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ELI STUDENT VOICES

A Message from the Editor



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Have fun reading this edition and keep writing!

-Olga Moody

Winning Pieces

First Place

**“TO RAISE OR NOT TO RAISE A BILINGUAL CHILD?” by Juliana
Kaercher**

Second Place

“A Story about my Life,” by Souha Fatnassi

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First Place

Juliana Kaercher

RW 60

TO RAISE OR NOT TO RAISE A BILINGUAL CHILD?

“Mom, mãe...!!!”, this citation might be the call of a child at a bilingual home. A bilingual environment is the result of languages in contact; the result of people, and cultures in contact during historical events such as wars and migration, or current events such as globalization. But can children learn two languages at the same time? Will it be confusing? And what happens if bilingual children do not learn any one of the languages well? These doubts are in the mind of parents that speak different languages. But bilingual families are a natural trend in the world; Marian & Shook (2012) reported that up to 66% of the world’s children raised in a bilingual environment. The parent’s beliefs about language gaps for their kids make sense, but they are easily overcome, and raising bilingual children places them an advantage in society and improves their brain skills. To be bilingual is an extraordinarily ordinary human capacity that implies psychology, neurology, and social benefits.

According to Marian & Shook (2012), bilingualism can change the structural and functional properties of the mind, resulting in cognitive advantages. This happening because a bilingual brain switches between languages according to demand, therefore a mental processing high-cost is necessary resulting in enhance executive functions. The executive functions include: capacity of attention and learning (including languages), flexibility and velocity thinking, capacity of retain and retrieve memories, and creativity. Furthermore, bilingualism implies in economic benefits, **such as** more job opportunities and better jobs. Logically, the level of education is another significant factor but, as it is shown in Martínéz-Garcia et al. (2019), for jobs that do not require an advanced education, bilingual workers receive a higher annual income than monolingual workers. With all these advantages in mind, parents should encourage their children to be bilingual.

Another amazing bilingualism benefit is the increase of cognitive reserve, which results in a delay in commencing Alzheimer's disease. Mendez et al. (2020) reported the evaluation from clinical tests carried out with more than 253 patients diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. **According to** the research, the average age at which Alzheimer's disease was diagnosed was 71.4 years among monolinguals and 75.5 years among bilinguals. Thus, they concluded that bilingualism delays the first signs of Alzheimer's disease by four years. As we can see in "The bilingual brain: regularly speaking two languages protects against cognitive decline" (2020), researchers in Barcelona reiterate this thesis. They concluded that the hard work of swapping languages avoids neurodegenerative diseases because the brain acquires the ability to alternate to the best brain network. **So**, it is appropriate that parents look forward to their children's future; kids today will be elderly in the future, and, as we saw, bilingualism delays age brain damage helping to protect neural functions.

Some people might say that parents should avoid raising a child in a bilingual environment. Some of them claim that bilingual children have a higher propensity to mix languages, and this results in mental confusion. It is true that a bilingual child may fill some vocabulary gaps with the second language, and they do it. **Although** according to the video "How to raise a bilingual child? 5 myths debunked" (2020), it is not true that bilingual children experience mental confusion; they are able to understand the differences between the languages. Also, about the concern of mixing languages, the video showed that children stop to mix words easily after they ingress in school. Another concern of parents is that bilingualism may imply language delays for children. While it is true that learning two languages at the same time is more difficult than learning one language, bilingualism does not imply speech delays. As we can see in the video, experts affirm that delays in language development are the result of other causes, as well as that the amount of vocabulary words of a bilingual and a monolingual child is the same. **Yet** these parents' concerns seems to be reasonable they are also easily overcome; with parent's courage and persistence, raising a bilingual child is building a great future for the kids.

For all these reasons raising a bilingual child is a great deal. The ordinary ability of bilingualism impacts positively in various aspects of life. The exposition to bilingualism involves a deeper set of processes operating in the child's brain which enhances cognitive skills such as the capacity for learning, creativity, and memory. Likewise, neurologic advantages have been observed in the elderly through signs of delay in cognitive declines. Furthermore, the economic and social benefits have been widely evidenced by the current phenomenon of globalization. Clearly, the answer to the question, "to raise or not to raise a bilingual child?" is definitely YES! Raising bilingual children will place them in an advantageous world and build in them a powerful brain.

Second Place

Souha Fatnassi

RW 41

A Story about my Life

My childhood ambition was to become a professional player and work with elites on the national team. I competed in the Tunisian championship when I was 13 years old; the final was against a girl who plays for the national team, and the national team coach offered me that if I won the final, I

