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My Studies at ELI

My name is Abduhadi Aldosari (Hadi) and I am a student from the Kingdom of Saudia Arabia. I am twenty seven years old. In my country I studied Chemistry in the Teacher's College located in the city of Taif in western part of the Kingdom of Saudia Arabia.

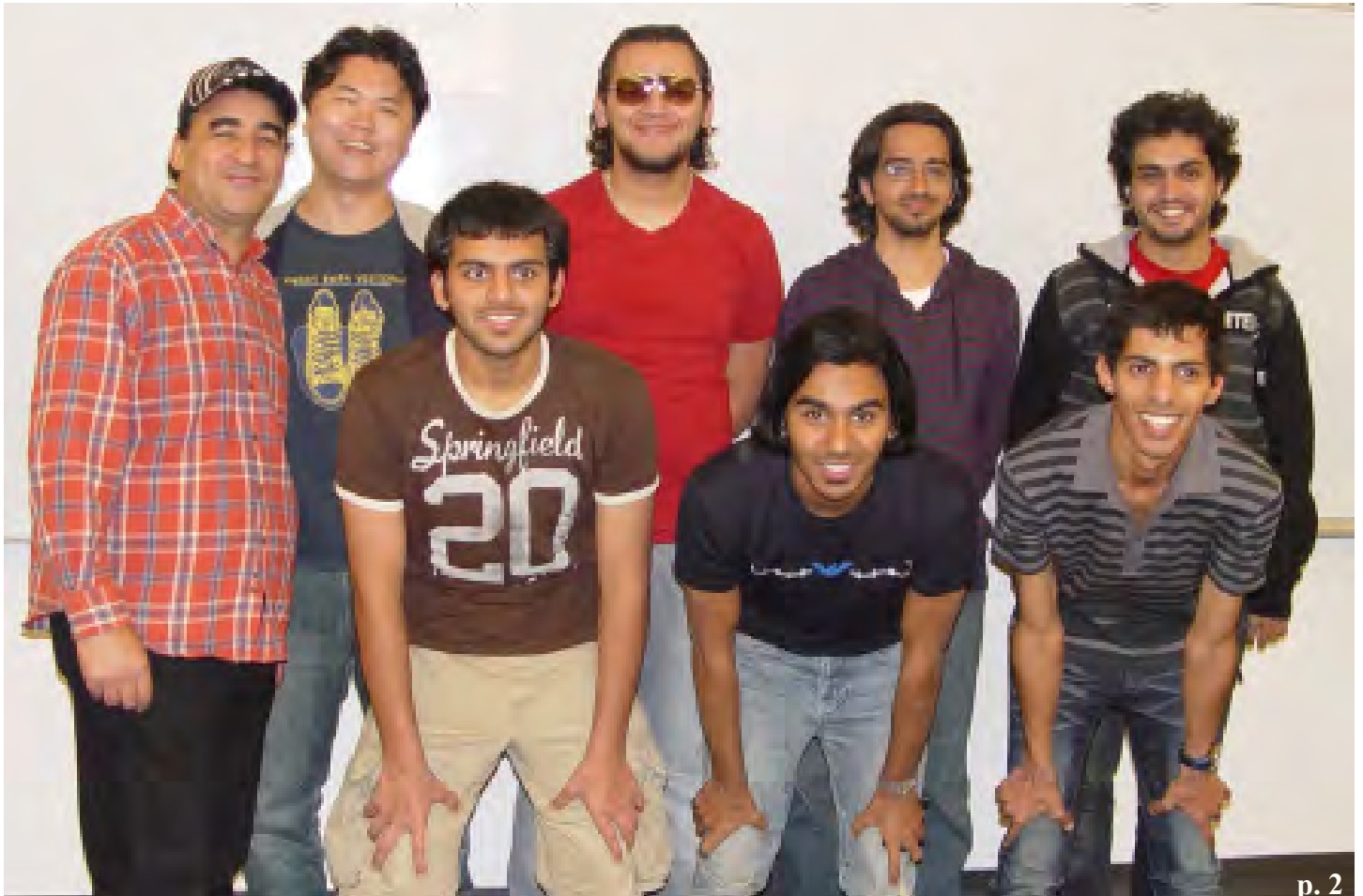
I finished studying at the college in four and a half years and I got a bachelors degree in chemistry in the year 2008. After that I started working as a teacher in the high school system in the Kingdom of Saudia Arabia teachjng in the field of chemistry. I worked as a teacher in the Kingdom from 2008 until the end of 2009. After this time I decided to move outside of the kingdom to study the Eenglish Language for two reasons.

The first reason I wanted to study English was to in order to further my knowledge in Chemistry in Graduate school because the English Language is the is the language of the world in academia. And the second reason to study English was so that I can increase my chances of employment because there are limited number of people that speak English in my country. For these two reasons I decided to study at the English Language Institute to help me reach my goal.

by Hadi Mana



Level 3A



Hisham: I came ELI for 5 week ago. I spoke a little English . And, I wrote bad English. But now , I can speak a good English . And write a good English, But, I cannot speak and write perfect.

