

The ELI STUDENT VOICES



Message from the Editor

Thank you to all who contributed to this edition of the ELI Student Voices.

To the students who submitted their writing, thank you for all your hard work and for being brave enough to allow your work to be read (and judged) by others.

To ELI faculty and staff, thank you for the encouragement and support you give our students that enables them to produce writing as inspiring as the submissions this semester.

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Finally, to all our readers, I hope that you appreciate and enjoy the different submissions as much as I have.

Lynne Clark, Editor

Winning pieces

First Place

"Three Solutions for Improving Students' Grades," by Taewon Park

Second Place

"Making True Friends," by Hyejin Seo

First Place

Taewon Park

RW 43

Three Solutions for Improving Students' Grades

There is no doubt that all teachers have been considering how they can teach students, and how they stimulate students to have good grades. However, many students do not want to study as much as possible. They don't care if they have bad grades. This problem can be an obstacle for them and a lifelong regret when they need good grades to get a job or go to college. There are 3 solutions for teachers and students who struggle to have good scores such as inviting a celebrity, setting a short-term goal and a student-driven education method.

The first solution for student' grade is inviting a celebrity who can motivate students and can give a speech that shares their story. This is because most people tend to be impressed by famous or popular people who are successful. Even though the celebrity's story is the same as the teacher's story, they can stimulate student's perception more with long-lasting memories. Also, they can make students have new goals as new role models and it helps students feel better when they are stressed out by studying. For instance, when I was in university, I happened to see Steve Job's graduation speech. The speech was not only very popular in the U.S. but also motivated many people. He did not give up in tough circumstances and worked toward his goals and created a global company called Apple. This is why I created my English name as Steve.

Another solution that a teacher should apply to students is setting a short-term goal and task that can easily solve the problem. The reason behind this is that setting a short-term goal can lead to a more specific and achievable goal. In addition, they can check themselves and continuously set new goals after achieving their goals. Therefore, an achievable task and assignment should be given by teacher. When they achieve a little success, they can be interested in studying with confidence. Afterward, good grades could naturally be close to them.

Lastly, the methods of switching roles between a teacher and students can be a good solution. Specifically, students can give lectures instead of a teacher. When students have to make questions and do the process of teaching, they gain a deep understanding of the material that they didn't know before. Not only can students understand their teachers' feelings, but they can acquire a lot of knowledge naturally. It is called a student-driven education method. This method helps students get higher scores with the participations of more classes than before.

To sum up, raising student' scores is important for them and their country's future. There are 3 solutions for teachers and students. First, motivating them with a celebrity is one effective way to convince them. Second, a short-term goal and assignment make them able to achieve constantly. Third, student-driven teaching method helps them to acquire a lot of knowledge for good grades. Finally, if students study properly through effective study methods, they will be closer to what they want to do and what they want to be.

Second Place

Hyejin Seo

RW 43

Making True Friends

What do you think about true friends? There are many kinds of answers. The first answer about true friends is that they know all of my weaknesses and embarrassing personal facts and give me an honest opinion. Second, in every possible case, true friends thoroughly keep my secrets. Third, when I need help, true friends change their fixed plans to help me out. The last answer is that when I have a hard time, A friend consoles me. I think we need a friend like this. According to the statistics, only 5% had friends who could lean on in difficult circumstance. Like this phrase, "A friend in need is a friend indeed" A friend who stays with me when I'm in need is a real friend. When I had a hard time, a real friend is near at hand. A Gentleman's Dignity that is my favorite drama is an example. It deals with the friendship story of men. When a friend's parents died, He was sad and had a hard time.

At that time, one of the friends was at the airport to go on a business. Another friend was about to make a big deal. But they threw everything away for their friend!! "The whole world laughs at you, but we laugh at you." This is one of best famous lines in drama. I wish I could live like their friendship. So, I decided to write this essay. Do you actually have a friend who can do those?

There are many benefits of true friends. First, a friend listens to stories or worries that have been difficult such as job, friendship etc. It is difficult to listen to a story and give advice. Friends sometime show nonverbal response for sympathy. Friends' empathy can solve the problem a little. Second, a true friend is faithful in every situation. They keep their secrets. They do not talk about bad things to each other and do not criticize. They allow their friends to judge for themselves. Third, when one friend had a hard time, a real friend is near at hand. They won't leave friend alone. Friends give me mental stability.

In my experience, when I was sick during the examination period, my friend visited in the hospital and encouraged me to feel better. I really thank my friends for that. These friends are really true friends. Lastly, a true friend makes me smile. It's fun even if the gag code doesn't match. It is not awkward not to speak. It would be awkward to break off the conversation when they talk to an awkward relationship. Before coming to the United States, of course, I didn't know the value of friends, but now I know more about the importance of friends. And then let's check how to make true friends. You should look back on yourself first. Are you selfish or unselfish? If you want to make a true friend, you are considerate, optimistic and not self-centered. Do you know famous saying "Let's put ourselves in one another's shoes."? This mean that before you act, you should think about other people's positions. If you think about other people's positions, you can make real friends.

There are many good things about making true friends that they are listening, faithful in every situation, near at hand, and make a smile! You should look back on yourself first and put ourselves in one another shoes. We do this, we can make a true friend. On the basis of what we said, I hope you to think about true friends.

Rafaella Tertulino Da Silva

RW 43

Winter in Florida

One night Alice was in her bedroom reading a book while her dad Mr. Black was having dinner with his wife Mrs.Black. Alice, who is their only daughter loved reading books and creating some histories. One day, she was in her bedroom laying in the bed when suddenly she fell asleep.

It was a Saturday Morning when Alice heard her father calls Alice's name.

"Alice, come to have breakfast with us!!" said Mr.Black.

Alice woke up and went to her bathroom to take a good shower when she saw out of her house, snow flakes were falling down and she thought: - "Oh my God, how can it be? I live in Florida and there isn't snow here, maybe I'm getting crazy"!

So she went downstairs and saw her parents having breakfast normally like nothing strange was happening.

"Mom, dad...Can you see the snow"? She asked.

"Yes, darling...it's Winter time", Said Mr. Black.

"But here in Florida it's impossible snowing...What is happening here? I'll call to Mary to ask some questions," Said Alice.

"Hi Mary, it's me Alice...what's going on with the weather? I just woke up and saw everything changing. It's impossible"!

"Hi Alice, I'm good...It's Winter time"! Said Mary.

Ok...all the people are getting crazy, no problem. I'll find what's going on.

She ran to her bedroom and started to find some answers...So, she saw the book that she was reading on her bed and read the tittle, the tittle said: Winter Time.

And one more time, she didn't understand anything...so she decided to lay on her bed and take a rest. She woke up and everything was like before, the weather was warm and hot, birds singing and a beautiful sunshine...and her father one more time called Alice to breakfast.

"Alice, it's breakfast time"! Said her father.

"Hi Daddy...is not snowing today"? Asked Alice.