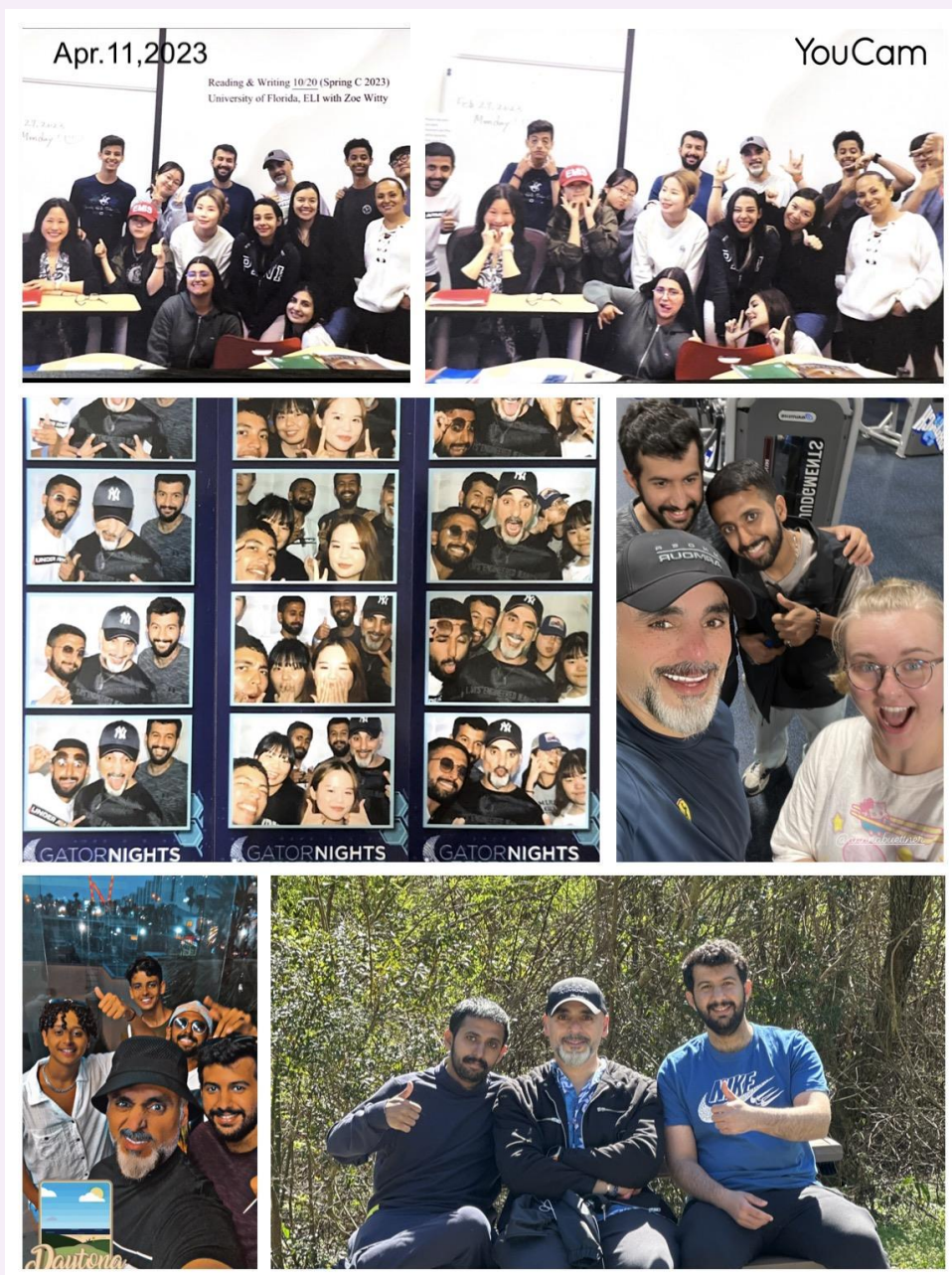


would take over her position on the national team and he would give me the opportunity to compete in the African championship. Thankfully, I won, and I began competing in other international events. Later they offered me the opportunity to attend the elites sport high school provided I had an amazing GPA. It was difficult for me to balance training 4 hours per day and studying full-time, but I succeeded and was accepted as a student at the elites national high school. I was overjoyed because I was so near to realizing my ambition, and I also gained so many other experiences and benefits that it was a win-win situation. Suddenly, I was injured and had surgery on both of my knees. After a while, I returned to training, but my knees were damaged again, so I needed another operation on both of them, and the doctor advised me to retire. I was furious and refused to accept it, so I completed my own rehabilitation and returned stronger than before. That motivated me even more to help other athletes avoid injury and achieve their goals. At that point, I realized I was supposed to be a physical therapist, and I enjoyed how surprised they were when they saw how far I had come. After that, I competed in the world championship and won the gold medal in the Tunisian championship seven times in a row. I also received my black belt from Korea. Following that, I complete an exciting portion of my goal. I finished my bachelor's degree in sports sciences and techniques: education and motricity. I also obtained a license in the Science of Physical and Kinetic activities in my specifically: Taekwondo. To be honest, I wasn't from a wealthy household, and I was studying and working to pay my rent and training, so I didn't have much free time. I spent all of my leisure time sleeping so that I could be strong enough to deal with everything. Later my father advised me to come to the United States to finish my master's program, and now I have a bigger ambition of becoming a physician one day, and I know that nothing will stand in my way of success.

