



# Bye, bye Poland

## How time flies!

Last October we started the Polish course for another group of Erasmus students coming to Poland to study at PUT for one semester and before we knew where we were it was time to say goodbye. We had a wonderful time together, both the teachers and the students, meeting twice a week for three months.

The students were divided into four groups and the classes were provided by two qualified teachers of the Department of Modern Languages – Małgorzata Konopko, M.A. and Barbara Tarko, M.A. Since the students

came from almost all over Europe (there were people from Italy, Greece, Spain, Portugal, France, Turkey, Finland and Germany), each group was a mixture of different nationalities, characters, temperaments and emotions.

All of them were trying very hard to learn Polish as much as they could and it is not exaggerated to say that all of them succeeded brilliantly! The students are able to communicate in Polish on a very basic level - it is not a problem now to ask the way or ask the time, or even to conduct a simple conversation about their hobbies and interests or a daily routine.

While learning the language the students were also learning about Polish culture; by exploring Polish cuisine, customs and traditions and every day lives of their contemporaries the stereotype thinking of Poland and Polish people was totally changed. There is no doubt that for the majority of them studying in Poland was a great experience and the time they will never forget.

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## During our farewell class the students were asked five questions referring to their staying in Poland. Here are some of the answers.

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### 1. Why did you decide to study in Poland?

*I had a very good references before coming about Polish people and Polish culture.*

Hector Prats Lopez from Spain

*Cheap country, different weather, different culture, good university.*

Vitor Astucia from Portugal

*I wanted to try a new experience and I was attracted by Poland as destination.*

Eros Novello from Italy

*Because it's a very different country, it's very opposite to Spain, and I thought that was a very nice experience to me.*

Miguel Quesada Gonzalez from Spain

### 2. What factors made you choose Poznań to study in Poland?

*The location and the weather.*

Albert Bellavista from Spain

*Because somebody told me that here the people are very friendly and it's a cheap city to me.*

Miguel Quesada Gonzalez from Spain

*Someone said to me that it is a nice city with lots of students, a big city.*

Lidia Estupina Balsebre from Spain

*Because it is one of the most young cities in Poland (a city of students and for students) and also because a friend had already been here in Erasmus.*

Gionata Conti from Italy

*I had a friend that studied in Poznań and he confirmed that the city is very nice and the university very good.*

Eros Novello from Italy

### 3. What problems do you face while studying at PUT?

People don't speak English, and some problems with the organisation of our subjects.

Vitor Astucia from Portugal

None.

Eros Novello from Italy

The principal problem was the language.

Miguel Quesada Gonzalez from Spain

Only the difficulties to understand the people. All the other things are great.  
Albert Bellavista from Spain

### 4. What did you find the most surprising or shocking when you arrived in Poland?

The people are very friendly. I thought that Poland was much poorer but it's not true. It's a nice country.

Lidia Estupina Balsebre from Spain

The people here are very friendly and

helpful and the city of Poznan offer a lot of magic things to see and discover. It's fantastic to stay here because I change my idea about this country.

Albert Bellavista from Spain

Architecture and lifestyle which is better than I thought.

Carlos Vicient from Spain

Nothing at all. Right now it's freezing! The place I come from is very hot. But it's another different experience to live.  
Hector Prats Lopez from Spain



## QUIZ FAMOUS WOMEN

You are requested to send your solution and name at [konkurssjopp@wp.pl](mailto:konkurssjopp@wp.pl)

The first three correct answers will be rewarded with attractive books. The names of the lucky participants will be announced in the next issue of Głos Politechniki.

Which English Queen saw the defeat of the Spanish Armada?

- a) Anne Boleyn
- b) Victoria
- c) Elisabeth I

Who wrote "The Mousetrap", the world's longest running play?

- a) Agatha Christie
- b) Jane Austin
- c) Wirginia Wolf

Which woman pioneered professional nurse training?

- a) Susan Swan
- b) Florence Nightingale
- c) Margaret Malart

Which Oscar winning actress is also a spice?

- a) Nutmeg Hepburn
- b) Ginger Rogers
- c) Cinnamon Smith

Who did Madonna play in a film?

- a) Eva Peron
- b) Eleonor Roosevelt
- c) Amy Johnson

Which Mary invented new teaching methods?

- a) Macaronii
- b) Montessori
- c) Belafonte

Where was J. K. Rowling when she thought up Harry Potter?

- a) On a train
- b) In Argentina
- c) In her kitchen

What was Margaret Thatcher's nickname?

- a) The Golden Goat
- b) The Iron Lady
- c) The Copper Crow

GOOD LUCK

# SPRING IDIOMS

**To be full of the joys of spring** - to be very happy

**To be no spring chicken** - to not be young anymore

**To spring to life** - suddenly become active

**To spring to mind** - appear suddenly or immediately in your thoughts



## A mini course **English at Dean's Office** - part 3

### USEFUL VOCABULARY

UŻYTECZNE SŁOWNICTWO

#### 1. ACADEMIC YEAR

ROK AKADEMICKI

**The academic year begins on October...and ends on June...**

Rok akademicki rozpoczyna się... października i kończy... czerwca.

#### 2. ACADEMIC CALENDAR

HARMONOGRAM AKADEMICKI

**The Inauguration Day**

Dzień Inauguracji Roku Akademickiego

**The Inauguration Day is held on October...**

Dzień Inauguracji Roku Akademickiego jest... października.

**Rector's Day**

Dzień Rektorski

**Polish Public Holiday**

Polskie święto państwowe

**Rector's Days and Polish Public Holiday are free from courses.**

Dni Rektorskie i polskie święta państwowe są wolne od zajęć dydaktycznych.

#### 3. WINTER SEMESTR

SEMESTR ZIMOWY

#### 4. SUMMER SEMESTR

SEMESTR LETNI

#### 5. EXAMINATION SESSION

SESJA EGZAMINACYJNA

**The examination session begins on January/June... and ends on February/June...**

Sesja egzaminacyjna rozpoczyna się... stycznia/czerwca i kończy... lutego/czerwca.

#### 6. EXAM

EGZAMIN

**Written exam**

Egzamin pisemny

**Oral exam**

Egzamin ustny

**Final exam**

Egzamin końcowy

**B.E. resit**

Egzamin poprawkowy

**Take an exam**

Przystąpić do egzaminu

**Fail exam**

Nie zdać egzaminu

#### 7. STUDENT'S BOOK

INDEKS

#### 8. GRADE

OCENA

5.0

**Very good**

4.5

**Good plus**

4.0

**Good**

3.5

**Satisfactory plus**

3.0

**Satisfactory**

2.0

**Unsatisfactory**

**Credit**

Zaliczenie

**Credited**

Zaliczono

**Credit in next semestr**

Zaliczenie w następnym semestrze

**No credited**

Nie zaliczono

**No grade**

Bez oceny