

## My personal impressions about the project week with the Spanish partners

In any case I wanted to choose the English advanced/ extension course in class 11 but in the beginning I was not sure if I should choose the normal course or the course with the pupil exchange program. I opted for the last one and I am happy about that.

We watched photos of the Spanish students about the internet platform “etwinning”. From the appearance Julia Cortez looked for me most sympathetic. And after reading all descriptions I was sure that we both will be a good match.

Except cleaning my room and read up a few ordinary vocabulary I can not prepare oneself for the Spanish visit.

Common, Annabelle, Miss Fritsche, our English teacher and tutor and I, drove to Berlin to the airport to pick up the Spanish students and their teachers on Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> April 08.

Although the point of time was coming I can not realized it until we were cordially received by the teachers and I by my exchange partner Julia with a big “Hola” and two kisses on the cheek. Before, I had think about how to welcome Julia – with handshake or a hug. I was not sure because we hitherto only had contact per E-mail.

*Welcome in Germany!*



On the way back to Luckenwalde we went by public transport and Annabelle and I were pretty much alone with the students. We were asked by each side “What means...?”, “Can you...?” and so on. That was very funny and I tried to answer as well as possible in English and soon I noticed that the Spanish students did not much better speak English than we, too. You have to sit in a train with approximately 20 Spaniards who speak fluent Spanish with each other at the same time– This is madness! Then they wanted that I read out a doorplate in German: “Bei Kälte bitte die Türen schließen.” and all cried “Wow!”. It seems that the German language sounds for them as fascinating as for us the Spanish language. I was also pleased that I had the time at the airport and on the way back home with Julia. Through this time we were able to get to know us better before we both are alone at home.



*A photo of all students, German and Spanish – say cheese!*

Despite some little difficulties sometimes with our English understanding, which I felt not as painful, the following week until Thursday the 10<sup>th</sup> April was very exciting for me and I hope for Julia, too. My mum and me tried to be very hospitable because Julia should to feel good at our home. I feel relieved that we German students organized our day together so nobody was for a long time alone with the exchange partner and in a group with ca. 40 people of Germans and Spanish it was so much funnier.

We had a lot of fun and it is interesting to learning a country closer and I not regret my election for this English course. Despite the beautiful time I was lucky that they were only 1 week with us – That is not meant negative, but the Spaniards simply have a different way of life, for example that the have dinner at 11 o'clock in the evening and in my eyes it was strenuous and some times stressful to caring (for) the Spanish partner but particularly with regard to having not really time for themselves.

Nevertheless I am already looking forward October if we, the Germans, fly to Barcelona in Spain to live for one week in the family of our exchange partner! ⇒

*Bye! See you in  
October! 😊*



*All quite  
finished...*

