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Message from the Editor

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*Editor, Thomas Dolce*

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## **First Place**

Kelly Huizzi

RW 50

### ***Mothers***

Being an international student is often a synonym of living alone,  
For many people, living alone represents the impulse everybody needs to become independent.

In fact, many times it is like that.

That's how it is in our minds,

But it is often difficult to be an adult.

Although we are those adults that in supermarkets you can recognize

Usually carrying around 40 bags on our own.

Because for us the price of an Uber weighs more;

We are not always good at being adults.

Occasionally, we end up going to an extraordinary being

Known ancestrally as "a mother"

To solve problems and ask questions like these:

Mommy, does cinnamon expire?

How long eggs should be boiled?

Should bleach put on clothes or in the washing machine?

Can I clean wood with chlorine?

Mommy, if the bread is green, is it a mushroom?

So, can I eat it or not?

Mom, how can I know which one is coriander is and which one is parsley?

Then when we realize

We would not know what to do without our mothers

## **Second Place**

**Fabricia Rocha Chaves Miotto**

**LS 2 / GM 3**

### ***My Story***

Hi guys, I will not talk about my work, which is really cool....

But, I will tell you about something in my life that was important and at the same time was also funny: my wedding.

Rodrigo and I got married in January 2007 in Porto Nacional city. We didn't live there but were there in the city because of our parents.

Among the many funny things that happened at our wedding, there are two things I want to tell you. We had few guests, only family and friends, and the wedding ceremony was beautiful, with everyone crying with joy, .... of course.

At the end of the ceremony, the photographer asked us to take photos in a very beautiful garden of the city while the guests arriving at the wedding reception, so we went.

As we were doing the poses for the photos, I felt a bite on my feet. I was okay... but it was raised. When I lifted the skirt of my wedding dress, there were thousands, millions of ants in each skirt of the dress and they bit me a lot. I ran to a house near there and took off my dress. We spent 30 minutes with five people killing the ants in the dress. It was HORRIBLE!

By the way, after that night of celebration, on the next day we traveled on our honeymoon to Fortaleza, a great and beautiful city in Brazil. There are many ways to have fun, but the main attractions are beaches, dunes and water sports. We tried kitesurf, or Flysurf; it's surfing with parachute. And we did "esqui bunda" It is like skiing with the butt: you go down the dune sitting on a small board, or a piece of wood, and you land in a lake. I went down two times on a dune 30 meters high, but I wanted to challenge myself and dropped one 50 meters high. As a result, I rolled down the dune, broke my foot, and then we spent 4 hours in the hospital. We went back home 2 days early.

The artists use an idiom: "Break a leg!" to wish "Good luck!" to someone. So, I broke my foot, and I have been married for eleven years. I think I was lucky. What do you think?



Naser Alkandari

RW 50

### Globalization

“Globalization is the process of growing and expanding to exist throughout the entire world. Many people nowadays immigrate to other countries to find better lifestyles for their families. As we know, a plethora of people come to the United States to live, work, and study. Also, they are searching for a place that they can live in peace. Although some governments do not want to globalize, it has been seen to help to improve economies, societies, and cultures.

Many people believe that with globalization, economies improve. In fact, globalization attracts more tourists and people to work and live in the country. Also, many people will open stores in towns or cities, and this will help the economy of the country grow. As we know, if the economy for the country increased the country will developed and that will make a better country.

Lot of people afraid about globalization because they think they will lose their society and their culture. In fact, globalization will help people to get a new language. In addition, we will take a good manners from others culture and add it to our culture. Globalization will help to move easy from country to other country and that will connected the world. People will get more opportunity to get a job.

However, many people thinks globalization will help to make the world more dangerous for the humans. On the other hand, globalization will help people around the world to live in peace. Because of, the diversity of cultures in each countries. It is also, make people feel united and it will make it easy to communicate with other nations. With more labors and good economy the country will improved quickly and it will be stronger in a short time.

In summation, globalization is good for any country. Because it will be helpful for the economies, societies, and cultures. Also, it will make the world share one culture. In addition, the world will live in peace. In my opinion, all the government should try to globalize there country to connect our world.

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Koralys Pantoja Castro

LS 1

Hello classmates. My name is Koralys. My nickname is Kora.

