

## Una clase en la virtualidad. Documentación de prácticas

**Profesora-Licenciada** Patricia Silvana Policastro

**MATERIA:** inglés.

**INSTITUCIÓN:** Escuela Secundaria Dante Alighieri de Belén de Escobar.

**CARGO:** Profesora

**AÑO:** 6° (último año del nivel superior en Provincia de Buenos Aires)

**TEMA:** *Sherlock Holmes Short Stories*.

Comienzo mi documentación pidiendo disculpas por el lento ritmo de adaptación a esta modalidad de enseñanza virtual, remota, a distancia, sobre la cual, doy fe, fui aprendiendo sobre la marcha, bajo la presión de cumplir con mis obligaciones como docente, pero, sobre todo, con miras a no abandonar a mis alumnos.

Estimo que todos los docentes de este nivel educativo se enfrentan al mayor de los retos que siempre tuvimos que afrontar (aún antes de la situación actual), que es la de motivar a los adolescentes.

Luego de invitar a mis alumnos a elegir un texto literario para trabajar en la segunda etapa escolar (segundo semestre), abordé el cuento presentado *The Emerald Crown*, de la colección de cuentos adaptados de Sherlock Holmes, desde el conocer a su autor. Dadas las características generales de los cuentos y sobre todo del detective Holmes, decidí pedirles que se apropiaran del rol de detectives o investigadores y comenzaran a investigarme a mí, sí, a su profesora de inglés, Patricia Policastro. Mi mayor sorpresa fue ver sus caras de asombro y escuchar sus comentarios de asombro. Pero hoy me siento

más que orgullosa con esta idea que logré poner en práctica y que llegó a interesar al 90% de mis estudiantes. Los resultados fueron fascinantes. Se divirtieron mucho averiguando sobre mi vida (en todas las redes y/o preguntando a otros docentes/alumnos que me conocían) y fueron capaces de elaborar unos INFORMES de investigación estupendos, completos y cuidadosamente redactados. Fueron felicitados por sus pares, otros profesores, preceptores y personal directivo. Una gran satisfacción y orgullo para mí, una docente en vías de aprendizaje en este mundo tecnológico que resulta avasallante, a veces, pero extraordinario, revelador y mágico, otras veces.

Incluyo uno de los 16 trabajos grupales a modo de ilustración y aunque todo me lleva más tiempo de lo esperado, continúo aprendiendo sobre la marcha, experimentando y ajustando para avanzar cada día un poquito más y brindar lo mejor a los demás.

¡Muchas gracias!

## **TASK:**

**GROUP ASSIGNMENT:** You will work in groups of 2 to 4 students (not more than 4) and you will take the role of a detective, like Sherlock Holmes. The task will be to find as much information as possible about your teacher of English, Mrs. Policastro, such as complete name, age, birth date, family origins, languages she can speak, studies, jobs, and any other interesting data that you may find about her. You will prepare a Word Document with all that information, in the form of a descriptive-narrative production. And, if you want, you may also include pictures. TIP: Remember that detectives should be very curious, persistent, creative and attentive.

**HOW TO HAND IN:**

A4, Times New Roman size 12, 1.5 space, justified text, in about 1 or 2 pages (Not more). I will consider presentation and use of the language.

On top of the page, include a title (you can create one) and the complete names of the "detectives" (=members) of the group.

Hope you enjoy performing this role!

**Investigation File.**



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Private detectives:

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Private detectives:



**Mateo Cagnasso**

**N° 0083648**

**6° "C"**

**Dante Alighieri Escobar**

**English 44757961**



**Martín Di Paola**

**N° 0056894**

**6° "C"**

**Dante Alighieri Escobar**

**English 44335109**



**Investigation: Type: information.**

**Mrs. Policastro**

**ASAP**



**Name and Surname:** Patricia  
Policastro Pavone

**Sex:** Female

**Age:** 59 years' old

**Birth date:** 25 October 1961

**Birth place:** Belén de Escobar,  
Buenos Aires, Argentina

To start with, Mrs. Policastro (Patricia Policastro Pavone) was born the 25 October 1961 at Belén de Escobar, Buenos Aires, Argentina. She is 59 years old. Patricia went to secondary school at General Belgrano Secondary School (Belén de Escobar); and we believe that she went to primary school at Santa Maria School in the same city, since she went to kindergarten there. We can say that she studied English at Belén Cultural Institute or/and at Cultural English Academy when she was younger, both in Belén de Escobar. After graduation, she studied at the University of Salvador to become an English Teacher (we supposed), and then she also studied many other things there. Patricia also studied Italian at Dante Alighieri School (Belén de Escobar). So, she speaks Spanish, English and Italian.

Nowadays she lives in Belen de Escobar, but other sources say that she lives in Los Cardales (Buenos Aires, Argentina) and she works as an English Teacher at the University of Salvador and Dante Alighieri School.

Furthermore, we found some things about her family. Her father, José Policastro, worked in Philips (CABA). Her mother is called Silvana Ema Teresa Pavone Ranaldi, and we guess, because of what we read, that she was born at Bengasi, Libya, Africa. We also think that she went to

primary school at Asmara, Eritrea, Africa; or at least she went there some years; and that she also studied at Santa Maria School. Along with her family, there is Patricia's sister, who is called Carina Policastro, and was born the 19 March 1967. Carina is 53 years old. She went to secondary school at San Vicente of Paul School. She studied Pharmacy at Buenos Aires University. As well as José, Silvana and Carina, there is another family member, which is Patricia's brother, Alejandro Policastro, who was born the 14 August 1978. He studied at Santa Maria School. Alejandro is the owner of "Rosas Tintas Almacén de Vinos & Cava", a place where wine is sold, as well as other alcoholic beverages, and it is located in Belén de Escobar.

Moreover, we know that Silvana speaks Spanish and Italian; and that it is possible that she lived, at least for a while, in Italy. Likewise, we know that her parents (Patricia's grandparents) lived for a while in Venezuela.

In addition, we found out that there is also another type of love in her life, and he is called Anibal José Sanchez. This man, her partner, studied at José Manuel Estrada Institute in Capilla del Señor (Buenos Aires, Argentina), so he was probably born at that city. He likes football, and he is a follower of "Club Atletico Boca Juniors".

Also, we found some things about her life (likes, etc.), for example, Patricia does not have kids. Another thing is that she likes going to the beach on holidays. She likes studying, reading and teaching very much. Besides, we supposed that she likes cycling. We found no history of drug consumption or smoking, whereas of alcohol consumption, we think that she likes drinking wine sometimes. Many people told us that she is a really good person, and that she was an amazing and educated student. Last year (2019) she was even recognized for her trajectory as a teacher in Escobar.

## DISCUSIÓN

Finally, we think that Mrs. Policastro looks a lot like the actress Katherine Burton (Kate Burton), take a look:



Mrs.  
Policastro



Kate Burton

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