Hamad: yes, My English improved a lot because of the ELI program, That can help people to practice their English language , I met knew friends from different countries, That I contact with them talking to them and practice and learn from our mistakes, The good thing that I learn is about other country cultures.

Ahmed: yes , because I save many word of English , and I can talk quick with my friends , and I stand what people you do, and I can ask my friends about myself.

Has your English improved since you've been here? How?

Abdulhadi: Yes, my English improved a lot , because of the ELI program . That can help people to practice their English language. I met knew friends from different countries, that I contact with them talking to them and practice and learn from our mistakes.

Wonsuk: Yes, my English has improved compared to when I first started this class. Before, I was afraid to speak English to Americans. But now I can speak to Americans and questions.

Ibrahim: now I speak English better than before the teachers here help me how I can speak English and I study in ELI and ELI it's good school foe learn speak English and the people here it's very friendly and I like this school

Abdula: Yes. The study here is very useful and I am better then I same first time because when I go the restaurant or meal with my friends we speak English and I meet my classmate and speak with them.

How my studies at ELI will improve my life ?

first of all, ELI will improve my English language, as people know that it's the most popular language in the world, and the world communicate with each other by using English language.

Second, In ELI, I met a lot of new friends, from different countries, and cultures, that what helped me to learn more about their different cultures and languages, and I'm improving my English by speaking to them and purpose if it, to get to know each other good, and to know some of the traditional had in their country.

The thing that affect me and I get use to it is to be patient in U.S and wait till I get the good thing, and what I need from studying abroad is to get my degree, and go back to my country to work in my dream job, and get good position in the organization, and I'm happy to study in ELI.



by Ahmed Almazrouei





Level 3B



Why I'm Studying English

Why I'm studying English? I never think about that. But the question is simple for me. I want to try to talk to as many other people from around the world.

In junior high school, I was a normal student. I usually had average points in class's tests. English too. I thought that English wasn't for me because I was in Japan. I didn't have opportunities to use English so I wasn't interested in English.

In high school, there was an English class that a foreign teacher taught us. She told us about her hobbies, her family, and her favorite foods, but we couldn't understand her English at all so we were very quiet in her class. When she asked my friend about his hobby, he didn't understand her English. I explained the question to him. When she asked me next, I answered her. She smiled at me. Then, I felt something. I didn't know why but I remembered that I was happy. That was my first English conversation. From that first time, I knew I wanted to talk English to others. So I decided to study hard to pass the high level university exam, but I couldn't pass the university exam.



I was very disappointed, but I couldn't give up on what I wanted most, so I decided to go study abroad last year. One day after coming, my friend, who is from Libya, asked me "Why are you studying English?". I said "I want to try to talk to others from many countries".

Now, one month later, I'm getting better at understanding English. English is difficult for me, but I like English. I'm happy learning English. Learning English feels like a treasure hunt for me.



ELI – My Experience

My studies at ELI will improve my English which will help me in speaking, as well. I can communicate fluently with people who speak English. I want to get a Bachelor of Science from universities in the United States of America at ARAMCO Company doing neighborhood design. I also will learn about the American way of life. After that I can go back to my country to get better job with good salary. I went with ELI and students to San Francisco and it was a very nice trip. My experience at ELI is one of the most beautiful things that have happened to me in my life. The professors are very talented and dedicated. The classes are very interesting, and English is easier than I thought. I have also met people from all around the world. I am very happy to be learning English here. I believe that my dreams will become reality by joining this institute which is improving my knowledge and increasing my willingness to learn. Today, I have friends from Korea, Japan, Turkey Taiwan, and Libya. I have met a lot of good people. I like the ELI because there are many international students.

I have many nice pictures of Katie Walker, the program manager, and many other friends. I can conclude by a statement that I have learned from ELI which is “education is the key to success!” Thank you for everything.

by Musaeed Alsultan

Aboodi: My level of language was weak by not study at the ELI. But now improved my level of language and I began to understand and speak without any help.

Hiroyuki: I think that I get good experience because I talk a lot of Americans people. My weak point is listening skill ,so I improve my English speaking skill from I come here.

Has your English improved since you’ve been here? How?

Yosuke: Yes. I think my English has improved. I talked to American and my host family. I study English hard.

Musaed: I am very happy to be learning English here. I believe that my dreams will become reality by joining this institute which is improving my knowledge and increasing my willingness to learn. now I can talking with everybody from USA --thank ELI.

Why I’m Studying English

Because first, I want to talk to all over the world’s people. I like conversation to people. So I study hard English now. But 1 month later I can’t listen to English. Native speaker is very fast. When I waited the train and people sometimes something ask to me!! I am confused because people say very first in English. So I am going to try to listen to English music and Julian’s training web pages. I will do it.

