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Abstract : Experiences from the learner's perspective when completing an MA TESOL online with the Institute of Education in London (1995 - 1998), and when learning a language from scratch for a PhD on 'The development of language acquisition in a mature learner'. As a result of this study, I changed my approach to teaching English as a Foreign Language and ESOL realizing how essential it is to take into account a large number of influential factors and how important it is to encourage the learners to take the initiative –ingredients that have a lot of implications for online and blended learning.