

Tiger's Story



Literacy is very important and unfortunately not everyone can read and write. Born and raised in Mexico, Tiger made the decision to move to the United States in 1999 at 32 years of age. Moving to the US is a great challenge, but the most difficult thing is leaving your family. Starting off in the US, she faced many problems with English. "What does that mean? How can I make others understand me? When will I stop feeling ashamed?" In order to keep her mind distracted, she spent her leisure time enjoying soccer and soap operas on TV.

For the past two years, she has worked as a Tax Pro. She felt frustrated when people didn't understand what she was trying to say, and this frustration motivated her to learn English. Luckily, one of her relatives had already benefited from The Literacy Council, and they introduced her to the idea of seeking it out.

As a result of this life-altering decision, Tiger has grown and improved her English with the help of her tutor. The tutor has been beneficial for Tiger because her questions get answered, and she is corrected on pronunciation in a supportive, non-judgmental environment. Her tutor also helps her learn new words and finds books of her interest to improve her reading skills. Not only that but the tutor has also helped her with her writing. What makes the tutor more remarkably special for Tiger is that the tutor has listened to her goals and deficiencies and helps her get through the roadblocks. This has inspired her to obtain her citizenship. She is aware that her future depends on her English literacy.

She still has trouble getting people to understand her and still gets frustrated at times. But she remembers that there are days when others understand her perfectly, and she feels satisfaction. This optimism helps her press on and not give up, even when challenges present.

Tiger has come a long way since beginning her journey with The Literacy Council and now feels able to grow as a professional and to provide security and stability for her family. With the help of The Literacy Council, she knows that one day she will obtain her citizenship.

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