"Of course not...you live in Florida"! Said Mr.Black

"But I thought was snowing...am I crazy?" Said Alice.

But in the same moment she remembered that she read a book last night about Winter Days.

"Oh my God...maybe I had a dream about winter here in Florida, now everything makes sense...the book that I read make me dream about winter in Florida." Said Alice.

And all her doubts about The Winter weather, gone away.

The End

Maria Bezerra Pinheiro

RW 20

My First Halloween in the United States

In my country, Brazil, we do not celebrate Halloween. I've never been curious to know the origin of this holiday. As a Christian, I've never found it interesting or had enough experience to have contact with symbols of Halloween such as witches, zombies, vampires, and others. However, my first Halloween in the United States was very interesting this year of 2019. At the ELI, throughout the Halloween week, we received a lot of information about Halloween in Zoe's Reading and Writing class, and I learned a little more about the origin of Halloween. It was celebrated by the Celts in the Middle Ages. They lit huge bonfires high in the hills to chase away evil spirits and believed that the souls of the dead returned to their homes that day. I also learned that sweets are offered to the spirits to appease them and candles are used to ward off evil spirits. With all this information received, with the knowledge of the story, and with the encouragement of extra points for students wearing a costume on October 31st, I found it very special and decided to buy a costume and celebrate Halloween as a joyous day. It was a very fun day. I dressed up as a pumpkin and coincidentally my teacher Zoe and my classmate Ana were also dressed as pumpkin. It was so much fun to see other classmates coming in with a costume more fun than the other. We took lots of photos to record this special moment where we could experience this traditional Halloween party in the United States with great joy and fun.

Hyejin Choi

RW 31

The Curse of a Cat

Brad lives in a small town. His parents come home late at night after they finish work, so he always plays with his dog named Cookie. One day, while he was walking around the town with Cookie, he saw a cat. The cat was tiny and black, but he thought the cat didn't have an owner because it looked a little dirty. He took the cat to his room and took care of it. At night, while he was sleeping with his pets, he heard something was coming to him, creaking through the hall. He was very scared, and he looked around the room. He saw the cat was howling. Then, as soon as he was hugging the cat, the door suddenly opened, and many spiders ran inside. Brad was feeling spooky, and he tried to run away. But the cat slipped out of his arms and bit the dog. The blood flowed on the floor, and a ghost appeared. The ghost approached him, and bit him, and said, "Next is you and your dog!"

Majed Alharbi

RW 30

My Last Three Birthdays

There are many similarities and differences between my birthdays in the last 3 years. One similarity is I had two awesome birthdays. In 2019, I celebrated my birthday in the U.S.A with my friends and my professors. That was an amazing day. Likewise, in 2018, I spent my birthday in the best place in the world, Makkah. On the other hand, my birthday in 2017, was so boring day. In conclusion, I like when I celebrate my birthday with my friends and my family in somewhere interesting for me.

Ponnicha Niyaylub**RW 43****The Lost Diamond**

Last night, At Mrs.Perkin's mansion, the police received the phone call about a lost diamond which was the inheritance from her grandmother, who was formerly known as the best lapidary. The lost diamond was very valuable. After the policeman arrived, he tried to investigate everyone who lives in the same apartment as her.

Mrs.Perkin is an old lady who has lived alone since her husband passed away. She is secluded and inhospitable. After the crime, she blamed everyone, especially her neighbors. Moreover, she suspected one of her neighbors who is an unemployed man because she thought that he is a foolhardy person who could break into her room anytime and steal her belonging; in addition, she claimed that she saw him 2 days ago. He was sneaking around in front of her room. However, he denied everything, and claimed that Mrs.Perkin is delusional. Therefore, Mrs.Perkin was very angry, and she tried to slap his face. Fortunately, the police got to her before she could slap him.

Two hours later, the police took that man to the police station, and after the investigation, it turned out that Mrs.Perkin was right! He was the robber, and he admitted to the crime. He explained the reason why he stole her diamond, "I have no money and I can't find any job so I had no choice. I'm so sorry Mrs.Perkin," he said. After that, Mrs.Perkin forgave him but she was still very sad because the lost diamond was from her grandmother who had passed away for 30 years ago. Therefore, everyone who knew about her story came to visit her in her mansion, and tried to make her feel better, especially the people who lives in the same mansion as her. They baked some cookies for her. Mrs. Perkin was very happy because she had never had any friend since her husband passed away.

Jinseup Park**RW43****The New Invention for Florida**

Florida has a new way to solve global warming.

The government of the US decided to install snow machines all around the state of Florida. Florida has a weather problem that it is getting hot. It is normally 100F. So, the government is considering about it seriously. They installed some snow machines on school windows to reduce the temperature of the building. Before the machines existed, people couldn't open the window because hot wind came to the room. And also, people wanted to save energy.

When students saw the first snow, they couldn't believe that it was real snow. Snow machines had been set up for some bus stops, hospitals, and some public places. Finally, students can understand seeing the snow in Florida. It is the best way to maintain temperature, although the machine still has some technical problems. It is hard to cover a wide area and the government needs a lot of money to work this machine. So, the government is keeping the machines and upgrading them for solving those problems.

Mohammed Alerwi

RW 20

My Favorite Place

My favorite place in my home is a garage. I don't call it a garage, but I call it a cave. When I go to my cave, I carry a bone (a bone it is my iPhone) with me, because it is a way to communicate with my friends. Although I live moments with myself, I love it because I don't have any interruption. Another reason I love my garage is because I have all kinds of entertainment there. I have a projector on top of the ceiling. Next to the door, I have a cupboard that can transform into a bed. The garage is not only a warehouse or car repair. It is a black hole inside of the universe.

Ana Franzoi Simi Marson

RW 20

The Worst Day

The worst day my life was when a mouse came into my house. It was at night when I saw it passed in my kitchen. I started screaming and climbed on the table. My husband took the broom to try to kill it, but we didn't see it anymore. I went to sleep scared. I closed the bedroom doors, but I still dreamed of it. When I woke up next morning, I forgot about this subject. I went to the kitchen to make coffee. When I opened the cutlery drawer, the mouse jumped out of there. I screamed so much so that I woke up everyone in the house. I left the house and came back only when my husband managed to kill it. From that day, I cannot even look at mice. It is sure that it is just animals but, I'm afraid of. That was the worst day of my life.

Massimo Russoniello

RW 30

Formula 1 and 2

There are many differences and similarities between two Formulas, Formula 1 and Formula 2. One similarity between both sports is the car. Formula 1 and Formula 2 have a similar racing car and both cars have the same style. Another similarity are the rules. Both Formulas are by (FIA) "Federation International Automobiles", and they have the same rules for racing. The most important difference is the horse power. In Formula 1, the car has more horse power, unlike Formula 2. In conclusion, Formula 1 and Formula are similar and different in several ways.