I am from Dorado, Puerto Rico, and I am Puerto Rican. I am a student. I am studying for my bachelor's degree in Accounting and Finance at the University of Puerto Rico's Rio Piedras Campus.

In my family, there are seven members: my mother, she is teacher, my father, he is a retired agent of DEA, my two sisters - my big sister is social worker and my twin sister Karelys is medical student. I have my niece and brother-in-law.

In my free time, I like to watch TV series and comedy and action movies. I like to sleep, eat pizza and have quality time with my family. We like to make trips, visit restaurants and different cities.

The family is an institution. Nobody imagines living life without family, without being close to people who love us and give us support when we are about to fall. Family gives you the best advice and leaves us the best memories, full of love and happiness. For me, the most important thing is my family - my parents and my sisters. For others, they can be friends, aunts, cousins, coworkers, etc, because there are many types of family. The important thing is to feel loved and a sense of belonging in life. No family is perfect. If you have each other, it is as if it were, because you feel like the happiest person on the planet. Today I thank God for my family.





**Hector Ortiz Badwill**

**RW 10**

***My Classmate Edwin***

Edwin is a wonderful person. He is very smart. He finishes his work very fast. He completes the exams with good grade. He is an excellent student. He never misses classes. He arrives on time for class all week. He is a very friendly person. He helps his classmates a lot in class. He socializes very well with his classmates. He is an excellent student because he likes everything he is doing.

**Awwad Alsulami**

**RW 10**

***My Reading & Writing Class***

I love my Reading and Writing. I agree with my classmates. Zoe is a good teacher in her dealing with her students. I interact with people what I learn in class. They are good. The teacher, Zoe, tests every Friday.

**Vanessa Elizabeth Johnston Saldivia**

**RW 20**

***My Classmates***

My classmates are good friends. They are helpful people. We help each other to learn English easily. Bashaer sometimes translates from Arabic language to English for level 10 students. We love her because she is nice. She explains us in English when we don't understand. Edwin always pays attention to the teacher, and his scores are very good. He left his job and his family to learn English and keep forward. If we have any questions or we hesitate, we always help each other. Hector is smart, and his scores are almost perfect. He studies very hard. He asks questions to the teacher, and someday he is going to be a pilot. Eima is serious about the course. He really wants to learn English and gets to a high level. A professional person, our teacher, Zoe, is very professional. She is very punctual in classes. She teaches us simple present and simple past. She helps us to create paragraphs, teach new vocabulary and the right way to lean English faster. I am happy to meet my classmates because it is good to know new people and new cultures. I would like to keep improving my English and sharing with my classmates the rest of the course.

**Abdulrahman Almaymouni**

**RW 20**

***RW 10/20 Class***

My class is RW10/20. My class is good. I have many wonderful classmates. We have a beautiful teacher. We have a good teacher. She knows how to teach. She helps us how to study English, and I like it. My classmates are lucky. We study in a good university. My classmates always come to class on time. They work together. I love my class, but I don't like to study. We have fabulous class. In conclusion, I love this class.

**Talal Bin Ramal**

**RW 20**

***My Reading & Writing 10/20***

My class Reading and Writing is the best. It is my best class because I have great friends and a smart teacher. All students are different. My class is enjoyable, but we sometimes have challenges. Some students are funny because they don't understand quickly. My class is good. There are young men and women. In class, students are not late. I wish them excellence.

**Ahmed Albalawi**

**RW 10**

***The Best Class in ELI***

There are many smart and nice students in my Reading & Writing 10/20 class. There are 11 students, but they are not the same gender. There are nine men and two women, so we sometimes have challenges in the class. They are never absent, but Ahmed is sometimes absent because he has a problem with a driver license. My teacher's name is Zoe Witty. She is an interesting and smart teacher. She gives us homework every day, so it is difficult, but I know this is useful after a long time for me. I like the class, and I hope we stay together next semester.

Kelly Huizzi

RW 50

### *Languages*

Have you ever stopped to think how similar our languages are?

How similar are our cultures?