Aaref Aljasmi**RW 10**

The ELI

The ELI has really helped me in my English life. The ELI is an amazing place to learn English. I first started the ELI on January 1, 2023. As the days went on, I started to meet all my teachers and classmates. My teachers are so nice, helpful, and amazing, and my classmates are so nice to me. The school building is so nice and cozy. The building is so spacious and big for me to learn in, but I love it. Anywhere you walk around; you can always find something fun to do. All the teachers teach in different but fun ways so that we can learn while having fun. The teachers take time with the students who need help. The ELI is a perfect school for anyone that needs to learn English.



Antonella Chinchilla Salerno**RW 41****My experience at the ELI**

The ELI is a wonderful place to learn English. I personally have had two incredible semesters here, and my English is getting better every day. From the professors until the students everyone is really kind and lovely. Everyone is always making you feel like you belong here and treat you like family. The ELI is a family. Since this is my last semester, and the end is a few weeks away I have been thinking about all the incredible moments that I have had at the ELI. All the friends that I have made here and all the unforgettable activities. This place is a crazy mix of people from all around the world, but that is the main point of being at the ELI. To learn from your professors and your classmates. I definitely can say that the ELI is one of the best experiences in my life. And these memories are going to stay with me forever.

Woonchae Park**GM 20****Preposition Poem**

In space, I sail.
On stars, I am shining.
On the moon, I illuminate my dream.
Try to keep our colors
Aiming high
Racing to the end of space
In your eyes, I see something to believe in
Why don't we get lost together?
a story about my life

Heidi (Hyerim) Yu, Daniela Alarcon Guzman, Salem Boresli

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The Perfect Place for You

Gainesville is a wonderful place where you can do everything with your family and friends. Gainesville has variety of restaurants so that all people feel like they are in their city, some of them serve Mexican food (El Indio), Asian food (Sensei Asian Bistro), Latin food (Las Americas Bakery), etc. Also, it is a city that has different nature parks. For example, the Butterfly rainforest, Sweetwater Wetlands Park, Depot Park and others. You can relax or walk in nature. Finally, you can visit the UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA. This place is a huge campus and has a great stadium. If you like football, it will be good choice for you. also, you can study and get a college degree. In conclusion, you can do whatever you want in Gainesville

Diego Artieda, Rosie (Hyerim) Joo, Camila (Maria) Montealegre Ruiz

RW 30

Things You Need to Know About Gainesville

Why do people like Gainesville? Gainesville has different reasons that people like the city. First, the city has a lot of places that you can enjoy. Like restaurants, clubs, football games and parks. For example, we have a big campus called University of Florida where the football team play, the most famous park is Depot Park. It is a large park in Gainesville. You can play, do exercise and fun activities. Also, the restaurants have different types of food for everyone taste. Second, Gainesville has diversity. There are many different cultures represented in the city. We can find cultures like Korean, Latin, Arabic and others. Last one, Gainesville is a very safe city because there are many students and there are not many crimes. To conclude, the city has things that people you can do it.

Sultan Alqahtani**RW 20****The ELI**

The ELI makes me happy. When I arrived at the ELI for the first time, everyone welcomed me warmly, and everything was great. The ELI helps when I need help every time, and I feel like I am with my family. To be honest, all my teachers and LAs love me and advise me how to improve with my English all the time. The ELI activities are very important to help when I need to speak or practice with my English. I hope this is not the last time for me because I love ELI so much, and I can't imagine the day I leave for my country. I always feel happy at the ELI, so I want to stay here as long as possible, and I hope to see my teachers, LAs, and classmates are always happy.

Sooyeon Oh**RW 41**

I spent happy time in America because i made a lot of friends and was nice to meet you to see you and other teachers and friends. Also, i'm planning to go to Europe not to expend Summer Semester to study my major deeply to come back to home and to find what i wanna do in the future. In the past, i tried to expand Summer Semester to improve my English speaking skill but i decided to study my major deeply to come back to Korea. but i want to come back to US to study my accounting major someday. So i'm so glad to see you. you are always so kind to every student including me. I want to see you someday. So what i just wanna say is i will miss you, other friends, and teachers.

Thank you to teach me Spring Semester and to be kind to me!

Andrea Juyeon Hong**RW 61**

Are you all preparing well for summer vacation? There are already only two weeks left of this semester. It's been almost 8 months since I've been with ELI. It feels like yesterday when I arrived in the U.S. last September with worries about living in a strange place, but I can't believe I'm leaving Gainesville soon. Now it's easier to speak English, I'm used to Walmart, which used to look complicated, and I feel like Gainesville is my hometown. Therefore, I'm so sad that I have to leave. I met so many good friends here, and I learned a lot. I'll never forget the World Cup games that I watched with friends in the class, the Halloween party, the blue-orange football stadium, the ice cream I ate on the beach, the pool party with my friends, the pretty campus, and the Gainesville sky. It was like a dream. I'm so thankful to my friends for making memories that will be the driving force of my life. Thank you so much to my teachers, Jen, Todd, Melina, and Patrick. Thank you so much to my eternal language assistants Amy, Grace, Marissa, and Will. I was so happy this semester as Andrea! I'm going to miss you all. I believe we'll see each other again. Until then, bye

AZZAM ALMATRODI**GM20****ELI Institute**

Study language at ELI. I started studying the language at the beginning of this year 2023. I knew nothing about the English language. The beginning was difficult. After several months, I noticed a big difference in my English. At the end of the course, I hope to master the English language. These days are the best days.