Waked, Albara

RW 20

The ELI

English language institute has a culturally rich environment . The ELI society is a place where management staff, teachers, and administrators work together. Actually, there are a lot of ways to help students find a good place in the ELI . The ELI teaches three things such as Grammar, Reading and Writing, and Listening and Speaking. The ELI has useful educational activities for students .My experience at the ELI is great so far. I have gained so many valuable lessons in a short time. I am still discovering new things every day and learning something in a daily basis. Also, I feel that I belong to it .

Mohammed Alharbi

RW 20

Failure is the path to success

There is a saying that failure is an opportunity to begin again. I'll tell you my story about that. After graduating from high school, I joined the university to realize my dream of being an engineer, but I could not achieve this dream for several reasons. One of the reasons was that studying English was not easy for me. I had difficulties in studying and bad teachers. Then I decided to stop studying engineer and went for business and think about another major to study at the same time because I believed if the plan didn't work, and changing the plan was not the goal. Now, I'm grateful for the previous failure. I have passed all the previous difficulties. First, I graduated from the university with an excellent degree with first class honors in law. Second, I started an industrial company and a law firm. Thirdly, I am here now at ELI studying English, and I will speak perfectly soon because of the help I get from my good teachers. All in all, the world makes a way for the man who knows where he is going.

Sung Jun (Charlie) Moon

RW 43

"Write about a time when you said, "no"

There are many hard times to say no. Because saying no has the potential to make relations worse. So I don't often try to say no, but sometimes I have to say no. Because there is a moment when I have to show my rejection clearly.

I usually said "no" when I don't want to get involved in specific situation. And I also usually said "no" when I want to escape the situation. For example, If I meet a new person, who is weird, and he told me "Do you believe our religion?" I should say "no". It is easy to say no in most of these relationships because they are not important to each other.

However sometimes you can't say no when you don't want to be involved in specific situation. For example, it's hard to say no when your boss orders you to work. So you can get stressed out about not being able to say no. You don't want to do that but you have to say 'yes' because you want to keep the relationship. As a result, you should consider your relationship when you say "no". But sometimes you have to say "no" for you, not for your relationship maintenance.

Ghadah Alderaan

RW 20

Reasons to Like ELI

I like the ELI because there are full of nice people. The staff is awesome, and the teachers are friendly. Their communicative information helps the students to learn. The assistants are very helpful. The institute is fabulous; being in a college town like Gainesville helps students focus on their studies. The ELI also has many students from different countries. There are different levels that depend on each student's skills. Some specialties allow you to enter the university after completing the levels. The location of the institute is also great. It is in the center of the city. The institute can be reached easily by different means of transportation. There are many restaurants near the institute. There are also many libraries. I can use the ID to use different facilities. I am lucky to be one of the students of this institute.

Le Hoang Mi Nguyen

RW 43

The story happened when I was 6 years old. At this year, my family included parents, my aunt, my cousins, and me. We went to Dam Sen park. We had a lot of fun time together. We ate food, play games, which were intended for adults and children. Dam Sen is very famous with thrilling games like a roller coaster, a water slide, a flying Dragon, and an especially large swimming pool. After we went for a walk, my aunt asked me and my cousins to buy some water with her. So, my parents waited at gate 2. While we were walking through crowd, suddenly I and my cousin did not see her. So we got lost. I felt confused and scared. I decided to find someone help. Luckily, a man agreed to help me by calling for my mom. I said to my mom that I lost, my mom was worried and instantly came to my place. After seeing my parents, I and my cousins were happy. I was crying because of what happened. Then my aunt and we met. I have been experienced once that I got lost. I still remember it forever.

Thank you for reading my story.

Sakura Mayumi

RW 43

Lost Diamond Ring

Mrs. Perkin lives in a big apartment with her cat in NY, and she is a native American. One day, a fire happened in the lower floor of the apartment. When the fire accident happened, that was off-limits to people who want to see what happened. The room became uninhabitable after the accident. The accident was so hard and discouraging even the foolhardy people didn't want to see the accident. After the accident, when she went back to her room, she realized that her diamond ring was stolen. A few days after, the person who lives in the next room was arrested. He committed a crime when the fire happened. His target was her diamond ring because it was valuable and he wanted to get money. When the fire happened, Mrs. Perkin wanted to escape from that with her cat, and she did not lock her house. The man who lived in the next room got blamed by the roommate in the same apartment. Today, all of her valuable stuff is burned.

Graziana Rubio

RW 31

The Magic Hat

I was bored on Saturday afternoon, so I started looking around the basement. That's when I found a strange hat with many colors on it. Without thinking, I put it on my head; what happened next was unbelievable...

My body started to shrink until I reached the size of a squirrel, and when I took it off I returned to my normal size. That was an amazing superpower. I could go under my bed and I found the socks that I had missed. All Saturday and Sunday I played with my new superpower. Monday I went to school and I wanted to use my superpower. When the bell rang, I went to the bathroom. I put the magic hat on my head and the superpower took effect. I slipped through the ventilation ducts of the school and I toured everything. When the bell rang again, I went back to the bathroom because it was time to go home. And that was the best adventure of my life because after that the magic hat didn't work anymore.

Hansol Lee

RW 31

The Mystery Story

In one small village called Littleville, there were four students, Sultan, Hyejin, Hansol, and Abdullah, who had a lot of curiosity. Sometimes they explored mystery places such as caves or cemeteries. One day, a strange rumor began to circulate in their village. The rumor was that a bloody eyes ghost appeared at the abandoned hospital. The four students wondered if the rumor was true or not. So, they eventually decided to go there. They agreed to meet in front of the hospital at midnight. It turned out that it was Friday the 13th and there was a full moon in the sky. At midnight, they began to gather one by one, and when Hansol arrived, they went inside. The hospital was very quiet and dark, and sometimes bats flew. Hyejin was so scared that she wanted to go outside. As she was walking to outside, the others kept going forward. At that time, suddenly they heard a terrifying scream from Hyejin. The three friends ran to her and she said she had seen something. She was terrified and they decided to go outside. They all came out, but there was no one there. Also, they noticed that Hansol was missing. They quickly called her. She answered the phone and she said "I'm home. I was not able to go there because I was sick today." At the moment, the three people were horrified and quickly rushed home. What did Hyejin see and was Hansol's identity with them?

Marco Lopez Jaime

RW 30

Holiday Differences and Similarities

Halloween and Day of the Dead have several similarities and differences. One key difference between Halloween and Day of the Dead is that both holidays have different origins. The origin of Halloween is from Celtic culture, but origin of Day of the Dead is from preHispanic time. Another key difference between Halloween and Day of the Dead are the dates on which they are celebrated. Halloween is celebrated on October 31 and Day of the Dead is celebrated on November 1 and 2. The most important similarity between Halloween and Day of the Dead is the costumes. For both holidays, people wear the costume although they are more related to the celebration of Halloween. In conclusion, Halloween and Day of the Dead share several amazing similarities and differences, and both holidays are very special.

