

## Alena's Teaching Philosophy

*".. There is no such thing as a mistake; only an opportunity for learning. Everyone has got something to give, I always encourage my students to support their peers. Students are not there to be controlled, only to be guided; they are in charge of what they want to learn."*

## Alena's Background

Alena grew up in Grodno, Belarus. Apart from her mother tongues English, Russian, and Belarusian, she also has a good command of French and Polish and speaks German.

### Academic education:

BA Economics (concentration Finance and Theory) and European Studies (concentration French, German and Politics), Mount Holyoke College South Hadley, USA.

After her studies, Alena worked in several business fields, including research, office management, web development, event management, journalism, interpreting, and language training.

### Related certificates include:

Berlin School of English **CELTA Course**; November 2005  
Hood College Strasbourg, France; **Diplôme d'Études Françaises**; spring 2003  
Minsk State Linguistic University Minsk, Belarus; **Interpreters' Department**, 1997-1999  
Westford Academy, Westford, MA, USA; **Honorary Diploma**; 1996-1997

## Alena, the Trainer

She has been teaching General and Business English at all levels, with all sizes of classes, including one-to-ones, at different companies. Furthermore, Alena was involved in a project developing web pages for e-learning.

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