

«English Language with a Computer Support» - the New Project of the St Petersburg Vocational Training Centre "ORT-Career"

On April, 21st, the first graduation of the course «English language with a computer support» was taking place. It is the new project of the Vocational Training Centre "ORT-Career" in St Petersburg, and the group which had finished its training is the first graduates.

For this reason it was especially valuable to for us receive responses about courses, to hear offers of graduates and to understand, how much useful this training had been.

Here are small interview given by the participants of the training:



Yulia Subbotina

"I have learnt about new course from my friend. In general, already there for a long time was a desire to refresh the knowledge of English, I even learnt about conditions and training cost in the several city companies. But arrange time or a study place had been inappropriate. In ORT courses all parts of a puzzle – convenient time and a place had been coincided, it is especially valuable at week-days, besides it had not been necessary to wait for a long, while the group would be enlisted. Besides, two my friends had gone together with me on these courses. There was a time of the beginning of the courses very convenient– for two spring months I could restore that knowledge which already had and recovered the colloquial English – it was very important before holiday. The easy spirit which was created during the classes was pleasant especially. We were spoken to each other about holidays, families, children, about the work and hobbies, showed photos, joked – certainly, in English. I am waiting for continuation of training very much and I wish to bring the son here".



Yana Serbina

“Great thanks for ORT! The course appeared to be very useful as it allows refreshing knowledge, systematising and nailing it down. There is a considerable quantity of additional information increasing skill of language on more colloquial level. Using various materials from different textbooks allows acquiring new knowledge better and making all kinds of speech activity more vivid”.



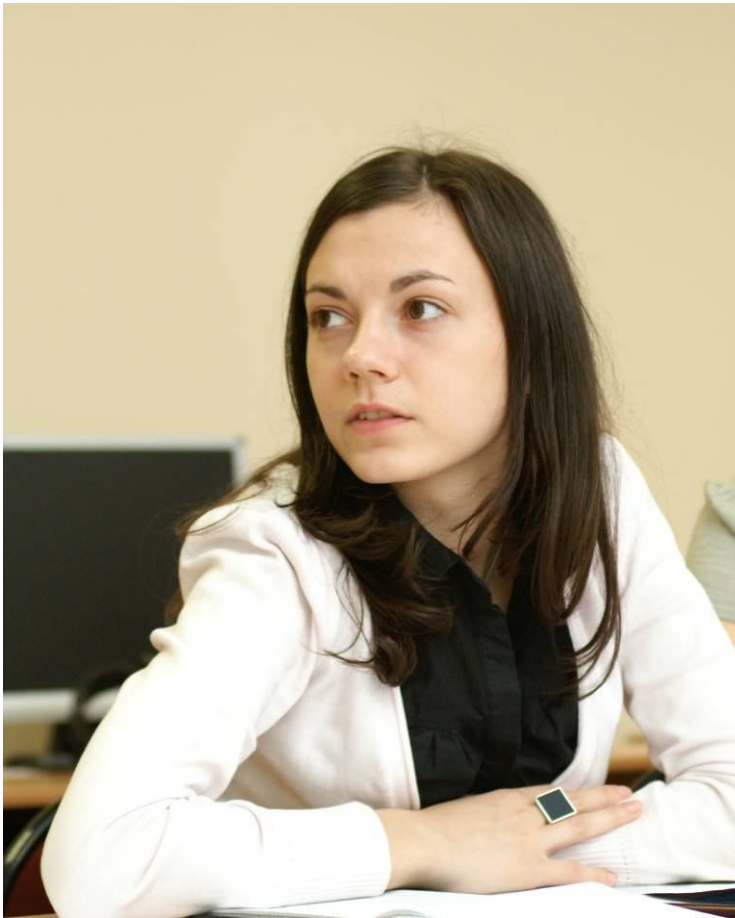
Tatyana Makarova

“At the beginning my daughter had gone to this group for some classes and shared her impressions with me. As a result I had decided to register in these courses as well. It turned out so that I had joined training group in the middle of the course. And all the same I fee, how my colloquial possibilities were improved. I am a linguist and consequently I could highly appreciate a teaching manner – very intensive course which is directed as on spoken language development, so on hearing, reading, storing. It is very competent course and I will continue training and recommend these courses to my acquaintances”.



Marina Matveeva

“I had gone for these courses with a very simple purpose to restore and to systematise that knowledge of English what I already had. I went there upon the recommendations, I had been told about courses by acquaintances. I can fairly tell that at all I am not sorry about the evenings spent here – classes passed in very amicable group, I hope, we will continue to communicate and after the finishing of our courses”.



Elizaveta Makarova

“I had seen the announcement of courses in YESOD casually. I had passed a free test, communicated to the teacher and had come to the first class. And here is the result – I waited for each class with impatience, went on them with pleasure and even brought my Mum on training. Having not so big loading – only 8 hours per week, I could raise my language level considerably, probably, using computer program Reward which is aimed for nailing the learnt material had helped me with it. Now I am waiting for May and for the beginning of new trainings”.

Anna Hodorovskaya, the Manager of educational programs of ORT-Career Centre, shared her impressions about the courses as well.



«The idea to organise courses of foreign languages in new "ORT-Career" Centre had appeared long before its solemn opening in summer 2008. "We all have studied bit by bit... «We tried to learn language at school, in the specialised centres, with private teachers and always remained dissatisfied about the results. "ORT-SPb" Director Marina Sorokina had been confident that our Centre could offer an interesting, unusual, modern course on teaching languages. It had been decided to begin with English, as the most widespread and the most necessary.

For me as for the Manager of educational programs, opening of each new group and more than this, of a new course is always exciting. English language is a new direction in activity of our Centre, experience we have in this area is a little, and a competition is huge. How listeners would perceive the constant change of activity during a lesson, how they would concern that during a tea-meeting break when it would be desirable to relax and distract, they would be proposed to discuss a present day, but in English? In order not to be in doubt in a new course I had become the listener of the first group and had been trained together with our students.

I am very glad that our team of teachers became one professional more. Nina Petrova, as well as all the teachers of our Centre, not only the fine teacher what is spoken in responses of the first listeners, she improves her language constantly, communicating with native speakers, searches for new instructions and aids of teaching. Traditional methods on each lesson were supported with exercises, audio and video tasks from the computer program. During a lesson Nina uses all advantages of the demonstration equipment and elements of a special language laboratory actively. Therefore I can tell with confidence that our course is not casually declared, as a course with computer support, and the combination of different methods and training receptions allow in exciting form making active knowledge that is already available and to nail the new.

Especially I wish to tell about our first listeners. Great thanks to them that they had joined to process of training with pleasure and had created the atmosphere of creativity, interest and even the most captious of them, and in each group one or two such persons would always be, had stated the desire to continue the training on the next course.

We are grateful for responses to the Centre and to the teacher, and the only remark to the new course which is insufficient quantity of hours, we will correct in new educational year”.

The group of the next level will begin English language courses training on May, 5th, and its big part is consisted of the graduates of the first group, wishing to continue their learning. And there are the plans for carrying out of an intensive language course in summer.

Elena Makarova, PR manager, ORT-St.-Petersburg