Second I will want to work at United Nations in the future. So I study hard English at the Sac state. I can want to conversation at English. Therefore I think that I study essential English.

Third I like in America because America is home country of basketball. I am really love basketball and I want to play basketball in Sac state. So I want to belong to formal basketball team in sac state but I can’t speak English well so I don’t registration basketball team in sac state. Someday I want to belong one in the near the future.

So can you fix my mistake English sentences please?

by Hiroyuki Kobayashi



Momoko: My English is better than before. Because I memorized new words and I talk to my host mother in English.

Hana: I study English every night. I write down many new English words in my notebook. I can remember about 150 words. But it too little. I know. I must more remember words and want to study English.

Abdulaziz: My English is good I’m study in Napa hall. I’m come here no English. I’m now good English and grammar good, not bad. I’m now we want go buy anything. I want do this before no I can’t. I like all teacher in Napa hall.

Toshiki: Yes, I have because I have tried to do a lot of things that I never tried to do in Japan.

Why I'm Studying English

I came to the USA to study English, and I'm studying English in ELI. I want to be fluent in all kinds of English, because English is one of the important languages. These days, English is becoming an international language. So, every year, many students choose to study abroad for a few years, or longer. Studying abroad can be an exciting experience for many people. Let me tell about the reason why I'm studying.

First, I want to get a job. I mean I want to achieve my dream. My dream is to be a political officer. Also, my major is political science and diplomatic. I think I have to speak in English very well. I want to work at the government. Maybe they will require me to speak an international language that is English. So, I am studying English.

Second, I hope to travel around the world. If I speak in English very well, it will be comfortable. Because English is an international language. Even if a country does not speak in English, I can speak in English there. And I think I will feel comfortable. Also, most countries use English. Actually, my European tour in 2007 was very nice. I owe it to English. I spoke in English at European countries except France.

Third, I want to get American friends. I have a lot of friends but they are Korean, because I'm Korean. I hope to associate with foreigners, especially Americans. If I have American friends, I can learn American culture

and it will be very interesting. So, I'm studying English hard.

Until now, I passed the half of this session. I will study English very hard for the leftover session. And I expect after finishing this session, I will be better than now. Even though the environment, the country, or whatever, I will just try to do my best everything given to me. Also, I want to be the most excellent student in ELI. I believe I can do that.

by Kelly Choi



Level 4A



Sam: I am learning English in one of the best schools in California State, I learned many new words every day, so I am still improving my English language regularly, and I feel comfortable with lots of international students, especially I memories lots of Korean words.

Woo: I have learned that American culture is very freedom and keeping self-confidence because individualism.

Jin: When I heard Arabic culture. It was a real surprise to me. The man can marry four woman in Arab. The situation is like that men is stronger than women.

Zach: Actually studying in the USA is very exciting. It's a different culture a different nationality you can learn more than what you expect. I learned beside English the Korean culture because I have now a lot of friends, and they are from Korea. I know now the Korean culture, and the American culture.

Mohammad: In this course, I got familiar with the Korean culture and American which widened my general information and knowledge of the worlds different cultures. In addition, it helped me accept and respect different opinions, backgrounds and gave me a green light to go out to this world.

Minyoung: I have learned that Muslim men in the Middle East can have up to 4 wives. And, they have more than 1,000,000 cousins.

What have you learned about another country since you have been at ELI?

John: I will write about experience student in ELI .They are students from South Korea and Japan and they smart and they are so nice with me .Some times they help me to study English.

Abe: the country I chose is Japan because people in Japan I think they are so smart and they can make simple things coming important thing.

Youjin: I have learned that Arabic language and I can speak some Arabic language. Also, I have learned that Arabic culture can't drink alcohol. Also, they has big family and many cousins and uncles. In Soudi Arabia, oil is very cheap. There is cheaper than America. Also, they love their religion and their family.

Ranae: I learned to lots of things about Arabic culture and some word.

Kelly: I have learned that Arabian tea is very impressive and sweet. I think Arabian culture is very classical and historical. Also, I can speak to Arabic "HalaHala".

Hyun: I think ELI has much difference culture. So I learn difference greet method. Korean, Arabian and American is difference, it is interesting. I learn another culture.



Studying Here

Since I was in my country, and before I graduate from my university, I was having that dream about studying abroad. After I have graduated, I decided that I will study in the United States. I am studying now at ELI, and I am happy about being a student here. I am expecting ELI to improve my life from many ways. For example, being a student here means I will meet many students from different countries, which will give me different faces from other cultures and that will help me to improve my life.