Danney Pamplona Cardenas, Othman Aldhafeeri, Lucerito Datzer Pinto

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Why the game night is the best CIP activity

The ELI students in the CIP activities come to get fun. Some of the students enjoy the CIP activities. There are many options, so you can choose between coffee talk, volleyball, soccer, and game nights. Also, every Thursday and Saturday they have different options. In our opinion the most fun activity is game nights, and you ask for the time? So, let me tell you, the meeting time of 6:30 to 9:00 pm is very convenient. So, you can come back home, take a little rest, eat dinner and get ready for the most fun night. Afterwards, we can play bowling, pool, ping pong, and video games as well.

In addition, we are able to meet new people, improve our skills in a foreign language like Korean, Arabic, Chinese, Spanish, and of course English! In conclusion, if you want get fun and meet new friends, there are several reasons why this is our favorite CIP activity.

Cathy Tsai

RW 41

Homesickness

Because of the innovation of the airplane, travel to other countries can be very easy nowadays. As a student, you will have more chances to study abroad. However, when the youths learn in another country alone, they will quickly feel homesick. To illustrate, international students need to handle everything independently without getting help from their families. They can experience homesickness and loneliness, depression, and afraid. Homesickness may cause they cannot to do well in their academic performances. There are several ways that can help the youths to deal with their homesickness, such as family, friends, and food.

The best solution to solve homesickness is to talk with your family. Parents and siblings can always listen to you whenever you need them. More specifically, I can call my sister by video

chat after a long day at school. Talking about what I did in class and my complex problems in school life. She will always give me her support and suggestions. Moreover, I can ask my mom how to use a simple way to cook my dinner. In these ways, I know that all of my family have my back, and I will not be alone.

The second way to address homesickness is by making new friends. For example, when I came to Gainesville to learn English for the first two weeks, I did not know where to buy my daily needs, where to eat, and how to take a bus. All the difficulties made me stressed, and I did not want to stay here. However, after I met my classmates, they took me to the best supermarket in town, went to a popular restaurant together, and taught me how to check the bus schedule. Thanks to friends' help, I can live in Gainesville just like in my hometown.

Last but not least, eating food from my country can comfort my homesickness. To illustrate, food in America is very different from Taiwan's. Most food is cold and dry. However, I can easily buy hot beef noodle soup anywhere in my city. Therefore, I asked my mom to teach me to make noodle soup. Then, when I finally get my favorite traditional meal, the familiar taste will release some of the stress of living abroad alone.

Overall, when you study in another country by yourself, keep in touch with family, make as many local friends as possible, and eat your favorite food from your country, these can be excellent tips to help you address your homesickness. Then, when you deal with the missing home problem, you can focus on your studies and get good grades.

Park, Janggeun

RW 61, Rhetoric Analysis

The Rhetoric behind Coach's speech

Have you ever motivated people as a leader? If you have that kind of experience, and it was quite hard and difficult, there's a good example of how to motivate people. In the movie, "Any Given Sunday", Al Pacino who played a coach of the football team starts a speech to players before an important match. His team was faltering and struggling with the absence of a leader who could actually lead the team inside of the pitch. There are many players demonstrate **prowess** on the field but there was a lack of teamwork. Throughout his speech to the players,

Coach (Tony) posits the notion that, in either life or football, the important thing is to grab inches which means trying your best for a little change. Tony's use of passionate tone of voice, repeating some phrases and main word which represents the topic of the speech, and his failure life story allow him to effectively motivate his players to win the game.

Some of the word that Tony uses in his speech establish a comfortable atmosphere in locker room and also makes sure the players understand his expectation. For example, by using bad words during the speech, he could make his players to feel more friendly-relieve their tension before the game. Looking at repeating words like "That's a team", "That's a football", "That's all" could identify each word "team", "football", "all". By identifying, Tony simplifies the words for players who are nervous before the game starts to understand easier. After explaining the matter of inch in our every life he repeats: "We fight for that inch, we tear ourselves and everyone else around us to pieces for that inch, we claw our fingernails for that inch". This phrase repeating makes players to think about what is actually important thing which they need to pursue during the game. Because in football field, going an inch further may change the whole result of the game.

Tony maintains a passionate and coarse tone during his speech, so he made great success to encourage the players. His tone is really fittable to his speech purpose like spark the players desire of winning. Also, he keeps changing the volume of his voice in several parts which he wants to emphasize. For instance, after saying that they have to fight for an inch he add, "Because we know when we add up all those inches, that's gonna make the difference between winning and losing, between living and dying". He almost give a cry to players when he says this phrase. This loud volume makes the speech more dramatic and allows players to concentrate more. He shows about what he actually wants from players by tone shifting. For example, he uses enthusiastic diction on: "And either we heal now as a team" and right after, it changes to serious tone: "Or we will die as individuals." It emphasizes that the players need to sacrifice as a team, and makes players wake up at the end of the speech.