Jaeun Keum

RW 30

Burger-Fi and Relish in Gainesville

There are some similarities and differences between Burger-Fi and Relish in Gainesville. One fascinating similarity is drinks. Both restaurants have drink machines and people can choose a soda that they want to drink. Another attractive similarity is ingredients. In Burger-Fi, people can order with extra ingredients like bacon, lettuce, onions in their burgers. Likewise, in Relish, people can put extra ingredients in their burgers. There is also a difference between Burger-Fi and Relish. One key difference is the way to pick up food. In Burger-Fi, staff brings guests' food to their tables, but in Relish, people go to receive their food themselves. In conclusion, Burger-Fi and Relish have some interesting similarities and differences.

Martina Pierluissi

RW 43

The Missing Chocolate Bar Recipe

Once upon a time, there was a rich woman, whose name was Mrs. Peakin. She had a lot of money thanks to her famous chocolate company because her company made the best chocolate bar ever. She lived in one of the most expensive cities in the world with luxury stuff and a big mansion with her family. She had a husband and 3 beautiful children. Despite everything, she was a humble and kind person and the people loved her because she liked to do events and activities to donate money to big organizations that help the people around the world.

But one sunny day she was with her family on their farm. She loved when she had a family moment, because sometimes the chocolate company was very stressful to her, with a lot of things that she must do every day, so when she has a good time with her family, she felt like a short vacation. The farm had a lot of vegetation, trees, and flowers. It was one of the cutest farms in her cities and the tourists liked to visit her farm. She and her family were distracted looking at the landscape and then Mrs. Perkin received one call, it was her mother. she told her: THERE WAS A CRIME AT YOUR HOUSE! I DO NOT KNOW WHAT IS HAPPENING SO YOU SHOULD COME RIGHT NOW!

Mrs. Peakin was very scared about this situation, a crime? In her house? How? Who? Why? She cannot believe it, she did not know who could do this horrible crime in her own house, how is that possible? Mrs. Peakin started to cry and scream to everybody: WHY? WHY? WHY? MY HOUSE WILL BE UNINHABITABLE! WE NEED TO GET OUT OF HERE! WHEN WE RESOLVE THIS CRIME, WE WILL LEAVE THE CITY, IT IS VERY DANGEROUS FOR US NOW.

Mrs. Peakin and her family went to Peakin's mansion to look at what happened, and when they were in the mansion, they found a lot of police working in the case and many people outside the mansion because everybody was talking about the crime in the Peakin's house. The news was talking about that her husband was the principal suspect in the crime of consequence that he was a famous boxer. When she knew that news, she was so angry with the social media people, why her husband is the principal suspect in this crime? He cannot do it, he was with his family on the farm, that is impossible!

When the police were talking about the crime in the news, the detective saw something strange in the garage, there are a lot of drawings, all the walls are dirty with a blue painting with a big message that said: SOMETHING IS MISSING IN THIS HOUSE! WHEN YOU FIND WHAT IT IS, I WILL BE MORE RICH THAN YOU! Mrs. Peakin when saw the big message in the wall, she knows the missing stuff, IS HER SECRET CHOCOLATE BAR RECIPE!

Mrs. Peakin has a lot of suspects in her mind, because she had workers that helped her in the house like chefs, gardeners and butlers. She started to talk with the detective, saying the workers names and last name for an interrogation appointment. All the Peakin's workers were very angry with the family because they felt that the family did not trust them.

While the detective was talking with the workers, there was a worker with a fancy suit, but with blue paint on her hands, so the police want to capture her but she can run more faster than the police and she can escape from the Peakin's house.

All the news and the police are talking about that Peakin's worker, who is she? How could she escape justice? Mrs. Peakin said to the police that her name is Mimi and she is one of the chefs in

the Peakin's house and she is native from India. The detective starts to work with this information to find the famous chef from India, but the police cannot find her because she left the country.

One month later, the Peakin's family must leave the city and start a new life in other country. The police still working in this horrible case, but until now they do not have answers from the girl chef native from India, she can escape with the secret chocolate recipe, so for now, this case could not be resolved.

Zeyad Alahmadi

RW 30

My UK and US Experience

There are many differences and similarities between the UK and US for me studying English. One difference is teaching. In the US, teaching is hard and Academic. Unlike, in the UK the teaching is very simple and easy. Another difference between the UK and the US is the life style. In the UK, I was living with a family originally from the UK, unlike in the US where now I live alone and I do everything by myself. One similarity between the US and the UK is friendships. In the UK your friends from the whole world, likewise in the US your friends are from all the world. In conclusion, there are some differences and similarities between the UK and the US.

Laura Viamonte

RW 30

My brother and I

My brother Gian and I, Laura, have many similarities and differences. One key similarity is that we like the same sport. My brother and I always watch football games on the television. Likewise, we see other sports games together. One key difference is our age. My brother is 15 years old. However, I am 17 years old. The most important key difference is the grade in the school. My brother study four year of secundaria school. In contrast, I already graduated from secundaria and now I study english at the ELI, and will soon begin college in another country. In conclusion, there are some differences and similarities between my brother and me.

Martha Escudero

GM 32

Anita's Graduation

I have several important moments in my life. The last one was when my daughter became an Anthropologist one year ago, when she studied at University del Rosario in Bogota, she was one of the best students in her class. So the faculty dean gave her a special congratulations. We celebrated with our family and close friends. We had a wonderful and happy time. My other two sons and I gave her a very touching speech. I feel very proud of my daughter. Afterwards she got a job at an important bank as an anthropologist in a marketing department.

Keumdal Jung**RW 43****Problem of Malicious Comment**

When you are surfing the internet, you can see the malicious comments easily, and sometimes several comments even make my face naturally frown. In the internet, people treat that sexual harassment is not big deal. In case of Korea, being stressed out from malicious comments is the most common cause of suicide for singers, actors, or actresses especially idols who lead k-pop culture. Because many people were died by malicious comment, the laws which are related with malicious comments have been changed, but they keep writing the malicious comments carelessly. Netizen (who are people on the internet) put down someone's worth. They are ignorant of how serious these comments are, and feel joyful when they write those malicious comments. The biggest reason is anonymity is a characteristic of the internet. For prevention more victims we should consider solutions. Typically, the government has to implement a real-name system. Also people who want to get a job submit summarize of their online comment, and making stronger education of polite on the internet.

Almost all netizens have wanted to implement of real-name system when they write comments everywhere. The law of protecting victim from the malicious comments is literally real name system for protecting from malicious comment. However, other people disagree with them because it could make a personal information leakage. People who agree with this system say it would be shown up not your all of personal information, just part of information which is sex, ages, and name. Therefore they do not have to worry about personal information leakage. If it implement this system, we can protect the information regardless whether it's true or not.

Another solution for malicious comment laws are the person who wants to get a job submit summarize of her or his online comments. Among finding the job, 9 out of the 10, submit their applications to employment. All of them want to show their positive aspect, so they try to put there as good as their abilities. For this reason, the employments are hard to realize employees personalities, it has led some of employments have been searching employees social network such as Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook etc. Moreover this system could lead to reduce malicious comment. Even if it may be hard to search the data, this system makes people more careful. People can be changed for their future through this system, after that internet comments will become cleaner.