Another thing is by studying at ELI, I will learn more about the American culture, and that will improve my life in a positive way. Being a student at ELI means I have to involve in the American society, and by doing that I will add experience to my life. Also the teacher themselves will improve me by teaching me in a different ways which is a new style of teaching and I believe it is very helpful and useful.

by Yazeed Alasaheed (Zak)





Level 4B

How My Studies at ELI Will Improve My life

When I started ELI school, I always studied hard and I used to study English everyday when I got home from school. I think most important to improve my English skill is review what I learned from school. Also if I want to improve my life then I have to memorize English vocabularies. At the present time, most people can speak English very well in Korea and also they think English is an international language today. So if I want to improve my life then I think I have to speak English very well. Also most important thing is when we speak English then we have to try to speak with assured voice and spend hours every day studying English conversation with American people or a native speaker of English. Then I can improve my English skills and my life. If I study my English diligently every day then my English will be much better than now.

by Hyo Kim

Learning at ELI

When I went to ELI first time, I was a little bit scared. Because I can't speak English very well. But as time passed, I got confident for my ELI teachers. ELI teachers are so kindness and teach very well., I will can't the memorable which has hanging out with foreigner friends.

I thought that the grammar wasn't important. But when I learned grammar, I felt that it is so important every time. So I study grammar hard.

In case of Korea, English is very important. If I want to get a good job, I should speak English very well. So I have to learn English. When we are children, we learned English. But teachers are focus on the grammar. So we are more strong grammar than speaking.

by Bora Kang



Minho: I have been learning about lots of different cultures since I came here. I believe that will be good for me.

S.K.: I have learned that Turkey culture is similar with Korea culture. Because Turkey and Korea have same ancestor.

Milk: I have learned about another country's culture and their religions so I realized about we have to respect to each other's thinking.

What have you learned about another country since you have been at ELI?

Bora: I have learned that Saudi culture is different from Korea culture. I think that Saudi culture is so conservative.

Dongwon: I know newly many people who are from Arab believe their religion strongly and women always hide their appearance except their face.

Tansu: I have learned many traditional Korean food names and the Korean culture. I have learned my country and the other Arabic countries has a similar foods and delights. I have learned the Dubaiian guys are so kindly persons.

Aaron: I have been learned to other countries culture. For example Libya has one president, he has been working for Libya 40 years.

Karen: I have learned that Libya ancestral idea and religious taboo are very strong.

Haitem: While I was studying at ELI, I have met many new students from other countries. I learned that there is one student from Turkey. He has language that is similar my language wish is Arabic.

Amal: At ELI I have learned a lot of things about Turkish civilization and culture and I got to know other religious and the traditional food in Turkish.

Hamid: I have learned that Korea culture is complicated for me. Because they have too many celebration.

Experience in Sacramento

Have you experienced riding in a police car? I rode in one once here in the USA. I'll remember it as the scariest moment of my life. I can't forget it, even now. When I first came to Sacramento I wanted to experience a club in the USA. So I went to the club with my roommates. I'm very excited and my heart was beating fast because I heard that clubs are very exciting and hot places in the USA. Moreover, the most exciting part was that I could enjoy the club with foreigners. We dressed, and then we went.

The strict I.D. check at the front door was no different from clubs in Korea. But the biggest difference is that underage people can also enter the club. They can go into the club, but they can't drink. My friend who hadn't passed her 21st birthday received an underage stamp and then we entered. After buying drinks, we looked around for cool and handsome guys.

While we were there, our underage friend's clothes were torn. As I was adjusting my friend's clothing I gave my drink to her to hold. Just then the guard came to us and he kindly led us somewhere. I thought that the guard was treating us special because we are foreigners. We followed him without even knowing the reason. But shockingly, he brought us to a police

car waiting at the entrance of the club. As he opened the door of the police car, he said "goodbye ladies, and he left." We were embarrassed.

After that, we knew the reason he took us out of the club. However there was a limit as to what we could communicate. Moreover we didn't know the rules of club and nobody told us about rule. So we just yelled that it was unfair! My friend had only held my glass. We didn't know the rule. I felt discouraged and hopeless. Because we couldn't explain ourselves, I felt some resentment. I was near tears. And the most frustrating is that I couldn't tell what I want to say.

Finally the police understood us, and they said that we must learn about the rules in the USA. In the end, we went back to my house by taxi instead of police car. This day was the most terrible and frightening experience since I came here. Now, you know my experience. At that time I was very scared, but now I can smile when I recall that time. It was one of my first experiences when I came here. Maybe whenever I recall the USA it'll come back to me.

by Hye-Min Kang (Amy)

Level 5A



Akhlas: I would prefer to live in Saudi Arabia because I can visit all sacred Islamic places and sites of our messenger at any time.

Shawn: I would prefer to live in Vietnam because I have been there two years ago to have fun and I really loved it's everything.

Amy: I would prefer to live in the U.S.A because I meet valuable people including you and I am satisfied in this life.

Bandr: I would prefer to live in Miami because it is famous city, and I like the beach there I saw some picture for it.