Telling his failure and **a slew of** wrong choices appeal to the emotions of players, and work to shows his thought, that he learns importance of one inch by losing something in life. Early in the speech, he mentions the kind of wrong choices that he made and how it is negatively

impacted to his life: “I pissed away all my money believe or not, I chased off anyone who’s ever loved me, and lately I can’t even stand the face I see in a mirror.” By this point, players could feel a kind of pity or compassion for the coach, and think that the coach isn’t always cynical, but just a same person as them. Also, the coach could put down his authority for a while and get closer to players. This makes the relationship stronger. In the last part, Tony suggests looking into other’s eyes which is full of willingness for win the game. With this process, Tony appeals to the emotions of players such as brave and desire of sacrifice and also successfully convey about how much teamwork matters in this game.

Through his word choice, encouragement with passionate tone, and failures from his past, Tony successfully motivated and burned the fighting spirit of the players. His selecting main word keeps connect the main topic which emphasize to move forward just an inch for teammates. His chosen tone used in the speech makes speech more dramatic. In addition, saying his failures from his past establish strong relationship between coach and players. All of these aspects contribute to the success of Tony’s motivation speech.

Diego Artieda, Salem Boresli

RW 30

It is dangerous to have an alligator

Having an alligator pet can be so dangerous for a lot of reasons. First, it may bite you or eat you. Secondly it will cost you a lot of money to keep it. For example, you must consider where would you keep it and what should you feed it. Thirdly, it needs water, so it needs a pool or a swamp near your house. Alligators eat meat or chicken, so you need to buy a lot of this if you don’t want the alligator to eat your hand. Maybe if you have a little alligator or a baby alligator, it is easier and is not as dangerous as one normal alligator. In conclusion, I think if you bought a dog, it may be more fun and safer and cheaper than an alligator.

Abrahan Gil**RW 41**

Did you know that playing video games have benefits for the mind? It's common to think that video games is just a way of entertainment, just like watch movies or watch videos. But recent studies shows that video games can in fact be good for the mind. As may you all know there are a lot of type of video games, and each of this, affects in different ways. There are several effects on mind from playing FPS, RPGs, MOBAs.

FPS that means First Person shooter have a lot of impact in brain function. A study of Scientific American Mind shows that people have better grades in test of abilities such as spatial reasoning, spatial focus, visual acuity and decision-making as a result of playing FPS very often. Play these games can give you skills that you can applied outside of screams. For earn these skills you do not have to play FPS for years. To illustrate the idea, non-gamers people were told to play FPS regularly and they improve their grades in the test of abilities. Furthermore, another study of University of California. Result in 10 adults were helping to cure amblyopia. In addition, they enhance their spatial attention and their depth perception. All this thanks to play an FPS game call Medal of Honor: Pacific Assault for 40 hours.

RPGs that mean Role Play Game, can help in many different ways. RPGs are used as therapeutic tools in drama therapy, RPGs allow to explore and think ways to deal with traumatic memories as result of RPGs immersion and creativity. In addition, RPGs can help increase confidence, the ability to confront situations, and cope with unexpected events.

MOBAs That mean multiplayer online battle arena are usually related to really addictive games. MOBAs are very tactic games, is more like chess but with characters, this produces enhance in decision making, attention and concentration. But MOBAs are mechanical games too, that means

that you need to use your abilities in the exact moment or in the better way, that produces an enhance of motor coordination.

Overall, FPS, RPGs, and MOBAs have influence on mind and provides skill that can use in real life. All game provides similar skills in relation to the mind like spatial reasoning, decision making, and motor coordination. Thank you for your attention.

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Di Wu

RW 61

When you see the history of human people, agriculture development is always the key that impacts the development of science. Without wheat and rice, human people may not have gone through Paleolithic Ear. Without potatoes, the Industrial Revolution may not have happened. In the past decade, cultivated meat (also called lab-grown meat, clean meat, and cultured meat) have become increasingly popular in many countries as Singapore and US. Someone may think that cultured meat will easily incorporate into the eating habits of consumers, but others disagree with this claim. As a new stuff, although lab-grown meat will be accepted by people in the future, it has a long way to go to change people's habits like traditional meat. Market price, food safety anxiety, and taste flavor will be the three main obstacles to stop people carrying this kind of meat on their table.

The market price of clean meat is the first challenge for normal shopper. When a housewife walks into a market or a grocery store to choose some food for her family, the unit price is always the important factor that impact their decision. According to the article *From lab to table: Will cell-cultured meat win over Americans?* written by Laura Reiley in The Washington Post, “Israeli-based company Aleph Farms said it had gotten the cost down to \$100 per pound, and the industry insider say American companies are getting the cost to \$50 per pound.” It is almost the lowest cost that clean meat is produced nowadays. However, more than \$50 per pound of meat is unaffordable and unacceptable for most normal families, especially compared with the price of traditional meat.

