

Idiomes

Interview to the English tutor's language: Kim Collins



Where are you from?

Bakersfield, California

When were you born?

June 2, 1962

Do you have any pets ? And children?

No pets, 5 children: David -30, Daniel-28, Ellie 25, John-22, Jesse-19

Where do you recently live?

Bakersfield, UA

Have you got any degrees?

Main English: Master d'Arts-Emphasis in Composition, bachelor of Arts-English/Sociology

How many languages can you speak?

English

Where do you work?

California State University, Bakersfield

Which subjects do you teach?

English Composition

What's your favourite book ?

The Mill of the Floos by George Eliot

Do you play any sport ?

Currently tennis, racquetball, and ping-pong throughout my life. I have played almost all sports.

Do you have any hobbies ?

Reading, hiking, cooking...

What's your favourite music?

I like many genres of music - folk, classical, blues, some jazz, classic rock...- but I had to pick a favourite it would be classical guitar with Joaquin Rodrigo as my favourite composer.

Have you ever been in Spain before?

No

Do you like Catalonia ?

Yes, I like the culture -emphasis on fun and dance - the food, climate, variety activities and sights available- historical sights, beaches, festivals, mountains - and my impression of cultural attitudes towards body image and respect and enjoyment of the elderly.

And our little town, Llicà d'Amunt ?

Pros and Cons: Pros: great places to walk, warm, people and close to many great places. Cons - very few people sitting outside at cafés etc. It would be nice to have a little more feeling of community.

What about our INS ?

I think educating youth, mandatory education always presents challenges. I have enjoyed just observing how this problem is addressed in Spain

What did you appreciate the experience? Time with my host family and their extended families. They worked hard to make my experience enjoyable, taking me to many places that I was able to enjoy with them. Teachers that made an effort to make me feel welcomed and appreciated (there were many) a local perspective on many aspects of Spanish government, education, and life.

Thank you very much for your attention! And have a nice trip back!