Noppon: I would prefer to live in America because I can try many kinds of food there.

Kazuya: I would prefer to live in England because I want to see many historical buildings.

Naif: I would prefer to live in Canada because it is a peaceful country and it also has many beautiful pleases to enjoy.

Julia: I would prefer to live in America because I hope to live comfortably.

Which country would you prefer to live in if you could not live in your own? Why?

Allen: I prefer to live in Japan. Japanese are the most kind people in the world. And it is the nearest to the South Korea.

Makiko: I would prefer to live in German because food and beer are delicious and there are many beautiful castles.

Firas: United State of America. Because the level of freedom and similar opportunity for everyone.

Get Inside the Melting Pot!

Someone said, America is a melting pot. It means America is consisted by many foreign cultures. I had no experience about this culture before I got America. That's why I didn't have friends from other countries. I expected this "melting pot".

However, when I came in Sac state ELI, I was surprised because there were too many Koreans. Honestly, I felt disappointed because I thought it is not good environment to study English and experience American culture. However, thanks to the classes, I could make many of foreign friends.

I took last spring session of Sac state ELI at Level 4. Although there were many Korean students, I still had a chance to get some friends who were not Korean. In order to get used to speak English, I tried to avoid some of Korean groups. That was a good strategy. Even I spoke so called "Broken English", I could deliver what I wanted to say. It was amazing.

I met many friends from other countries. Makiko from Japan, Noppon from Thailand, Ethan from Taiwan, Naif, Talar, Bandr from Saudi Arabia..... I can't write all the names. We talked and enjoyed about each other's cultures, tried to find something in common in each other's countries. Sometimes I felt a culture shock, but sometimes I felt glad because of our similarity. The time we spent is priceless. It would be the most precious time in my short American life. I appreciate to my friends.

I would like to say, there is a melting pot in front of us. It definitely exists in Sac state ELI also! It is absolutely up to your decision that going into this pot or not. It is unique opportunity to make some friends who come from other countries. It would be priceless experience, and also it is a very good chance to improve English. Please don't waste your precious time, and say hello to strangers. They will welcome you. The door is open. It is up to you.

by Youngjun Son (Shawn)





Level 5B

Various Cultures I Have Not Known Before

At ELI, here are various races. I never have had classes with many foreigners. So, the classes that I have nowadays are very interesting. Unlike America culture, most of Korean is consisted of original Korean. And most of foreigners staying in Korea are just workers or teachers. Therefore, when the first session started at ELI, I was surprised at various races. Because, I never have met various people from many other countries as I already said.

I have been having classes with many different people. I have been learning other cultures through those classes. Actually, I had prejudice before. I didn't even recognize that I had prejudice against the people from other countries. But, I have met many different and various people up to now.

The time that I have been having for 3 months is enough to change my thinking. I have learned that various cultures exist in the world. And each culture has particular features. People can't rank other cultures. We have to respect each culture. And I realized that so many things that I didn't know are in the world, I have to try to learn and understand them.

by Inyoung Lee



Why I'm Studying English

The English Language is the basic language in all over the world. So, I'm studying English because, I have lots of steps I want to achieve. The First one, is education. I want to study English to speak confident and be proud of myself. Second step, I will look for a job in business to work such as a big company, also, to help my family financially. And then, I'm going to teach my kids how to speak English to develop their skills in English. Also it is going to improve my place in the family as an educated person. And after I do all that, I am planning to open my one school for poor kids to teach them English for free because that is going to help them to build better future and overall going to help my country to be more stronger. Finally, I hope that I will achieve all my steps in English.

by Mashaal Boraee



How I've Changed While at ELI

ELI has changed me to be a better person, not only by teaching me English but by helping me to build a good relationship with the other students from different countries. For example; I became a close friend with Youngjun Son (Shawn). He is a Korean student at ELI; he is the best foreign friend I ever had. Also, the ELI teachers have great ways to improve our communication skills beside teaching English. I became more familiar with hearing and understanding English from native speakers.

ELI helped me to find my weaknesses in English, so I can strengthen them so fast. I have learned how to become helpful from the ELI management and Mrs. Caroline is the best in this matter. In addition, I learned how to be kind for the front desk staff especially Ms. Robin. Mr. Joe taught me how much important is to be close to the computer and the internet in your English studies. Mr. Julian taught me how much people respect the hard worker. Mrs. Dana taught me how to overcome my difficulties in studying and how to take your own decisions. Mr. Chris taught me how to understand others' opinion. Mrs. Jamie is teaching me how to focus and develop my ideas. Mr. Mike is teaching me how I can make others accept my opinion. Mr. Matt is teaching me how to be friendly with everyone and how it is important to believe in myself. Mr. Aaron didn't teach me English until now but I learned from him how others will like me by just being myself. Mr. Paulo also didn't teach me English but I learned from him how it is nice to say "Hi" followed by the person's name when you run by him/her. I learned how to become a good listener from Mr. Forrest.

