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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 10

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

Description of the Case Study

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

Although chemistry was not really disliked, biology became the favorite subject.

→ Main difficulties in scientific subject learning at school:

Chemistry in secondary class was fun (a lot of experiments), before that too much theory, didn't like teacher.

→ Self evaluation of knowledge of chemistry:

Referring to a school-grade scale: 3/average

→ Evaluation of the scientific information provided by the media:

Chemistry plays no role in her daily life and news or information dealing with chemistry are not interesting for her.

→ Perception of the word "Chemical":

Sara is thinking of the notion "experiments".

→ Result of the basic chemistry test:

She answered 3 questions right, 2 wrong.