

Marina Meijer: Why Study Abroad? Ted Talk

Vocabulary

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| 1. It was a blast | |
| 2. Full degree | a. Relating to the Netherlands, its people, or their language |
| 3. The hard way | b. The occurrence of events in the absence of any obvious intention or cause |
| 4. Chances | c. Way of thinking |
| 5. Guts | d. Mercy killing |
| 6. Mindset | e. A department of a university for advanced work by graduates (3 rd cycle MA & PHD) |
| 7. Smart | f. An academic rank conferred by a college or university after examination |
| 8. Dutch | g. An enjoyable experience (AM E) |
| 9. Graduate school | h. Personal courage and determination (Informal) |
| 10. Euthanasia | i. Through suffering or learning from the unpleasant consequences of mistakes |
| | j. Bright, intelligent, sharp, sharp-witted, quick-witted |

Comprehension

1. What does Marina Meijer (MM) mean by a very international family? Provide details

2. What about Texas?

3. What did she discover about herself in Texas?

4. What were Texans curious about? What effect did it have on MM?

5. Detail her next experience abroad after Texas. Provide details.

6. How was she perceived in Asia?

7. What were South Korean curious/ jealous about MM?

8. Was MM privileged in South Korea? Explain.

9. When did she feel she was accepted in her team?

10. What did she study? Graduate?

11. Give the background of MM's lover at the time they met.

12. Where does she live now?

13. What about the geographical future of her kids?

14. Why does MM mention the Dutch humanist and scholar of the 16th century, namely Erasmus?

15. What advice does MM give to the audience? Name 3.

16. What position does she currently occupy?

17. What does she mean by 'your major field of study' (around 9':16")?

18. What differences are there between today and 30 years ago?

19. What does MM mean by getting uncomfortable in a different country in a comfortable way?

20. What's the most important trait you need to go/study abroad?

21. What's her final motto? What would the French equivalent be?

Discussion

1. Do you share her opinion about experiences abroad?
2. Can it influence you in any way (positive or negative)?
3. One of MM's last piece of advice is to "forget about books". What does she mean? Do you share her views?

Grammar: Modal auxiliaries

- 1- Name 4 inherent characteristics of modal auxiliaries.
- 2- Which modal auxiliary can be used to express:
 - permission
 - advice
 - obligation