Languages are not just the way we communicate

Each language brings with it tradition and culture,

Nationalism and special pride for its food

I have learned that we are a mixture of everything we know

It does not matter which language you speak

We all have words in common with another language

And in the same way,

We all have traditions in common with other cultures

Because we are all, part of the group of conquerors and conquered

Immigrants and emigrants

We are all part of the same origin

From the same story

Our languages show all this to us

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Taro Sando

LS 1

Hi there ! My name is Taro Sano. Please call me "Taro". I'm from Japan. It's in East Asia. Japan is a country of islands and there are four big islands - Hokkaido, Honshu, Kyushu, Shikoku -. I was born in Yokohama. It's a big city in Honshu, and it's next to the capital Tokyo. Also, Japan has a lot of famous things. For example, Sushi (raw fish put on vinegar rice), Sumo (Japanese wrestling), and Kanji (Word). Japan has three types words. It's "hiragana", "katakana", and "kanji". People make a sentence with these words. Then, I really like Japanese calligraphy because it need relax and concentration. These factor can make a quiet mind and decrease anxiety and stress. So I do calligraphy when I felt stress. While, my favorite word is "Intokuyoho", that's photo word. It means "Secret effort is rewarded and make Success story". I wish to be hard worker, so this word is push on my back every time. If you want to know your name in Kanji, please ask me. I can tell you. Thanks for reading about my country and myself. See you.



**Bashaer Alsulami****RW 20*****My Favorite Class***

My Reading & Writing class is the best class for me. There are about eleven students including me in class. They are from different places. Their names are Awad, Venessa, Talal, Ahmed, Emad, Adwin, Héctor, Abdurrahman, Grah, and Asusso. Awad is my father, and we are from Saudi Arabia. He came with me to study English. He is a responsible person. He is never late for class. Venessa is from Venezuela. She is a helpful person. When I forget my book, she lends me her book. She is a really lovely girl. Talal, Ahmed, and Emad are from Saudi Arabia. They are active students. Adwin and Hector are from Venezuela. They are always in a good mood. Abdurrahman and Grah are from Kuwait. They are smart students in my class. They are also hardworking students. Asusso is from Brazil. He is a quiet guy. He doesn't like to talk a lot in class. In addition, there is a pretty teacher, and her name is Zoe. She is a good teacher. When the students don't understand, she explains to them in a simple and clear way. She always gives us good advice, and she tries to make everyone understand in class. She makes the R\W class easy because she wants the students love the R\W class. I like to be in this class because it's an inventive class.

**Edwin Azocar****RW 10*****My Classmates***

My classmates are excellent people. People are nice and friendly. Vanessa is a good person, and she helps me when I need. We all study at ELI. We want to learn English as a second language. We speak many languages, but we communicate in English in class. Hector is a very good student. He comes to class daily and has very good grades. We always keep a record of what we learn. My classmates demonstrate academic excellence every day.

**Aml Altwayjri****GM 50*****You Are Ambassadors***

Living in a foreign country is a special chance that not everyone gets. The advantages of it are uncountable. One of its benefits is that it changes and improves major parts of your life and personality. For instance, you experience living with others who have different culture and hold different beliefs. Also, you adapt yourself with this diversity and respect these differences. However, respecting other cultures does not mean imitating them. Keeping and respecting the culture that you came from, principles, values, and traditions is very important. Imitating others will distort your identity and reflect a bad perception about your culture. Your behavior and ethics not only affect you, but also represent the society that you came from. People do not say "that person" did it; they say "that nationality" do that. So, enjoy your experience, learn new things, do everything that makes you better, but remember; you are an ambassador of your culture.

**Kenny Martinez Fuentes****RW 30**

There are many differences between Peru and The USA, but I will talk about three differences. First, the public transportation in Peru is terrible because people don't respect the transit rules, so traffic is common. In contrast, the public transportation in The USA is modern and organized, so you can go anywhere in 20 or 25 minutes. Second, the food in Peru is amazing because we have many types of healthy food from every region. For example, Ceviche is from Costa, Pachamanca is from Sierra and Tacacho con Cecina is from Selva. However, the food in The USA is unhealthy because, in the streets, there are a lot of fast food restaurants. Third, holidays in Peru are crazy because, on every holiday, people drink beer, wine and eat typical foods. On the day after holiday, people don't go to work. However, in The USA people celebrate Holidays, they go to work and they are respectful because you can't see anyone drinking alcohol in public spaces. In conclusion Peru and The USA have many differences but they are beautiful countries.



**Andrea Bruzal****RW 50**

*If you could Change one Important Thing about your Country, what would you Change?*

Venezuela is one of the richest countries in the world. This is a great country to do business, but unfortunately it is having bad times now. One of the most important problem that Venezuela has is the government. In fact, it carries a lot of bad consequences to the country. For instance, poverty, inflation and medicine shortage are factors that lead most people to emigrate.