Then, food safety anxiety will obstruct people from choosing cultivated meat. This is not only for cultivated meat, but also for every new technology because people fear facing unknown stuff, especially for food. Nobody wants to take the risk to taste a bite of meat that was made from petri dish. In fact, according to *The Gruesome Truth About Lab-Grown Meat*, written by Nick Thieme from Slat, “Cultured meat grown in a lab is made from bovine cells that grow in a petri dish to ultimate produce a substance that is meatlike enough to market a s a burger...” and “cells, the basis of this substance, are notoriously suicidal.” This complicated process to make culture meat will cause huge anxiety for every shopper.

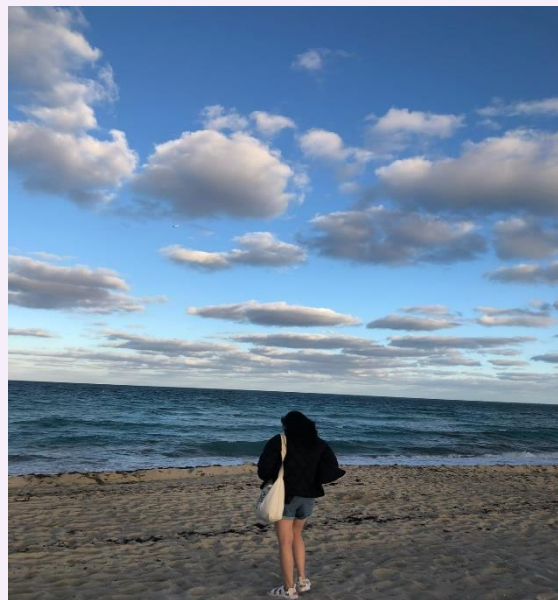
Some people may say that we also don’t know how livestock grown in the ranch and how this traditional meat was produced in slaughterhouse. However, at least we know this traditional meat was made by nature method.

Finally, the flavor of lab-grown meat will be a challenge for commercialization. Still from Reiley’s article, nowadays “Eighty percent of early products will be ‘unstructured meat’—ground beef and the insides of a chicken nugget as opposed to a T-bone of chicken wing.” It is too monotonous to make the customer choose it. What’s more, when the dull flavor mixes the price issue, more than \$50 per pound, it is almost impossible to make any family accept it.

In summary, culture meat may be the tend of meat supply produced in the future. It will take lower environmental stress, lower climate impact, and higher efficient production. However, it still needs a long time to be accepted by the market and normal customers, based on price, food safety and flavor issues.

Woonchae Park**RW 20****My Last Spring Break**

Last Spring break, I had a great time and made new memories I will never forget. On the first day, I went to Little Havana in Miami. I was shocked when I arrived because it felt like I was in Latin America. I ate Puerto Rican food, and it was delicious. On the second day, I went to Vizcaya Museum and Gardens. There were pretty statues and gardens, so I took many photos as I looked around. After that, I took a cruise next to the Bayside Marketplace. It was fun, but there were many people on the cruise. Ultimately, I went to South Beach. I felt so peaceful lying on the sand at South Beach and looking out over the beautiful sea. Also, the sunset was incredible, and I thought it would be better if my friends and family were there. Last spring break was a happy time for me!!

**Laura Gomez****GM 20**

Above is the clouds and the sun.

Under is the earth and I wait for you my love.

I look for you behind the rocks and across the river, but I don't see you my love.

In front of me I see a shadow, I hope are you, so my heart is happy for have you my love.

Heidi (Hyerim) Yu, Camila (Maria) Montealegre Ruiz

RW 30

Kayak in Antarctica

There are several reasons why I want to kayak in Antarctica. First, it's not a common experience because you can see extraordinary winter season. In addition, when you kayak you can feel a lot of emotions because of its beautiful view and the different shape of iceberg. Finally, you can see the different types of animals like penguins, whales, grey seal and others. In conclusion, kayak in Antarctica will be an interesting activity to you.



Is an Alligator a pet?



There are several reasons why I don't want a pet as alligator. First of all, the alligator is very dangerous because the eat alive animals and sometimes the attack humans. Second, they need special care about habitat and feed due to the are so big and life in wild. Finally, it is very difficult to get state permission to raise alligator. To conclude, alligator brings a big responsibility if you want to have this type of pet.

Jiyoun Jeong**RW 41**

First of all, I've spent the best times in ELI. All teachers I met was very nice and students was very good. Especially, whenever I ask something to you, you always answered very kindly to me. I was so thankful to you. When I was in Korea, I always dreamed to go to USA. Actually, it is my best experience I've ever seen. And, when I arrive at Korea, I'll tell my friends please go to UF ELI:) Anyway, after this semester, I'm gonna to New York, and West in USA. So, I'll feel USA to the fullest and go home! Thank you.

Lucerito Datzter Pinto, Othman Aldhafeeri, Rosie (Hyerim) Joo**RW 30****Kayak in Antarctica**

There are many reasons why people like to kayak in Antarctica. First, for some people, it's a new experience in their life. It is also an interesting and unique activity. Second, if you need to disconnect for a while, it is highly recommended to try kayaking in Antarctica. Finally, Antarctica is a very interesting place to visit. And practicing kayaking there makes you relax the nerves and calm yourself. In conclusion, I would love to be able to do that one day because it's a memorable experience.

