



Fica's challenge: learning to read and to use a computer to write her memoirs at 76

LOCATION: Gádor, Almería

DURATION: 1'52"

SUMMARY: Josefa Herrada is an example of perseverance, work and effort. This woman who is 76 years old has learn to read, write, use the computer and surf the Internet in barely seven years. But her biggest dream was to write a book, something that has also achieved publishing her memoirs. There she speaks about the history of her family and some traditions of her hometown, Gádor, in Almería.

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It is never too late to learn, and Josefa Herrada, aged 76 and born in Almería has always been sure of that. Seven years ago she learned to read and write in an adult's school of her town, Gádor.

JOSEFA HERRADA
Writer

"The teacher told me: Josefa, everything gets into your head. And I thought that today I would have studied a degree."

But there was something that interested her more...

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"And I said that if I ever could write on a computer it would drive me crazy."

It was at the Guadalinfo Center of Gádor where she learned how to use the computers she liked so much and to surf the Internet.

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"From that day I came here everyday, I couldn't do anything else at home."

They say she is a model user.

JOSE HIGUERAS
Guadalinfo facilitator

"Since the first day I started working with her she has never missed one day, she has been at the center every morning rain or shine, she was so eager to learn that she was an example for people of her age and also for young people."

But Josefa has gone beyond. Her dream was to write a book and she has made it come true. 'Fica, the story of an overcoming life' are the memories of a curious and fighter woman who explains the history of her family and stories of her hometown.

JOSEFA HERRADA
Writer

"In my book I speak about the traditions of my family, of my town and of mine."

MANUEL TRUJILLO
Josefa's son

"The whole family is very proud. She is an example of overcoming for everyone."

Josefa is the living proof that it is never too late for knowledge, and that curiosity, perseverance and motivation are not just for young people.