First of all, Venezuela has a dictatorial government. That means people do not have freedom. For this reason, people are living in extreme poverty because they have to do all the activities that the government wants. For example, in order to get more followers, the government gives to the communities some money with the goals of get one vote in the elections. After the elections, the government forgets all the promises that it made, and the people do not have enough money to survive, so they tend to steal and kill people who have more money.

In addition, Venezuela does not produce all the products by itself. It means that the government has to buy all the products from other countries. This country tends to import at least 80% of their necessities. Every day, the prices change due to the currency exchange. As a result, people have less money because they do not get enough money from their jobs.

Finally, the government does not do a good job with the taxes. Therefore, people who have any disease cannot have access to any hospital or get medicines because Venezuela has a medicine shortage. A lot of people are dying due to the government. Also, it does not do any action to improve the health care for the communities because it does not care about them. The government only wants to increase their wealth.

To sum up, a lot of people are dying in Venezuela due to the government. The poverty is a great problem that is affecting most of the people that live there. Also, the high price of all the products is a trouble that impulse people to steal or even kill others. And the last problem, but not less important is the medicine of shortage. The citizens of Venezuela most change their government to avoid immigrate to another country.

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**Sze Lok Ho****GM 3**

Hello, everyone! My name is Tiffany Ho. Please call me Tiffany. I have a favourite memory to share with you today. Here is my cell phone photo. My favourite memory of this year is a trip to JeonJu, South Korea with my friends. We joined an activity held by Korea Tourism Organisation. JeonJu where is a place that is full of Korea traditional housing call Hanok. When we arrived at JeonJu Hanok Village, we borrowed Korea traditional school uniforms and wore them. While we were taking photos under the Hanok, someone asked us to take a photo with them. They were also a group that were traveling around JeonJu. Although they were all over 50 years old, they were wearing uniforms, too. We took photos and videos with them and then continued sightseeing around the village.



Gaby Azcuy

RW 50

### *Some Causes and Effects of the Consume of Fast Food in US*

“The Fast Food Industry in the United States is worth approximately 198.9 billion U.S. dollars, and by 2020 this figure is forecasted to exceed 223 billion” (Statista). These numbers reflect the popularity that this food has in the US. However, which are the reasons for this excessive consumption? People argument is that is convenient, since there are locations everywhere, open in many cases 24 hours, with a speedy service. Moreover, the offers are very cheap, with menus below \$ 5. Though, none of these factors makes the effects of consuming this meal worthwhile. The consumption of this food severely affects people's health. It increases their risk for weight gain which could lead to obesity, high blood pressure, high cholesterol levels, et al.

One important cause why people choose this food is because there are fast food locations everywhere. With hours of attention to the public from early in the morning until late at night, or in many cases 24 hours. The service is extremely fast, as the name implies. Even it gives the clients the facility to use the drive-through, so they do not have to leave their car, and park, and walk. They can pass, order, and pick up in minutes. That way, they can eat on their way to any place. And very important "save time," thanks to the fast service and not having to cook.

Another fundamental cause of why people choose to eat in these places is because the prices are low. McDonald's has the new 1, 2, 3 dollars menu, which includes different kind of burgers, burritos, coffee, and any size of soda. Taco Bell has the beef and fried burritos for 1 dollar and the triple melt burrito for \$1.49. And Wendy's has the \$ 4 for 4, that includes a burger or similar, french fries, nuggets, and soda. All these offers have a high demand. Thousands of people consume them every day as part of their meals. And they consider that they are paying for a good deal and a tasty feast.

But even with all the “conveniences” offered by the fast food industry, a habit of eating fast food affects health considerably. Many fast-food meals have added sugar, trans fat and lots of sodium. All these components mean not just a little nutrition but also extra calories, increased LDL cholesterol, and high blood pressure. In most cases, these symptoms come along with obesity. According to The Obesity Action Coalition (OAC) reports, the number of fast food restaurants in America has doubled since 1970, and the same has happened with the number of obese people in the country (Healthline). People suffering from overweight can also have difficulty breathing and, sometimes, cancer. In addition to this, obese generally suffer low self-esteem and degrees of depression that make the problem of obesity more complex.