Soo Hyuk Yang**RW 61****A Rhetorical Analysis of Jordan Peterson's Speech**

“You are an old infant. Right, and that’s an ugly thing.” This is part of Jordan Peterson’s speech. (2017) This quote feels quite strong, but there are some reasons. Jordan Peterson is a Canadian-born psychologist who completed his Bachelor of Science in Political Science and Psychology from the University of Alberta and earned a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from McGill University. He was a professor of psychology at Harvard University from 1993 to 1998 and has been a full-time professor of psychology at the University of Toronto since 1998. He wrote some notable books like *Maps of Meaning* (1999), *12 Rules for Life* (2018), and *Beyond Order* (2021). In connection with his career, he often gives helpful advice to his students and younger generations as a professor. This speech is part of his lecture to his students, and the original lecture is more than two hours long, which can be found on Jordan Peterson's official YouTube channel. In this speech, Peterson chose words that could impress and stimulate the audience, changed the tone during the speech, and used metaphors using Peter Pan examples as evidence that played a major role in conveying his message.

His speech begins with the story of Peter Pan. He considers Peter Pan a magical boy who doesn't grow up and explains that Peter Pan doesn't want to give it up either because children are still nothing but potential. So, he wants to remain forever as such a potential being. Then he talks about Captain Hook as an example of adults around Peter Pan. Captain Hook is a tyrant whose crocodile has already eaten part of his body and time is slowly nibbling away at himself. Looking at an adult like Captain Hook, Peter Pan does not want to be an adult but chooses to become the king of the boys who has risen in Neverland as a place to avoid reality and maturity. In addition, Peterson described Tinkerbell as a substitution for the real thing that does not exist in reality. On the other hand, he explained that Wendy is a mature woman who accepts that she is finite. Also, he mentioned that Peter Pan is satisfied with Tinkerbell who doesn’t exist, and the substitution for the real thing, instead of choosing a real woman, Wendy who accepts her maturity and mortality. Through the example of Peter Pan, a fairy tale

everyone knows, he likened Peter Pan to the younger generation of modern society, people who don't want to take responsibility for maturity and want to postpone it. These examples help the audience understand what he was saying and emphasize and support his argument. Sacrifice your youth to be a mature being. Also, he quotes Carl Jung, "He thought that part of the proper path of development in the last half of life was re-discover the child that you left behind as you were apprenticing." Peterson quoted a famous scholar named Carl Jung as supporting his opinion that sacrifices in youth are important because sacrifices in youth will be a way to move in an appropriate direction in life.

The second factor that helped his speech succeed was the tone. Throughout his speech, he changes his tone to emphasize his opinion. In this video, his speech is generally conducted in a casual atmosphere by using some informal words, or some swear. because it is part of a lecture that teaches students, not a formal speech. However, he changes the pitch of his voice. At the beginning of the video, he talks in a gentle voice, and as the development progresses, he disciplines the students with a furious voice. Especially when he told students to choose sacrifice, he shouted and emphasized it almost as if he was angry. Also, he uses exaggerated gestures like folding and unfolding his hands, pointing with his fingers, and waving his hands to emphasize his story or use movements to help to understand. Sometimes he conveys his opinion in an explanatory tone, and sometimes in a tone that disciplines students. Saying like "You choose your damn sacrifice." Or "you are an old infant, that's an ugly thing." This kind of tone-changing can give a clue about his main idea to sacrifice youth not to be an old infant. And through this tone change, he can deliver his message more properly and more efficacious.

Lastly, he uses word choice quite strongly. This speech is part of his lecture to his students, so it's quite casual. We can find that through his informal words. For example, he said, "when you're 25, you could be an idiot." Or "What the hell have you been doing for the last 10 years?" or "You choose your damn sacrifice." These expressions are quite strong to use in public speaking, but this speech was a lecture in an informal situation. It was just a lecture at the university. He strongly appeals to his opinion and makes a speech admonishingly mixing these harsh expressions in the middle to get the audience to focus their attention. Also, in this speech, he describes someone like Peter Pan, who has to grow over time, but is busy avoiding

maturity and doing nothing, as an "old infant," and conveys his opinion with this powerful choice of words. When I first heard this, it came as a big shock. Because everything he said was right, and I couldn't deny that I too tended to avoid maturity and want to stay in the present. I think it was probably a word choice that hit the nail on the head of a significant number of younger generations in that situation. Because, as Peterson said, young people in modern society tend to avoid immediate pain by delaying maturity. Through this speech, Peterson seems to want young people in this situation to realize and practice to get out of this situation. and I think the word, "Old Infant" is the most important keyword for explaining the main idea in this speech, and the use of these words plays the most important role in successfully deliver his main idea. "Choose sacrifice so you don't become an old infant."

Jordan Peterson, the esteemed psychologist, and professor use a great example, the Peter Pan story, a fairy tale that everyone knows, as a metaphor, uses tone changing to emphasize his opinions and uses strong word choice to stimulate people. All the strategic factors he used supported his argument, increased the credibility of his words, and even though it was not a massive speech in front of a large public, through YouTube, his speech influenced various younger generations, not only students but also in all fields around the world. As one person inspired by this speech, I, too, will start preparing not to be an old infant. As he says, sacrifice is inevitable, so we will all have to find a way to sacrifice youth and move on to luminous life.