When you are a kid, you have been taught education about polite way on the internet. But at the school always teaches general education, so children feel bored then do not focus on the education. The current education in school has no educational effect on children. Thus, the education system have to change more interesting and stronger. This phenomenon is called 'Broken window theory'. This theory is coming from ignorant. For example, as children cannot feel serious problem about malicious comment, they will be able to do easier than other children who realize how it is serious. So school and parents have to make their children can be realized themselves. One of the way to education is showing movies or news about victims from malicious comments. Another way is they would write what do not want to hear from people than if they hear immediately at there from the other people for real, they can totally realize how cruel it is. Children contact those education which will feel real, they will have many effects only once and for all.

In conclusion, malicious comments are hurtful for some. So solving this problem, we should run real-name system, employer can look at their employer's information, and make children's education stronger. As many people say if you give hurt to other people, it will come back to you on karma. We need to realize how the serious topic is. The malicious comment might be fun for some, but someone else is going to suffer from other people forever.

Hank Kim

GM 30

Ultimate Beast Master

When I was a CrossFit Weightlifting coach, I received a letter which is recruiting athletes from Netflix. The program's title was the ultimate beast master(UBM) that was created by Sylvester Stallone. The UBM is a Netflix reality TV show program in which 120 players from six countries competed and survived in a big obstacle game. I became very interested in this show, so I had decided to apply for it. First, I recorded my exercise video clip. Second, I wrote a letter of introduction and sent it. While I was doing this process, I won a CrossFit Asian Championship. Eventually, I was selected to be a Korea UBM national athlete. Therefore, I was invited to LA and filmed the show. Finally, I won the competition in my division, and I got a prize. Even though it was hard when I was filming in America. however, I met many famous people like Sylvester Stallone, Terry Cruse, and Korean celebrities. The end, it was such an exciting experience. In conclusion, some times now I can feel mood when I was doing the

competition, and I am watching my episode on Netflix.

Ignacio Milam Abaga

GM 32

One of My passions

When I was kid, I always thought about two things. Politics with my grandfather because is a politician and other hand, soccer because I love it. Now, I will explain a little history.

When I was sixteen years old, a soccer team came for me to see how play with the school team. After that, they decided that I should play with them; however, were not happy at all about the news. Butt hey told me that required a lot of responsibility and will be a lot of pressure because I would have to combine studies with football. My parents scared by the demand, but finally they decided that I can carry out both because they knew that I love soccer and I could combine both. I got good, and I did very well on the team. We won three trophies in our level, and I was the top scorer of my team and the level

Youngjoo Kim

RW 30

Good Marriage

There are many reasons for a good marriage. One main reason is it is the biggest promise in life. Since marriage means trust each other, love only their partner. Another main reason is it is their children can look similar to them. Because their children are lovely to the parents, their children give them very strong energy. The most important reason is that the parents can give positive energy. Both wife and husband who talk about worries and give advice to each other due to they are best friends. In conclusion, a good marriage is due to many good reasons.

Ricardo Vargas**GM 30****Paris 2003**

After 45 days separated by the huge distance between Colombia and Japan, my wife and I met in Paris in summer of 2003. Walking through the Champs Elysees I asked her to wait on a bench because she was on crutches, while I found a restaurant we remembered for its food. When I returned, I found her in a lively conversation with one Colombian painter, Adolfo Leon Rodriguez, and his friend. Due to our interest in his work, Adolfo invited us to his studio and, once there, we drank a little whisky while he offered one-hour flute concert. Later, we saw an abstract painting exhibition together. Three hours later, invited by him, we ate excellent French-Spanish food in *Le Paquebot en la botella*, a nice restaurant near rue de Rivoli and Saint Eustache. At the end of amazing evening, his friend offered us her house in Argenteuil, a Paris suburb, where impressionist painter Claude Monet painted many of his paintings, without cost and only for us. Next morning we moved to Argenteuil, and the stay in Paris, planned for eight days, took one week more and we enjoyed in a very special way, living suburb's life and knowing more about Paris without usual pressure of short trips. The last day in Paris we met again with Adolfo in Gare Saint Lazare and we bought two of his paintings that now are in our living room in Bogota.

Johee Park**RW 52****Summary Response Essay**

In the article "Found in translation: How 57 different languages have interpreted Charlotte Brontë's 'Jane Eyre'" by Matthew Reynolds (Scroll.in, Sep 30, 2019), by translation, people have come across a variety of works beyond the language boundaries. Thus, it is easy to think that translation is a perfect reproduction of an original text in other languages, but translation is a creation based on society and culture. This can be confirmed by *Jane Eyre*, which has been translated according to various languages and different periods. The title of *Jane Eyre* has changed depending on the language of translation, the country and the time of publication. This reflects the translator's view of the work. In the case of China, it was translated into a title that combines meaning with a play on words. In addition, subtle changes let readers feel fascinating changes in a work. When honorific titles and formality that exist differently by languages are projected into the translation process, the original text is expressed in slightly different "nuances" for each language. It is very unlikely that the same word will exist in another language, fully reflecting the different meanings that a word encompasses. Thus, translators sometimes replace the original word with slightly different words. It appears to lose its original meaning. But if interpreting the original word as a new word reflects the demands of the times or changes in society, the work may be to gain new vitality. Consequently, translation is a new literary creation based on society and culture.

What stood out most about Matthew Reynolds' writing was that he gave a good example of how translation can vary depending on the times and societies. In other words, just as language reflects society and ideology, it also makes it clear that translation that uses language also reflects the times and social situations. Through this point of view, I can think of the fact that translation is

both a reflection of a society and a cultural driving force that broadens the base of a society. The historical, cultural and socio-economic values of different languages transfer into other societies and diverse ideas in different societies. This diversity puts things in perspective and provides an opportunity for indirect experience to be objectively viewed in different situations or people. It was therefore thought that translation could have more significance in that it provided an opportunity for other ideas to be planted in one society.

However, the fact that translation is also a creation made me think about translator's subjective intervention. Matthew Reynolds talked about a new "gain" when literature was translated into various languages, but it occurred to me that in fact it could be a "loss" of the author's intention. The content or intention of the entire literary work will not be changed by the translator's small choice. But one small word may have been chosen carefully by the author. The idea of this intervention seems to ask both the translator and the reader how to treat the translation. My answer to this question is to communicate with the work in an active manner. First of all, the translator should spend plenty of time on the work before he or she translates it. And keep cool on areas that require subjective intervention. And I think it should be possible to evaluate objectively whether such intervention does not influence the impression of the whole work. Readers also need an appropriate attitude. The act of reading can be somewhat passive, but through writing, the author and reader communicate. Therefore, readers can also read actively. When I came to the U.S., in reading & writing class, where I have predicted and asked questions before reading, these small actions can change the way of reading. Therefore, I think it is important to be self-questioning about the world that the writer wants to talk about and understanding the work as a whole.