In the United States eat in Fast Food places is extremely popular. The convenience of a store everywhere, the fast service and the low prices are powerful hooks. But the consequences of consuming these foods are dangerous. Eating it with frequency causes serious health problems like obesity, breathing difficulties, high blood pressure, and high cholesterol levels. It is critical people raise awareness about these effects, and understand how they impoverish their health and life-style. People are what they eat.

Majed Alqahtani

LS 1

My name is Majed. I'm from Saudi Arabia. I'm studying at the ELI, and I started 2 weeks ago. I was studying in IL 6 months ago. I have 3 brothers and 2 sisters. My oldest brother is studying in the United States. I like soccer. I play a lot with my friends, and we have team. I also like horses. Nice to meet you.

Suliman Aldkhil

GM 3

I'm Suliman from SA. I am Saudi Arabian. I am from the capital city, Riyadh. My job is in hospital administration. I have been a manager for 25 years. I have a daughter. Her name is Khulod. She is 14 years old. Thanks for listening, my teacher and classmates!

**Ruoyuan Zhou****GM 3**

Hello, everyone! My name is Ruoyuan Zhou. You can call me by my nickname – Reni. I have a favorite memory to share with you today. Here is my cell phone photo.

My favorite memory of the past year is my summer vacation trip with my friends. I love traveling, and, fortunately, I have friends who are also passionate about travel. We went to a meadow in Taiwan to see a lot of cute sheep. In the photo, my friend and I were squatting down and giving some food to the baby sheep. When they saw the food in our hands, they came to us and ate it very quickly. After feeding the sheep, we spent some money to buy some fresh sheep milk, which I'd never tried before. But when we tried it, not only me but also my friends regretted trying it. It tasted so bad that I totally couldn't understand why people were selling this kind of milk!

Except the bad experience of sheep milk, we were having a lot of fun at the meadow in Taiwan. Now I am very excited about our next summer trip!

**YunHui Zhai****GM 3**

Hello, everyone! My name is Yunhui Zhai. My nickname is Amy. Please call me by my nickname, Amy. I have a favorite memory to share with you today. Here is my cell photo. I love this photo because I had long hair at that time. (Cute!!) My favorite memory is of September 2017. When I went to Korea in December 2017, I was going to study Korean at the Institute of International Education at Kyung Hee University, which is like the ELI. In this picture, you can see that I wear formal attire and had a graduation certificate in my hand. At the graduation ceremony, as soon as I walked onto the podium, the headmaster gave me an award and my graduation certificate. Then I made a speech as a representative of our program. While I was speaking at the podium, I was very nervous and excited. I really miss the time when I studied Korean, and I especially miss those who study hard!

**Muhammed Alzahrani****LS 1**

Good afternoon, my name is Muhammed Alzahrani. I am originally from the southern Saudi Arabia, but I live in the Riyadh, which is the capital city of Saudi Arabia. I graduated with a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering in 2016. Then, I worked for an oil and gas

company in 2017 for 10 months. After that, I had the opportunity to work as a teaching assistant at a university in Saudi Arabia. One of my plans for the next year is to be admitted into the graduate school for mechanical engineering at UF. During my free time, I like to go to the gym, and watch movies and TV shows. Somedays I spend so much time watching movies. Nice to meet you!



**Silvia Di Febbo**

**GM 3**



Hi everybody, I'm Silvia and I'm going to share with you one of my favorite memories. I was in Milan with my best friends. We went there last winter, and we stayed three days.

In this photo we were standing and joking and in front of the Duomo that is a very important and famous Italian church and monument. I was really happy, and I was enjoying the landscape while the others were going around and taking photos. I can remember these lovely moments when we walked a lot, and we had seen a lot of beautiful things randomly. While we were eating in a restaurant, a group of musicians started playing, so we listened to a wonderful street concert. It was amazing!

**Elif Guneyusu**

**LS 1**

I am Elif. My friends say "Fantom" to me. I am 35 years old. I was born in Ankara, but I didn't grow up in it. My parents moved to Istanbul when I was 3 years old. I still live in Istanbul. I love Istanbul. I am a doctor. I am working at a hospital. My work is very difficult. I study a lot, and I work long hours. I am usually very tired, even so I am happy. I like my job. I have many patients. I wake up early and I walk about 20 minutes every day. I am friendly and cheerful.

