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Thereafter

From this point onwards

*Students must learn a language until the age of 16.
Thereafter, it's their choice.*

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To be well into something

To have spent a lot of time and to have made a lot of progress in something

In secondary school, I was well into my French studies.

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A mountain to climb

Something that will be difficult to achieve

It felt like a mountain to climb, learning German at the age of 12.

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Day in and day out

All day, every day

I studied day in and day out

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To be thrown in at the deep end

To give somebody a difficult task, perhaps without the knowledge they need to do this task

When starting uni, we were really thrown in at the deep end.

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It turns out (that)

In reality

It turns out, you can live abroad without being fluent.

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Little did I know

At that time in the past, I didn't know what the future consequences or outcome would be today

Little did I know, Spanish would go on to be my third language.

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My then-boyfriend

My boyfriend at the time of writing the text/telling the story. Now, this isn't true (my husband). It can be used for anything; my then-boss, my then-wife.

I had simple conversations with my then-boyfriend.

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Albeit

Even though / although

We spoke in Spanish, albeit very slowly.