Why I Find English Lessons Useful

The English course has been quite a challenge for me because before my studies here I graduated from another University and we didn't have much of English there. That's why for me the English course of this faculty has been of special value, maybe even of higher value than for my other fellow students.

I find all our English lessons very useful for several reasons.

Firstly, the programme enabled us to master two most important lexical strata of English – the general language of economics and the language of business management. So whatever branch of economy we go into we'll be able to communicate with our foreign partners and find mutual understanding.

Secondly, the course places much importance on the development of our communicative skills. We are well aware of the fact that knowing business vocabulary is not enough to be successful in business communication. You should be able to recognize the true incentives and targets of your partner and to achieve our own business goals by making (among other things) your speech rhetorically effective. So among the most precious and interesting aspects of language acquisition I surely name such skills as grasping the gist of an extended text, making deductive and inductive inferences, enhancing the negotiating skills, downshifting, knowledge management, the role of advertising in business, the disputable issues in international business relations and many others. So I feel that now I understand these problems better thanks to the English lessons.

Finally, what is most valuable for me personally is that we had a lot of oral and written practice, and the material we worked at didn't remain just theoretical knowledge but was always activated through creative tasks. It turned out that English was the only subject where we could train and then demonstrate so much of our cumulative professional knowledge – I mean the presentations of an invented company and the improvised shareholders' meeting (inspired by the film "Other people's money") at the final stage of our studies. It was not so easy to prepare for those classes but I'm greatly satisfied with the outcome of my efforts.

I'm very grateful to my English teachers for all their hard work and patience with me and other students, for helping us improve out communicative and professional skills and for their goodwill.

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