

Reflections on Mrs Graunke's speech (I)

Mrs Graunke came to our school to tell us about her fascinating life, travelling the world and experiencing other cultures. Born in Portland, Oregon, she grew up in a family with German roots. In her teens she discovered her passion for travelling and decided to start her journey with the money she had earned working at a restaurant.

Since then she has seen many countries, met many people from different cultures and learned a lot about life as such. Yet, it wasn't always easy for her. Living in countries thousands of miles away from home and family can make you feel like the loneliest human on earth, especially if you don't speak the language of the country you are in.

Today Mrs Graunke lives in Goldkronach near Bayreuth with her husband and children. She told us she really loves her family and now her journey would only continue with her husband and family by her side.

We really enjoyed listening to a native speaker of English and learning about the experiences she gained travelling the world. We are very grateful to Mrs Graunke for the work and time she invested in her interesting and educational presentation.

(Samuel Zeitler, Q 11-5)

Reflections on Mrs Graunke's speech (II)

Mrs Graunke was born and raised in Oregon, Portland. She visited our school to give us the opportunity to listen to a native speaker of English. Her life is really interesting: Moving alone from Portland to Chicago, Oxford and even Japan, where she worked as an English teacher, Mrs Graunke found a home in Germany. First she lived in Berlin. At this point, she got married and had two children. Due to her husband's job, the family moved to London. It was not a difficult experience for her to live in England, but it was challenging for her children in the first months. Later, they moved to the final destination of their journey so far: Goldkronach near Bayreuth. Today, Mrs Graunke works at the University of Bayreuth.

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