Finally, I've changed a lot while I am studying at ELI, and you can say how from my article.

by Naif Al-Wehalby

Jun: I want to live in the U.K. Because the U.K is famous for a soccer. I play soccer and watch the game. There are many famous soccer team in there. If I had lots of money, I could live in the U.K. I really hope that.

Abela: I think the America, especially San Francisco! I love watching sea and I really like there cable cars! Also transportation is so comfortable.

Talal: UAE ,because it is the nearest country to my country plus UAE is a very nice country in addition to their good economy.

Ho: I am in favor of living in America because I can feel the real freedom in here.

Which country would you prefer to live in if you could not live in your own? Why?

Hisham: Sabratha is the most wonderful place that I have ever never seen in all my live, because it's a hostrical city and it has got very long and clean beach, which lets it appearing so wonderful.

Jiae: I would prefer to live in New Zealand because I heard that people are very kind and friendly. And New Zealand has the beautiful scenery.

Mashaal: I would prefer to live in Philippines because it has amazing sights. Although, the most people there are Muslims. Moreover, it's a cheap country.

James: I would prefer to live in the U.S.A in the future because there is a variety of people and culture in the U.S.A.

Hieu: I would prefer to live in USA because I love beautiful sightseeing, friendly American people and I can get a good job in there.

Diaeddine: I will chose America because all the people very friendly and your neighbor like you are family and a very thing here it's very easy to live you will make friends and u might found wife so I thing the best country America like what I say the people very friendly and good place to live alone because it's very safety. I am here alone and I feel I am in my country all the people lovely so I need to till you just chose America and you will never feel you are alone just try America the best place u can live alone you will make friends from the first day.

Chris: Japan. I love their food and culture. Japanese are polite and friendly. Everything in there is be organized.

In Young: When I was 14 years old, I visited Philippines. The nature was really beautiful. Especially, the color of sea caught my mind. It was like blue silk. I could see all living things under the sea. And I was impressed by honest people. Therefore, I want to live in Philippines.

Anna: I want to live in the Nether-Lands. Because their welfare is so good than Korea. The Nether-lands good care to their citizen. But I couldn't live in there. Because my parents live in Korea. Maybe their thinking not change that continue live in Korea. And they will opposite that I am living in the Nether-Lands.

The Last Few Months

Level 6 I would like to get good English skills and make my great future. Thus, I came to Sacramento on January 19. At that time, I look forward to experiencing new world because I was eager to find something special in my life, so it was my first step to gain impressive memories and important things. While I study English at ELI, I realize that I have learned something important to me for about three months. Above all, I noticed that it was very helpful to have much time to think about my purpose and create my promising life. Anyway, there are two valuable things which I have learned in my life.

The first is meeting a lot of people in new culture that I have never experienced. I have expected to study relationship as well as English at ELI for a long time, so I often join a conversation group in Sac State and attend various international student parties. At that time, I met good people and had much time to talk with them and I learned new and various culture easily. After all, I knew that how to understand other things and I had wonderful experience.

The second is travel. Actually, I have never gone travel to another country, so I always wondered how to get there, how I

can learn something special and how they live, so when I came to Sacramento, I wanted to go travel anywhere. One day, I knew that there is ELI San Francisco Day Trip on February 19, so I attend this program and I went to San Francisco. It was great time because it was my first travel in foreign country although it was very short time. Moreover, I went to Los Angeles and Las Vegas during spring break. At that time, I experience new place which doesn't like Sacramento. I saw various tourist attractions and special food, so I understand American culture a little bit, so I had much interesting time through traveling in few months. Therefore, I think that I got a great chance to have wonderful experience in my life during vacation.

Likewise, while I study at ELI, I learned a lot of things. I experienced special events and learned new knowledge and thoughts from people and traveling in foreign country. Although it is hard to live in another country, I could stay with beautiful memories in the last few months. This unforgettable moment means a lot to me. For these reasons, I never forget important things I have experienced at ELI and I always try to learn more various experience and English for my future!

by Heejeong Jeong

Level 6



Seuncheon: Definitely, I want to go to Las Vegas. There are many things what I want like gorgeous hotels, casinos, beautiful girls.

Walid: Have you ever heard about Hollywood? This is the place that I want to go to. Actually Hollywood located in Lose Angels which is the second large city in the USA. Hollywood is the place of the Oscar and, it has a lot of nice places like red carpet. Hollywood is a good place for visiting and it is the favorite place for me in whole the United Status.

Hwang, Joohee: I hope that I visit San Diego in next session break because the beaches are very wonderful.

Joanne: I want to visit New York because there are a lot of famous buildings, such as Time Square and Empire Building.

Jaeeun: I want to visit Los Angeles because I would like to go on the rides in Disneyland and look around Santa Monica Beach.