I have a big problem in my life, so I am feeling unsuccessful because I can't speak English. That's why I left my job. I want to learn...so I am here. I hope my problem will be solved!

**Mohamed Felifal**

**LS1**

My name is Mohamed. My nickname is Hamada, but please call me Mohamed. My country is Egypt, and I live in Alexandria. My family is very big. I have my parents, four sisters, and a lot of cousins. I also have my wife and my son. I work as a researcher at the Agriculture Research Center in the Horticulture Department where I am working on fruit. I studied Agriculture in college. I have my master's degree in Horticulture Science, and I will pursue a Ph.D. degree after I finish ELI classes. Nice to meet you!



**Historical Peninsula: Istanbul**

Istanbul has been given many names throughout history. The Vikings called it "Miklagrand", and the Byzantines called it "Constantinople". Istanbul is one of the most beautiful cities in the world. Istanbul connects two continents. These are Asia and Europe. It's a big city.

You see the place name is Historical Peninsula in the picture. The Historical Peninsula has many places like the Sultanahmet Mosque, Hagia Sophia, Basilica Cistern, and the Topkapı Palace.

**Dion Lo Chun Yee****GM 3**

Hello, my name is Dion. I am from Hong Kong, but I am now studying in Korea. So I would like to share my favorite memory in Korea with you. Here is my cell phone photo.



Last Spring, I went to a place which is called Kang-neung in Korea with my friend, Tiffany. We went there by train at midnight. As we knew, there was a beach next to the station. As soon as we arrived, we ran to the beach. We were waiting for the sunrise. The sun finally rose at 6 a.m.; it was so beautiful. While I took pictures, Tiffany was sitting on the beach and staring at the sunrise. We couldn't forget the sunrise that we saw, and I think that it is the most beautiful place in Korea. Most beautiful memory ever!

**EunYoung Choi****GM 3**

Happy New Year!

Hello, my name is EunYoung Choi. This is my Korean name. My English name is Dana. I have a favorite memory to share with you today. Here is my cell phone photo.



My favorite memory of the past year is New Year's with my family. When we heard that the New Year's Festival will be held at City Hall, we went there. When we arrived there, many people were blowing lotus lanterns up. It was wonderful! But there was almost a fire because one of them got caught in a tree. While some people were watching this situation, the wind blew the lanterns so violently that we walked to a high place because of the fireworks. While we were looking at the sky, the fireworks began. That day was very cold, but we were really happy, and I am missing my family now.

**Inmaculada Damas Arroyo****GM 3**

Hello, everyone! My name is Inmaculada Damas. My nickname is Inma. Please, call me by my nickname, Inma.

I have a fantastic memory to share with you today. Here is my picture.



My favorite memory of last summer is a day near the beach. I love the sea and I love my family. I enjoy time with my family. Every summer, we try to pass together a few days in La Costa Brava. We visit Platja D'Aro, Palamos,

and Cadaques. These three little towns are located inside Girona, a province of Spain. As soon as we arrived last summer, we went to walk along the beach on "El Camino de Ronda," a nature trail. The blue and white colors of the sea combine perfectly with the green of the mountains. If you look to the right, you can see the sea. If you look to the left, you can find the trees of the mountains. When we finished the stroll, near the place of the picture, we spent a lot of time until we chose the best landscape spot. Then we all enjoyed cold refreshments at a beach bar. It was a marvelous day!



**Cassia de Andrade Saldanha****GM 3**

Hi, my name is Cassia! I am 34 years old, and I am from Sao Paulo, Brazil. I graduated with a degree in Culinary Arts, and I love this universe of the kitchen. I have two children, Antonella, a beautiful girl of 8 years old who loves to dance, and Ben of 15 months old who is learning to communicate. The photo that I'm sharing is my treasure.

**Hamoud Alshallaqi****GM 3**

My favorite memory to share with you is my graduation day. The word graduation means more than a ceremony to me. It means the change of my life to reach a higher stage of life; the time to become a new person; the time to grow up; the time to follow my dreams, and separate responsibility from fun. Anyway, as you know in the graduation ceremony, the graduate students walk in front of their teachers, cousins, friends and visitors. While I was walking, I remembered my student life. How I woke up every morning (actually my mother woke me up), then eating my breakfast fast, and driving to my college around 50 kilometers everyday for five years. I also remembered how I passed hard exams, and every time my friend and I worked to prepare our final project and many things like this. Here I sat and I took a lot of pictures. After that, I celebrated with my family and I wore my mother's graduation cloth because she is a person who doesn't stop supporting me even at this moment. Again, I was enjoying my graduation day, and also now I am enjoying sharing with you.

