



¡Hola!
I'm Emily. Last year I was an English teacher in Spain and this summer I'm teaching English at a University in Chile.



What did you study?

I studied Modern Languages at University which is a three language course. I learnt French and German at school and started Spanish from beginners level.

What skills do you use when teaching?

Communication skills are key. Other skills definitely include organisation as well as improvisation in equal parts.

How has this informed your career choice?

Teaching English abroad is one option for me in the next few years. My studies make me able to relate to other people learning English and help me to find techniques to help them. In August I am going to Chile to teach at a University there.

What was the best aspect about teaching abroad?

Being abroad itself is an amazing experience whereby you learn so much about yourself and other people. Whilst teaching I found myself developing more communicative methods to help pupils understand what I was teaching.



What made you want to teach abroad?
When did you decide to do this?

I've always been interested in teaching so it seemed the obvious choice for my year abroad. I enjoyed it so decided to apply to the British council programme for Latin America.

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

It's surprising how often you cross paths with someone whose first language is Spanish or French or German, or who is more familiar with these languages than English.



How many languages do you speak?

I speak English, French, German and Spanish to high levels and recently I started to learn Portuguese which has been quite easy to pick up using the skills I already have.

One piece of advice...

Don't worry too much about what you don't know, use and make the best of all the language you do know.