to be a journalist. It has always been a dream for me...

I'm happy because I have a lot of money and I can go shopping when I want. I can go out and I don't have to go to school. I must speak English in my job because in New York, you have to speak English. In English, I can do shopping, have a good job and have a lot of American friends. I have English-speaking friends and I like doing activities with them at week ends. We go out every Saturday night. When I travel to places where we speak English, I have to use this language for visits, for example.



I'm at my job with Dana because we have to work every day to make money. We are in the street because we have to interview someone. There are a lot of shops in this street and we would like to go shopping but we have to do our job. There are a lot of people around us because we are interviewing someone who must be a criminal.

People look scared and uncertain and we can hear a lot of strange conversations. Some people say that he must come from prison, but some people say that he is innocent.

I wear an elegant black dress with black high heels because when you are a journalist you have to be elegant. I'm speaking in English with the criminal because we have to know the truth. This person looks very strange! We are talking about this criminal case and I am asking him a lot of questions. This job is fascinating!

I feel good about my life!



Being a journalist



Me, in ten years...

- Maëlle -

ME, WHEN I AM 24

We are in 2023. I am twenty-four years old, I have brown hair and green eyes. I have studied English for 14 years. Now I live in a big house in Spain with my dog and my partner. There are lot of trees in my garden and I have a swimming-pool. I work at the embassy, I write articles, it's super because my team is very nice! I use English for writing my articles, speak with my team and my friends but I speak with my partner in Spanish. I love traveling, it's really super! Last year, I was to Haiti with my partner. We often go to a natural park; it's a magic park. We can hear birds and the water. We are swimming in the river, it's very nice. I feel happy.

I think I will be able to speak English very well, have a dog, have a good team, have English friends and feel happy.



National Park in Haiti

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Me, in ten years...

- Ninon -



My baby



JOURNALIST AND HAPPY

I'm 24 years old. My hair is bright and straight. Now, I am wearing a pair of blue jeans and an orange sweater.

I live in Grenoble in a pretty apartment with my boyfriend. It's a small place and a little messy, but it's so nicely decorated, there is one bedroom, a big kitchen and a small shower.

I live with my boyfriend and my baby, I'm so happy!

I'm journalist at Radio Gresivaudan, I do like my job because it's so funny and my colleagues are really outgoing people.

I'm happy because my parents are in good health. I live with my child and my boyfriend and I love my job.

I rarely speak English in my job when I say something, but I often write articles in English, so I usually use English in my work. I can sometimes speak with old friends.

I rarely use English for studying: I prefer Spanish.

I have four old friends that I really like and with whom I usually speak English. I can express myself in English when I travel and my family is the most important for me!

I don't think I can find quickly a boyfriend with whom I want to spend my life. I don't think I will be able to become a good journalist .

I think I can change my hair colour and wear clothes I want.

I think I will be able to find a studio and live with my child and my boyfriend .

And finally, I think that I won't always be able to express my opinion when I work.



Living in Grenoble



My internship at our local radio station

Me, in ten years...

- Anna -

PROUD AND STUDYING IN NEW YORK

I have studied English for 20 years. I still feel as young as if I was 20, but still, I'm starting to have a few wrinkles; living in the biggest city of America: New York.

Living in a big flat, with my two best friends from university. At university, I take physics, biology, drama, singing classes and more, but I take online courses like English, German. I like doing some of my classes at home, on my computer because you can work on other things at the same time as studying.

Enjoying life as it is and having no teachers behind me is great. I like that feeling. The feeling of freedom.

In New York, the only way to communicate is to know how to speak English, for university and so on....

English, in my opinion, is used everywhere. I've made a few very good friends who aren't just English-speakers, so when one of us needs help, we help each other when we can, but overall, we have a good level of English.

English is spoken a little bit in every country, and if we need help, that's how we can communicate. English is the most spoken and understood language in the world.

I'm in my university singing hall, around us, the light is weak, a few chairs around and in the middle of the room an instrumental orchestra plays music. The room is big and in a form of a circle. On the walls, light is running all around the room. Our teacher is sitting in the front row, waiting 'till someone decides to go and sing.

The group isn't the biggest one. Today we are just 10, but maybe tomorrow we will be 15. Some of us have just finished their dance class, dressed in jogging or leggings, my friends and I are waiting, silently until someone goes to sing, maybe me but I'm not sure.

I'm wearing a blue tee-shirt with a pair of black skinny jeans and some star vans, my favourite ones.

Someone finally decides to go up and sing and like always, we have to speak silently and at the end, we give our opinion and some advice.

Some people in our group aren't the best in English and in expressing themselves, so I help most of the time, since I've learned and can speak 5 languages...

I'm very proud when I can help people, especially with language.



NYADA University



Singing Class at NAYADA University



My flat in New York



My students in ten years...

THE TEACHER'S VISION

"Where there is a vision, there is a way" says Zoltán Dörnyei in his book "Motivating Learners, Motivating Teachers". Teenagers are in a period of their lives when building a vision of their future self is a natural aspect of their personal development. Thereby, combining the vision of being a confident foreign language user and a successful person in the future comes as a very natural thinking process.

In our one-to-one classes with teenager girls we used the guided imagery technique with a script, which consisted of a series of questions adapted from the recently published book, "Motivating Learning" by Zoltán Dörnyei and Jill Hadfield. The questions were about seeing themselves in ten years time, first in general, then in a specific situation. Once they have "time-travelled" to this state of their being, everything was to be told in the present tense, had to be described in detail and associated with some sort of sensual experience. With some learners we also carried out the next step in the vision programme; we reflected on substantiating the vision, that is to say, making it realistic.

Besides its effect on building a positive learner belief, the language outcome was writing a personal narrative, practicing certain target grammar structures, improving speaking skills. We also recorded their voice reading their stories. Their story has become a source for the teacher to see what their aspirations, interests and also fears are. This information can be used for further choice of materials and activities. As a result, it's not only the learners who see themselves in the future, but teachers can also see their learners in the future. Using this information and experience, they can work on a common vision towards a common success.

We will continue our vision programme and keep a record of its evolution in the next issue of Teens Voice.

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4. Ninon's
Vision

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FROM THE EDITOR

Our Teens Voice reflects activities and language content that we practice during our weekly classes. Teens learn, practice and enjoy communicating. Putting their thoughts in writing adds continuity, reinforces what they have learnt and most importantly, motivates them to communicate their ideas in English. Seeing their words printed in a nice layout fills them with a sense of accomplishment and pride.

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