Eunjung: I would like to visit San Francisco because I like the sea, beautiful view and pretty village.

Heejeong: I would like to go to Santa Monica. Because Santa Monica is an ocean with beautiful scenery and I like sea. And there is a bicycle path along the seaside, so I would like to enjoy biking in a comfortable mood, and I want to feel freedom of nature. For these reasons, I want to go to Santa Monica.

Jang, Sungyu: I really want to go to beautiful beach and enjoy nice weather in Hawaii next vacation.

Melissa: I want to go to San Francisco. I like the charming ocean view and sea food.

Siyi: I want to go to Florida. I like the beautiful beach, and I would like to have a visit in Disneyland.

Where do you want to visit in the US? Why?

Huynh, Nhu: I want to visit New York because I would like to see the Statue of Liberty.

Yeji: I want to go to San Diego. San Diego has pretty good weather and beautiful ocean views.

Bill: I want to go to Los Angeles. It has a nice weather, many beaches, and famous amusement parks. And also it's second largest city in U.S.

Minji: I want to visit in New York. Before I came in here, I have been hoping to go to New York. Because New York is always energetic and gorgeous.

Jessica: I'd like to go to Washington, D.C because it's a capital city of the USA, and there's the White House.

Inyoung: I want to visit New York because I heard that place is so nice.

Re: I want to go to New York. Because I like to enjoy fascinating city.

Life at ELI

At the beginning of the session, I gave me some goals to learn English. Now, I don't really achieve my all goals, but I feel my English skill is better than before. I think I have to do more, and then I will become better and better than before. My speaking skill and listening skill are worse than other skills. So when I take the speaking class, I am always afraid of saying loudly. And then I can't hear clearly what the other people talk about, because I am so nervous. Therefore, I feel the speaking and listening class are the hardest parts for me. I learned a lot of skills from the grammar class and the composition class in ELI.

When I want to express my opinion to other people, the grammar skill let me know how I have to say clearly. Now when I chat with other people, I can reply more quickly than before because I write some journals every day. In addition, I also like to have some conversations with my classmates in LSP class. It can improve me to use English to think and express.

It is interesting for me because I realized different cultures from my classmates. I really obtain a lot of knowledge, and those are my precious experiences in my learning at ELI.

by Chia-Jung Lin (Joanne)





Level 7A

How My Studies at ELI Will Improve My Life

I have been here almost one year since May 21th 2009. When I just came here, my English was really bad. I just can understand some basic conversation, such as, "how are you?", "What's your name?" I even couldn't answer very well. I was in level 3, even though I thought I could be in level 4 or 5.

However, my family and friends encouraged me and gave me advises. So, I thought that were not bad things to learn from the basic level. Until now, I really have learned a lot and I can talk with people easier in English. The teachers always encouraged us to talk that are an important issue. Because of that, I have more courage to talk with people even I used the wrong word to express myself.

On the other hand, I have many friends from different country and also I learn many different cultures. I really enjoy the time while I am in the ELI. I love ELI!

by Chia Yu (Yuryo) Ho



My Most Memorable Moment at ELI

I really had a good time at ELI during these three sessions. The teachers are really kind and full of enthusiasm to both their students and their job; the classmates are friendly and easy to get along well with. They gave me a lot of unforgettable memories. Among these unforgettable memories, my most memorable moment is the farewell party at the end of the session. At that time, many students were going to leave the ELI, or would come back home, or transfer to University.

We expressed our feelings to one another, and promised that we would meet each other again, and wherever we are, our hearts are linked together, we will never forget one another. In addition, many students showed their talent in the party, some students played guitar, some students perform their countries' traditional dances, and it let us enjoy a feast of sight from different cultures, because of the ELI, many students from different countries can study together, and gave us a chance to know one another.

I really appreciate my unforgettable experiences in ELI, and I will remember my respectful teachers and cute classmates forever.

by Jia (Pamela) Li



Heather: Yes, it is true. Because we have lots of chance to communicate with native people.

Yuryo: yes, because I can speak English whole day and learn different vocabulary in the daily. It's really useful for improve my English skill.

Minseo: I can speak English in a real situation, so it's more practical. Also, I can learn America culture, it can help me to understand this language much easier.

Is it true that you can learn English faster by studying in the US rather than your home country? Why or Why not?

Jiwon: Of course, being exposed to English for a whole day is an effective way to learn English.

Leena: It is true, because we are exposed "Real America" environment. We can use English much more than Korea.

Jia : Yes, definitely true. Because there is a good environment for speaking English, it pushes us to speak English every day.

Majeed: That's true, because when I study in a native country and hang out with native speakers I will practice the language more than my country.

Hope: Sure! Because in America you have to speak English. It gives us more opportunities to speak English and to improve it.

Cathy: Yes it's true that learning English in here is better than in Korea and also, this is why I came here to study English. If I had a better way to study English in Korea, I wouldn't come here. In here, at every moment, we can hear and say English. Especially at the school, we focus on English and only use it when we talk to other foreign friends or teachers.