Finally, I hope that good works of different languages would be translated into different languages more often. A few years ago, "The Vegetarian", a work of a Korean artist, "Han Kang" won Man Booker International Prize. At that time, not only the author Han Kang, but also the translator Deborah Smith was also awarded. The news, for the first time, led me to think that language could also reflect the order of the world economy. Literary works that use the world's official language, such as English and French, are easily translated and widely read in other languages. But the opposite is very rare, such as a work written in a third world language being translated into English. Wouldn't the dominant status of English hinder the need to understand other languages in English? I hope that the various works that exist as much as the diversity of languages will be translated into different languages and that many people around the world will have access to.

Olga Tokarczuk, who won the 2018 Nobel prize in literature award, said she believes in the novel as a "deep way of communication across borders, across languages, across cultures."

¹Translation only allows people with different languages to understand the conversation her novel gives. However, as translation is another creation, we must consider solutions to the translators' subjective intervention, which may differ from the author's intention. Furthermore, I look forward to seeing more work translated into various languages and interact with each other.

¹ <https://www.theguardian.com/books/2019/oct/10/nobel-prizes-in-literature-olga-tokarczuk-peter-handke-2019-2018>

Juan Sebastian Suarez

GM 32

Tennessee Experience

Last Christmas I went to Tennessee state with my family. It was an excellent trip because it was my first time in the snow, and we went skiing in the Smoky Mountains. It was a wonderful experience in my life; everything I knew and I did is a beautiful memory that I have, and I could say it was the best Christmas I've ever had. I remember while I'm skiing, I'm laughing and very happy. The first part of the trip we went to Atlanta, and we walked the whole city for a few hours. Then I was driving to the Carolina's while my family was watching a movie on 12/18. One day after the Carolina walk, we finally got to Tennessee, walking around the small towns, skiing, ice skating, and of course sightseeing many places. I feel lucky and happy to have had that great trip, and I wish to do it soon again.

Youngjoo Kim

RW 30

The U.S.A and South Korea

The U.S.A and South Korea are good countries to visit and have many similarities and differences. One main similarity is both the U.S.A and South Korea have beautiful environment. The U.S.A has picturesque view of springs and beaches. Likewise, South Korea has fascinating view of streams, beaches, and mountains. There are also differences between the U.S.A and South Korea. One main difference is between the U.S.A and South Korea is tip custom. The U.S.A has tip custom, whereas South Korea hasn't a tip custom. Another main difference is between the U.S.A and South Korea's land size. The land area of the U.S.A. is 3,797,000 mi² and is the third largest in the world. However, the land area of the South Korea is 38,691 mi² and is the one hundred seventh largest in the world. In conclusion, the U.S.A and South Korea are beautiful countries and have many interesting similarities and differences.

Amal Albalawi

GM 30

My Conversation Partners

My conversation partners are wonderful people. I have three conversation partners. I meet each one every week for one hour to socialize. Sometimes we spend more than one hour because we have a lot of fun and learn about each other's cultures and make new friends. They are very helpful, patient, and supportive. For example, they help me know how to use the library. Also, they speak clearly and if I ask them to repeat, they repeat with more explanation and they use many examples until I understood the word. They give me lots of speaking practice. For the time and location of our meetings, we meet anywhere on campus or at any public places. It depends where we decide. In the end, we all enjoy our time together. They are now my best friends. That is one of my best experiences in the ELI.

Refaah Saaed**GM 30****My Hometown**

In the southern part of my beloved country; my hometown Sarat Abidah is located above the ring of mountains. Sarat means high mountain, so winter there is so cold. In winter morning, it is still like dawn after the sun rises. Did this towering town touch the sky? Or the sky embraced this town?

At the early morning hours, the fog floods the town and the roads. The sun light is struggling to escape through the fog. In moments when the sky meets land, Warm details start at all houses. Men go out for Fajr prayer and hand over their neighbors warmly. Mothers demonstrate with rigor when they wake up their children because inside them they wish if their children stayed in their warm beds with heavy blankets. On the other hand, they realize that the school's embrace is better for them. It's Conflict between the characteristics of motherhood.

Hot milk with Nescafé smell is smelling from the houses. Local bread smell is smiling from lucky neighborhood. If your neighbor makes local bread, almost it just moments will knumb your door to share you loafs of this bread. Female always prepare food and one of the simplest pictures of generosity they always share the tasty dishes with other neighbors.

As you wait for the school bus to arrive and feast/admiring your eyes on the elegance of passersby's winter clothing. you will receive dozens of amazing messages from your family and friends. Some are wonderful general posts shine positively in your soul. Others have written special for you from others who never gets tired of tell you in each chance that, They are very grateful for being you in their lives. These sincere feelings can make your day and draw the most beautiful smile on your face.

When you get to your work, you find out as usual that you've forgotten your chic coat. The warmth of emotions overcomes the cold atmosphere.

Now, winter on the gates of my hometown Sarat Abidah and the warm morning will come back to tell us that cold is only in the feelings.

Milda Benitez**RW 43****The Charitable Axe**

Once upon a time in a distant land called Dariflo, a strange and young woman lived in a forest, she always carried with her a large Axe. The villagers of this land every night they gathered in a cave to invent history about the origin of the Axe Lady such as; she is the daughter of a hunter who died years ago, No! she is the widow of a foreign man whom She killed for money and came to hide in the forest, that is a lie... said other man; she is too beautiful to kill for money, she could find another rich man to marry and thus to solve her problem, I think she is a spirit of the forest said an old woman and everyone all laughed. The truth was that nobody knew the origin of the Axe Lady.

That winter in the city of Dariflo, would be very different from others winter since storms were announced for months, the villagers were determined not to have a bad season, so every day during the morning, many men cut firewood for the coming winter. However, the men who worked on the outskirts of the city could only go to cut wood near the sunset and it was then that they saw

in the distance the Axe Lady, who kindly expressed a greeted by raising her hand holding the ax. Those men always greet her, but with a fearful smile. The only person expressing sympathy was the old woman who returned the greeting with a sincere smile.

Winter came and wood reservations were not enough, every week the men had to go again to cut more firewood. The curious thing about those days was that the men no longer saw the Axe Lady in the evenings, but during the night all the villagers heard a strange sound in the forest, it was as if a person were cutting firewood all night. Some villagers thought that the long winter was driving them crazy, but continue with their daily lives, but the old woman began to understand the mysterious noise in the forest.

One afternoon not very cold, the old woman worried about the disappearance of the Axe Lady decided to go see her in the forest, but once in the forest the old woman remembered that she had never seen a house in that area then she wondered; How will I find it?. It was not long after the question the old woman asked herself when the night came. That was when she heard a strong noise, that sound was unmistakable, an axe was doing her job with great force.

The old woman hurried to find the noise, and what she saw left her speechless was the lady of the axe cutting all the trees that the villagers of the town had cut a week ago. The old woman scared scream, stop! what you are doing is wrong the trees will die and we will not have more firewood for this harsh winter, at that time the lady turned towards the old woman and lowered her axe hard, and the old woman only managed to sigh.