**Ji-Ho Min****GM 3**

Hello everyone! My name is Jiho Min. My nickname is Jiho. Please call me by my nickname, Jiho. I have a favorite memory to share with you today. Here is my cell phone photo.



My favorite memory of the past year is my SOKCHO journey with friends from university. We went to SOKCHO, a popular destination in Korea. While I traveled around SOKCHO, I was enjoying time with friends. I have 4 best friends. My best friends are Donghyun, Junho, Deoksun and Geunhyung. After I arrived at the sea, I was playing with friends in the water. We developed a friendship with our friends by eating meat and drinking drinks they brought us. They are still good friends of mine. Thank you guys for listening!

**Jeongyeon An****LS 1**

Hello, everyone! My name is Jeong Yeon. My English nickname is Jenna. So, call me whatever you want. I am from South Korea. I was born in Cheong Ju, and I still live in Cheong Ju. I have a father, mother, and older brother. I love family because they always support me and love me. My father's job is an employee, and my older brother is in the Korean army. My hobby is watching movies, especially Disney movies. So I was impressed with "Up", a Disney movie. I recommend watching this movie! Thank you for listening!

**Hanna So****LS1**

Hello, my name is Hanna. I live in Korea, and my house is located in Seggyo-dong, Pyeongteak. My family members are mom, sister and me. My mom is a hairdresser. My sister works in an office. I am a student attending Hankyung University, majoring in business administration. My hobbies are watching movies and playing games. I like Maple Story. Maple Story is internet game. I like hamburgers, especially Relish. I like my friends. All my classmates are good and fun. And I like animals, too! Because she is nice and pleasant and she always makes sure students understand, so I like teacher!

Thanks for listening to me! Bye for now!

**Mnal Alsaawi****LS 1**

Hi, teacher and everyone! My name is Mnal Alsaawi. I am from K.S.A. I am Saudi. I was born and raised in Riyadh. Then my family and I moved to Makkah, and I love life in Makkah. People go there from everywhere in the world, speaking different languages from different cultures and wearing different clothing. I wish I can speak English soon to be able to connect with most people visiting our city.

Kleeja is a Saudi dessert. Originally it was made in a certain area in Saudi Arabia, AlQasseem, which is my hometown. It is very delicious dessert made from ground

flour and stuffed with black lemon, ginger, cardamom and cinnamon. I like to prepare kleeja and always serve it with dates, coffee for my family, my guests and my friends from work.

**Yumi Na****GM 3**

Hello, everyone! My name is Yumi Na. I have a favorite memory to share with you today. Here is my cell phone photo. My favorite memory is my last winter vacation with my best friends. When I

see this photo, I miss friends who are living far away from me. On my friend Hyunwoo's birthday, we went to the Gwangan-ri Busan where there is a nice ocean view and bridge. We prepared a LED mouthpiece, Men wing and Magic stick for her birthday gifts. In Korea, it was trending to give a useless gift for a friend's birthday. She wore all of our gifts and walked around Busan night beach. It was a nice trip and really happy and impressive time!

**Yousang Son****GM 3**

Hello, everyone! My name is YouSang Son. Please call me by Son. I have a favorite memory to share with you today. Here is my cellphone photo.

My favorite memory is going to Japan with my friends. When we meet, we recall our memories of Japan. Juhwan who is in the photo with me is my best friend. The hotel in the photo is where I can see the view of Tokyo at night. But Tokyo night life is not in the photo. While we were traveling around Japan, we were talking deeply with each other. Our friendship became stronger. The high point of the trip was when we ate fresh sushi in Tsukiji market. These are the best memories of Japan. It was the best trip of my life!

**Reema Alsaawi****LS 1**

Hi, my name is Reema. I'm 20 years old. I'm from K.S.A Saudi Arabia. I live in Makka. I was born in Riyadh, and I have 3 brothers. My father works as a general manager. My mother works as a university administrator. I'm studying to be a lawyer. It is my choice because I love justice. I also enjoy roller skating. It's my favorite hobby. I'm a fan of fashion and make up. Nice to meet you!

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