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How did I study during the occupation?

I did not attend secret classes. I learned Polish by myself at home. During the occupation, I was in Toruń, where all things Polish were severely persecuted.

The living conditions were very difficult. For this reason, I could not devote much energy to learning my native language. Moreover, we suffered from a complete lack of teachers and Polish textbooks in Toruń.

Studying together with other young people was out of the question. Even studying on my own I was in danger of being detected by the Germans who were watching us closely. It is difficult for me to say what material (program) I mastered, because I studied a little of all major subjects, such as Polish, English, mathematics, geography and history. Pre-war textbooks were very scarce.