Look! said the lady, and the old woman opened her eyes the ax was nailed in a dead log and after a moment it began to sprout with new branches until it formed into a majestic tree. Now you know my secret, I am a forest spirit that preserves the balance between your small town and this ancient forest. For this reason every time a hard winter arrives, I will be here cutting down trees with my charitable axe that generates life instead of death. Keep my secret old woman and teach your people to take only that they need and I will always protect them with my charitable axe.

Cheonghyeon Mun

GM 32

Vancouver

My favorite memory is last July in Vancouver, Canada. I studied English for a month. I think Vancouver is a big city with beautiful nature. There is a place called Granville Island in Vancouver. While I was eating ice cream, I felt bird's poop on my shoulder. I was wearing white, and I could not wear it again. Vancouver also has Victoria, the Island of Vancouver. I rode a ferry to get there. When I arrived there, the beautiful scenery made me happy. After I was watching the night view there, I sipped iced wine in my room. I can not forget the landscape and the taste of wine. If I have a chance, I want to go to Vancouver again.

Abdulrahman Albukhari**RW40B****Volunteering**

We see people volunteer. Most of the times they're friends or someone we know, other times it might be a regular person or a stranger. None of them was forced to volunteer, it's a human nature to volunteer and spread the love. Volunteering has a deep meaning, helps the community, and it can be fun.

First of all, most of the people like to volunteer because volunteering helps the community. For example, by volunteering the community can be better from many ways. One of the ways is to help the community to rise and give more chances. The other example is volunteering can make the community closer, because when people meet they will have the chance to know other people and make new relationships.

The second reason, volunteering can be fun in many ways. For instance, volunteering to play with kids have disabilities can be so fun to make them happy and let them smile. In another situation volunteering to help elderly people at infirmaries can also make them happy and they might give you some of their experience in this life.

The third and last reason, volunteering can bring you good things. For example, volunteering is like good Karma. If you volunteered the good things will come to you in other way. The other example, volunteering and caring for others can prevent you from stress and anxiety.

Overall, volunteering has a deep meaning that not everyone can understand. And it's mostly a human nature. And in my opinion, volunteering is a very good thing either for the community or for the person.

Saengrawee Thammawitan**My Favorite Memory****GM 32**

My favorite memory is Chumphon trip with my gang. I really like that trip because we do many fun activities that we've never done before. Chumphon is a province that is located in the south of Thailand. There are many islands of the province that you can dive to observe coral and sea animals, especially the whale shark that is highlight here. After we decided to go Chumphon, we started planning and departing a month late. The train took us to the target station. We had breakfast in haste with street food before we stayed at the home stay. We spent half of the day resting until homestay owner served lunch. They served local dishes which were seafood. I love every meal because I really like seafood. At night of day one, we went squid fishing. It was so funny. Squid fishing at night in the sea with

the sky was full of stars that shined brightly in the dark. It was so beautiful and quiet. Next day, while we were sleeping, fishermen were sailling for fish. That woke us up in the morning. This morning we were going to dive at Kula island. This island was reported to have found a whale shark. We were excited to see in a few minutes. When we arrived, we immediately started diving. We didn't see a whale shark because it went to find food in near other island. Although we didn't see a whale shark, it was really awesome for diving. Some people in our group were diving. Some people were building sand castles. While we were doing activities, there was a giant jellyfish that appeared on the beach. We were very excited and rushed to see. Unfortunately, it is dead. My first time diving was very impressive. I saw beautiful coral, sea urchin, and fish that I've never seen these before. I love this trip, and I think I will be back there again due to every enjoyable activity of this trip.

Ricardo Vargas
GM 30
Victory on Three Cushion Billiard

Sixteen years ago, a group of members of different social clubs in Bogota created an association to gather and enjoy a popular game called Three-Cushion Billiard, a very difficult and beautiful game, not so popular in the United States of America but common in many countries around the world. The last tournament of the year is always held at Club El Nogal of Bogota.

In November 2017, I was playing the finals for the second time and was losing 6 to 1. For that reason, I took a rest on a chair, breathed slowly, and put my mind at ease while my contender was playing his inning. I quickly recovered my momentum, and in only three innings I overtook him and gained the advantage. After that, I continued to improve my level and at the end, I won the championship 20 to 11. It was an amazingly exciting moment to share with my friends.

Dogyeon Lee
GM 30
My Happy Memory

My favorite memory is my Orlando trip with my roommates. We visited Disney World and Universal Studios. I really loved Universal Studios. There were many cute characters like Simpson, Minions, and many interesting attractions. I especially like Sponge Bob, so I visited Sponge Bob's store in Universal Studios. When I arrived at the store, I could see the real Sponge Bob! As soon as I saw Sponge Bob, I screamed and took a picture. After spending a happy time with Sponge Bob, I went to Harry Potter village. The village made me feel like I was in the Harry Potter books. I felt like Harry Potter while I was riding the Harry Potter rollercoaster. While I was riding that, I was flying around on a broom like Harry Potter. I kept laughing while I was at Universal Studios. It was a really amazing experience! I had a really happy time with my roommates. I will never forget this memory. It was a perfect day!

Hansol Lee
GM 30
My Favorite Memory : Orlando Trip

My favorite memory is my recent trip to Orlando. I spent time with my roommates, Hanah, Kyubin, and Hyejin, during this trip. First of all, we went to Disney World there. Disney world was really a big, cute, and beautiful place. We all seemed to be young. When we were taking a selfie, Peter Pan sneaked up and took a picture with us. It was a truly unforgettable experience. I also ate a lot of food at Disney World. Among them, the most memorable food was a roast turkey leg. It was like a big bat. In addition, the roller coaster on water is the most memorable among many rides. As soon as I got off the ride, I looked in the mirror and looked like a mouse in the rain. In the evening, we had a fireworks display at Cinderella Castle. The scale of the fireworks was huge and fantastic. Some people cried because they were moved. We also went to an outlet on another day. Before we went to an outlet, we ate at a restaurant called Hash House. It was very famous restaurant. The chicken waffle we ordered were really big and delicious. Another food we ordered pancakes, was too big to eat. So, I packed it. Then we went to the outlet, finished shopping, and then went back to Gainesville. The trip to Orlando for a few days was a fantastic experience.

Mouna Vertueuse Kokoungou**GM 32****My Favorite Memory : My Best Moments in the ELI**

Everyone has a memory and for me ,I always consider my school as only way I can make my family proud .