Dave: It is true because the language is kind of habit. In the USA, it is advantage of studying English.

Yeram: I totally agree. In US, you can speak and hear English everywhere everytime. It is good for improving English skills.

Sui: Sure. A thousand hearings in your country are not worth one learning in US.

Recent Lessons

I've been here for about three month and I've learnt many things since I came here. Of course, I'm studying English now, but I'm learning two more important things. The first one is the relationships among people. I am living with four people that I've never known before. We met first at here and started to live together. At first, it's really hard for me to live together because I've never lived with someone outside. When people live together or do something together, there should be a complication or inconvenience. I usually endure those things and now, I'm getting adjust to this and know how to manage the problems well by myself or with my housemates. I can say I'm learning the skill of how to behave and treat at all times. I think I am socialized again in this new environment now.

The second one that I've cherished since I came here is the memories that I've made in here with my new friends. At the first session, I met good friends in my class so that we went to Lake Tahoe altogether and then we made a good experience. Actually, I don't like traveling that much, but since then, I've learned that traveling with friends could be awesome memories for me forever. So now, I'm enjoying going somewhere with my friends wherever it is. And also, these days, I'm trying to spend lots of times with foreigners. Having a conversation with foreign friends and learning their cultures are really good. And I feel that my view once narrowed is becoming wide to look more things and think about many things more positively.

I came here to study English, but I've felt that I'm learning more important things than studying these days. I know that my experiences and time that I am having here will be or must be my good remembrance so that I want to enjoy these moment doing many things with many friends knowing each other. I believe that nothing could be precious than these.

by Jisun Kim (Cathy)

Learning

There are many important things I have learned in America. I have stayed here for eight months. Many different things compares with my country are totally different. It is not only meal styles but also cultures. There are no parents, siblings and close friends here. I need to use my second language doing everything, even calling to customer services by phone, which is more difficult one to communicate with native speaker without body language.

However, passing eight months lives here I know how to overcome everything, even if I do not know how, but asking people to help me is one of solutions. Now, I can use English to argue something with native speakers. It makes me happy because it means my English ability is improvement and I have more courage to face everybody and everything.

The more experiences I get; the more improvement I have. Do not be afraid of failure, because failure is the mother of success.

by Jui-Chi, Wu (Remy)



Level 7B



Remy: It is obviously right because the environment of learning English is very important. Staying in English-speaking country can push people to study hard.

Odele: People can learn English faster in U.S.A, not only because there have lots of native speaker, but also because they are friendly for helping us.

Ben: I think that's true because everything you hear, you listen, you talk and even you just feel in all by English and just staying in the US helps improving English a lot than studying in our home country. It's a little bit expensive to come and study here in America but I think it's worth paying that much money and study in the US.

Jin: Studying in the US is faster, as at the same time we can learn correct expressions and practice which is different with studying by books.

Joel: Yes. We can learn how native speakers use English practically. Nevertheless, without English, we can't do anything in here. Therefore, we can use English naturally.

Is it true that you can learn English faster by studying in the US rather than your home country? Why or Why not?

Hamdan: Yes it true that you can learn English faster in U.S, because teacher's are native English speaker, that you can practice your English with them, however you met new friends from the University, and they help you to improve your skills easily =)

Hajer: yes, because in the US you have to speak English with everybody, and this will help you to learn and improve your language.

Heehye: It is true because you can study English surrounded by people who use proper English so that everywhere you are becomes a learning place.

Hani: It is true that I can learn English faster in the US because in the US I can practice my language and get help.

Tanya: Indeed, it's easier because I have a lot of chances can speak English.

Min: It's easier in the US because when we talk, think and live all need to use English.

Something important I've learned in the last few months

Since I came here America, I've got many things done and had many different experience that I wouldn't have had in Korea. Thanks to the experience that I was in the Philippines for a year, I could adjust a new environment here and got me into the culture, food and new other things very fast.

First of all, I've had tube sliding in snow in Lake Tahoe. It has been a while that I haven't had sleigh-riding. It was so fun and because I used tube, it felt different to ride than I just rode flat plastic. Here in America, I had skydiving, went to Las Vegas, L.A., and Hollywood that I've only seen in the movies and TV.

Every time I've tried something new, it had me fresh my mind and my idea of thinking. Also the school here was so critical. It was different academic system and way more intense than school in the Philippines. Classes were practical and useful to utilize in reality. I've also met many different races, which are gays, lesbians, and other skinned color people. It was very new to know their culture and interesting to know what they believe and how they build up their culture.

I couldn't forget what I've done with my friends, teachers and myself and I'll try to step forward more to the future not stuck in the past. Hopefully I'll be able to keep up my self in personality, relationship, education and so on.

by Lee Yongwoo (Ben)





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