



Chilliwack Learning Society

*Strengthening our community through
literacy and lifelong learning.*

Vanessa from Costa Rica

"Studying with my tutor allows me to correct the most common mistakes that I didn't realize, to feel more confident, and to be able to improve my communication. **My tutor help me improve a lot, I get my Drivers license and my Citizenship test.** I feel very happy about all the support that she gave me. **The opportunity to have a tutor was wonderful to boost my English learning and achieve my goals** and I am very grateful for the program and all the support I received from the Chilliwack Learning Society"

Carlos from Mexico

"Marko have helped me to improve grammar, pronunciation and vocabulary. It's like a friendly conversation, I really enjoy meeting with him. **Meeting with Marko is to have a good time while learning.** We met in person already and it has been very helpful. At work they told me I have improved my English. **I did the CELPIP test two years ago, now I feel confident to do it again and get a better score.**"

Diana from Colombia

"I have been studying with Sheila for two weeks. She is taking an hour and half to speak with me, so she can find what my mistakes are to work on. We are working on pronunciation, specially with the R, Sh and Ch. She gives me homework every week. I have to write my answers, it helps to find many words and grammar I don't know. In our meetings I read my homework to her, and she gives me feedback. **I am going to take my road test this month, she has been very helpful with this topic. I feel very comfortable with her,** she really makes the best effort to teach me, and she is doing it very well. **I feel very lucky With Sheila, I am learning so much with her,** and one important thing, her pronunciation is easy to understand."

Jian (James) from China

"[My tutor] teach me according to my weakness listening, talking more and reading, writing less. **I feeling just like talking with an old friend when we conversation,** no reserved, no nervous and closely. We were talking stories about each other's life, our yesterday and today. That's interesting and helpful."



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Maia from Ukraine

"I have been studying with my second tutor for a month. But before Allison I had been studying with a different tutor for 3 months. Both of them **help me to learn formal (for work, bank etc.) and informal (chatting with friends, shopping, slangs) English.** For me, working with a tutor is the best way to improve my skills, find weak spots and explore this language. **Due to their help I could get a job offer and find friends as well.** Also I feel free of having small talk at the supermarket (it was my biggest fear)... [Allison] spends her pleasure time teaching and preparing information, it means a lot to me. I'm so grateful for all the help which I have got. **It makes my adapting easier and not so stressful, because I have at least one person to ask about Canada and English.** I appreciate this community!"

Vivian from China

"We read books together. [My tutor] helps me to correct my pronunciation. **I feel more confident in my English. He helps me to prepare for the interview.** I think I will get a job in September. [My tutor] is kind, with a warm heart man. He tries to help with everything I need help with. I am so lucky in this community to know such great people."

Angelika from Germany

"I am in Canada since almost 9 years now. When I came to Canada I was 58 and didn't speak English because I am from East Germany and I learned Russian in school. I started with the conversation circle in Chilliwack at the library in town down. With [my tutor] I am together approximately 5 years and now with Virginia as well. Edna and I are just talking about any thing we can think of. So I can have a conversation without a translator. In the meantime **we became good friends.** With Virginia I do grammar, I read out loud and Virginia is giving me a dictation so I can improve my writing. **Both of my tutors are so helpful and I can't even say how much I enjoy our days together.** **My goal was to be a Canadian and yes, since 2020 I am a Canadian and very happy about it.** Whenever I have a question both of my tutors are here for me and try to help me. I am so thankful that I had the opportunity to learn English with great people who helped me."

Mercedes from Argentina

"My tutor help me to improve my reading aloud skills. I really enjoy my classes with my tutor. She help me to be confident in my reading aloud in front of people, I'm a volunteer at the Great Blue Heron Nature Reserve and I need sometimes to read to the visitors about birds. **She really helped me with my confidence,** not just reading but also speaking, I am really grateful for this program and everything you do for immigrants, **making us feel like we are at home in our new home.**"