When I came to the ELI ,I didn't know it is going the best journey . I say the best journey because I did many things in a few months . First ,I improved my English. I have had a lot of fun at the activities, and I discovered many things that I have never seen before like a trip to Orlando , it was my first time , I was with the peers and LAS . While we were visiting some places we took pictures . Every day is fun on Monday we have Monday Mixer where we go bowling . On Tuesday soccer ,I try to play . Every Saturday, we have fun . For example , on Volunteer Day we talk with old people and It was interesting. I also have gone to salsa dance . It was my first time to dance salsa. I was nervous because I was thinking maybe I could be ridiculous. So I didn't want to dance but when I saw the LAS ,she told me , you can do it ! Everything has a first time .so I tried . Just soon as she said it , I was starting to follow the team . The teacher came and asked if anybody has a question I said No . I felt trustful because the LAS told me I can do it . Everyone said on this team it's their first time, too; and they were friendly ,so I kept going. At the end ,I danced .it was so fun, and I really love it .

My moments in ELI are great memories for me ,and everyone is sweet ,kind and friendly. I'll never forget these memories. I feel luckiest to be in ELI, where I learned many things on this journey and becoming trustful and confident .

Laura Viamonte**My Favorite Vacation****GM 30**

My favorite memory is my recent family vacation. I traveled with my family to the U.S.A. My family and I went to Disney World in Orlando. We visited parks and places in Orlando. I loved this trip because I shared with my family a new place. We were in a house for month that we rented with some friends of my parents. We visited Universal Studios, Magic Kingdom, and Seaworld. In addition, we went out to restaurants and shopping centers. At the end of the trip. I didn't want to go home since I had really enjoyed the holidays with my family and friends, getting to know each and other places, eating a lot, and having a good time together. There is one of my favorite vacations with my family. I wish I could repeat this vacations again.

Shunsuke Shiraki**GM 32****Hawaii**

My favorite memory is my recent family vacation. We went to Hawaii for 10 days two years ago. After we arrived at a hotel in Hawaii, we went to walking around Waikiki beach. It was so beautiful. On the next day, I went to Diamond Head by running in the early morning. It took one hour from the hotel. As soon as I arrived at peak of Diamond Head, I saw the sunrise. It was amazing to me because the sky was purple and red. Our final spot was Disney in Oahu. There were many Disney characters. Also, their beach was really beautiful. It was more beautiful than Waikiki. I enjoyed a relaxing time. I became in love with Hawaii!! I want to go again!

Majed Alharbi

GM 30

My favorite memory: My last vacation with my family

My favorite memory is the last vacation with my family. The vacation was in Malaysia. My family is my everything and the important thing in my life, and I find myself with them. The first city we visited was Selangor. We went to the water park on the first day. We were swimming while my father was talking with my mom. We had a good time in this park. The second city was Cameron, it's such as an amazing city. It's mountains city. We were in the highest part of this city. We played with sheep and dogs. The last city was Kuala Lumpur. We stayed there for three days. Those were beautiful days. On the first day, we were shopping in the biggest mall in Malaysia while my father was relaxing in the hotel. The second day was a raining day, so we stayed at home and watched a movie. The third day was preparing to go back to Saudi Arabia, it was a special vacation.

Chuanji Zhao

My Favorite Memory: My Favorite Day
GM 32

My favorite memory is my uncle's birthday party. On that day, my uncle, my cousin, and I had a shooting party at afternoon. Before we started party, my uncle taught me and my cousin how to use the gun. My cousin is the first one who can not wait to start this game. The machine helped us by throwing the dishes for us to shoot, and it is difficult to shoot moving target. My cousin did not hit one target with five bullets. I was so excited because I hit one target with five bullets. After we shoot, my uncle's turn started. We were surprised that my uncle only missed one target. When we went back home, my aunt was cooking dinner and my mom was watching TV. At 8:00 P.M. We started the birthday party. As soon as my aunt showed us a pecan pie, my uncle yelled "It is pecan pie!". We laughed together and started our dinner. Everyone was enjoying the party. It is my favorite memory.

Thi Hue Le

GM 30

My Favorite Memory

My favorite memory is my family vacation in Dalat two years ago. That is a beautiful and cool city with many flower gardens, waterfalls, and high famous mountains. All of us including my husband, two of my kids, my niece, and I went on the trip. At the beginning of our day, we went to Prenn Waterfall. My daughter, my niece, and I took nice pictures while my husband and my son were walking around the waterfall. When they came back to us, their clothes were wet. As a result, all of us had to buy new clothes for them. It was very fun. On the second day, we visited flower gardens. While we were sight-seeing at the Rose Garden, it started to rain. We had to come into a restaurant near there and ate delicious lunch. At the end of our vacation, we all enjoyed visiting Langbiang Mountain. That is the highest mountain in Vietnam. We bought tickets for visiting the mountain by car. When we were coming back to the hotel, it was becoming dark. What a fantastic vacation!

Hyejin Jang**RW 40B****Why people are vegetarian**

More and more people are becoming vegetarians these days. Some vegetarians also argue that people should all be vegetarians. People are vegetarian for many reasons, but the main reason is to help animals.

The first reason to help animals is many animals stay in narrow cages and their rights are ignored to get a lot of meat for people to eat. For instance, animals such as cows and pigs live in narrow cages to be raised in more numbers, and they get stressed and spin round at the same place. Also, to make foie gras, geese are forced to eat a lot of food in narrow cages.

The second reason is animals are forced to conceive several times to get more meat. For example, a female pig is only pregnant in a dirty little cage, and when it is no longer pregnant, it is taken to a slaughterhouse. Also, many animals are unable to take care of their babies after giving birth and are ready to conceive again.

Finally, animals get many diseases in small, dirty breeding grounds. For example, many pigs in this situation can have chronic lung disease because of toxic gases caused by feces. Also many chickens in this situation can get a disease called fowl typhoid because of dirty cages and dies of septicemia.

People who want to stop consuming meat have become vegetarians. This is because the basic right of life in animals is ignored, and the terrible breeding environment of animals makes people feel compassionate. Vegetarians think that eventually animals should be as respected as humans.

Mofareh Absi**RW40B****Adoption**

People tend to help each other. When you walk on a street and you see an older person struggles to cross the road you would definitely help him. There are different types of helping others. To me adoption is a very good example of helping others. People adopt children to help them and to offer them a better life.

Naturally, people like to help others, especially children who don't have parents. There are some children who don't have parents or families. Because of wars, lots of children have lost their families. Another example that some parents don't think that they can hold the responsibility of raising a child. We can say that not having a family is a good reason for people to adopt a child.

Some people adopt poor kids because they want to offer them a better life. There are a lot of poor kids around the world. Children from poor countries like Uganda, Kenya and Myanmar can't afford their food and medicine, so some people offer to adopt them. Also there is some rich people who travel to such countries and feel bad for the status of the children their, so they decide to adopt. Poverty is a major factor in adoption especially to the wealthy people.

Also there is another factor that is, there are some people who can't have kids so they adopt one to be their own. For instance, some people were born without the physical ability to have children. Also there are some moms who can have children but they have had some surgeries, and if the want to have kids that might hurt them physically. So adoption could be a good solution for those people who can't have kids.

Finally, I can say that there are some reasons for adopting children, mostly because people want to help. It is human nature to help others; People usually help the poor people. Also the people who can't have children adopt kids to help the kids and themselves.

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