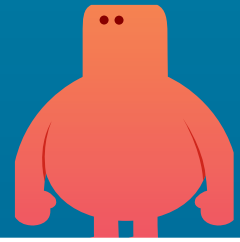




Bonjour tout le monde!
Mein Name ist Anna and I worked
as an au pair in Germany. I have also
taught English in France.



What did you study?

I studied French and German at University.
I spent my Year Abroad in Soissons, North
of France.

What inspired you to learn French & German?

I loved both countries and I liked that I could
do something lots of people around me couldn't.
I would love to learn Japanese as well!

How has this affected your career choice?

You will hear a lot about how hard it is to find a
job in the UK but having a language really opens
up options. I've applied for companies here and in
Europe, something I couldn't have done without
my degree.

Best thing about learning another language?

Making amazing friends from lots of places and
being able to tell people off if I hear them saying
English people don't speak any languages!

What skills did you learn during your year
abroad and as an au pair?

Lots of social skills: I was meeting lots of new
people so I was always watching and learning
what was polite, how I should be doing things
etc. I obviously used my language skills and
I learned a lot about looking after children
too of course.

How useful is it to have another language in
your daily life?

As soon as you have at least one language
under your belt, you will notice its presence
everywhere. I work in a shop at the moment
and have served customers in their native
tongue, meaning they bought more, which
was great.

Best aspect about being an au pair?

I was lucky to have a family I loved,
but my confidence grew a lot as well.

One piece of advice...

Fear of making mistakes is normal but
you can only improve if you just speak!

