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Barriers to the Study of Scientific Subjects and Level of Knowledge of Basic Chemistry

ADULT LEARNERS' CASE STUDY

Adult Learner's Case Study No 8

Name: Martine
Subject Studied: Ernährungs- und Gesundheitsberatung
Place: Berlin

Description of the Case Study

→ Reasons of the decision not to continue studying scientific subjects:

For Martine it was no option to choose a profession in the sector of the natural sciences.

→ Main difficulties in scientific subject learning at school:

She did not have any difficulties. She always got good grades.

→ Self evaluation of knowledge of chemistry:

Referring to a school-grade scale: 2/good

→ Evaluation of the scientific information provided by the media:

For her, the media are a very important resource of natural scientific information.

→ Perception of the word "Chemical":

She is thinking of the words "synthetic, laboratory, environmental pollution, synthesis, imitation of natural materials."

→ Result of the basic chemistry test:

Martine has 0 out of 5 right answered.