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Geraldine Avila Sanchez**RW 20****Experience at the ELI**

I had a great experience here. In the ELI, I had the opportunity of knowing different and nice people, and I learned a little more about their cultures, beliefs, and traditions. In addition, the experience with the teachers has been very good. I feel very grateful. Because they helped me to see the other forms of think. Furthermore, I like the ELI because there are a lot of cultural activities and the communication through respect. Also, I like the activities that are carried every day to share and meet. That teach us to learn more about the places of the university and Gainesville. I truly enjoy having this wonderful experience at the ELI.

Danney Pamplona Cardenas, Daniela Alarcon Guzman**RW 30****Adventure in Antarctica**

Kayaking in the Antarctica could be fun for vacations. First of all, is not a common sport, but most people should go to do the trip because it is a unique experience. Secondly, it is necessary to use special clothes because there is a very low temperature. People could get sick easily, if they don't use a special outfit like under layers, outer layers, gloves and socks it could be insecure. Most important, the people security could be affected by sea conditions, so you have to make sure to choose your schedule well. Finally, if you want to do this sport it is necessary to save money because the price depends on the ship and the duration of the journey. In conclusion, we both agree to take a trip because it is a perfect place to see clear water, wild animals like seals, elephant seal, whale, and dolphins. To get an adventure with family and friends, so you can get out of the monotony.

Abdulahkim Almarzuki**RW 41****Studying abroad**

Living in a foreign country will change your mindset and open opportunities. I lived my whole life in my country; I never left it for work or study. For therefore, before I came in the United States, I was somewhat worried. Many people told me to stay because I had a good job and I was living between my family and inside my community. So, leaving all these things for studying abroad in United States must be a hard destination. Since studying abroad makes me live alone and away from my family and community. However, regardless of the benefits and advantages when I stay in my country. Studying abroad in United States as I noticed creates a huge impact on the person such as learning English language, making friends, and discovering new skills.

First, English language is one of the most wanted languages to learn. English is international language. By learning English language, you can explore the world with confidence because you can communicate more effectively in many parts of the world, which, in turn, allows you to explore and travel more confidently and to learn more about the countries and cultures. Moreover, learning English is necessary to get access in many of the world's best universities. For example, Harvard, Stanford, Oxford, and Cambridge universities.

Second, making friends from all around the world. In a big foreign country contain different races; stimulate students make friendships with someone from a different country than their own. One can visit his friends in different countries or invite his friends to his home country. Even after graduation, their friendships can last a very long time and having a friend from a different country is always an advantage. Besides, making friendship with others who have different culture, language and religion make you learn about them and explore the differences. That thing will let you have experiences with many people which make you open-minded and let you more flexible to accept other nations and cultures.

Third, discovering new skills while studying abroad. Living in a foreign country puts you through many unfamiliar situations, challenges, and experiences. These things force you to adapt new Food, Weather, Currency, Traditions, and Laws. Also helps you to discover new skills such as Problem-Solving. For example, imagine navigating a new city figuring out bus and taxi routes, and learning how to ask residents for help. Studying abroad can force you to think quickly on your feet and evolve into an adaptable problem solver.

To sum up, studying English language, finding colleagues, identify new abilities these are not the only advantages of studying abroad, there are many more. However, studying abroad is not always the best option. It depends on the person's situation and responsibilities because sometimes it will be a bad decision.

Geraldine N. Avila S.

GM 20

Poor teddy

Once upon a time there was a girl.
That search and search.
To her little teddy be.
It is under the table she said.
It is next to the tv.
It is between the clothes.
It is above the bed.
Is in the closet.
She said, where can my poor teddy be?

By Rosie (Hyerim) Joo

RW30

She's like my parents

I am the youngest member of the Joos family, and she is the eldest daughter. Her name is Hye Lee Joo and in Korean 주혜리. My name was made by her. Because she wanted it to be like her name. She is 28 years old this year, 7 years older than me. While she has the same blood type and a name similar to me, she has a different personality, thoughts, and dreams.

Her personality cannot be identified in one way. She has an insensitive personality but is also wise and responsible. For example, when a bug appears in the house, my second older sister and I scream and ask to catch the bug, but the first sister tells us indifferently, "Even bugs have to live together." She like that is very irritating. But she is a good listener and a wise person. When I talk to her whenever I'm having a hard time, she always gives me good experiences and decisions. But she doesn't force me to make that decision, she just offers me various options. That way I can choose a better way. Also, she has a strong sense of responsibility. She is someone who takes the initiative and always tries to take responsibility for her own actions.

She is the eldest daughter. She has a mother, father, and two younger sisters. So, she seems to think a lot about our family. For example, she always gives pocket money to our family every payday. Also, when she comes back from a travel, she always buys the family gift. As the first child, she has the burden of getting a job and the idea of taking care of her family. She has love and a willingness for family.

She is currently a public servant. It wasn't the job she wanted, but she got a job as a public servant, a job our parents wanted. She studied for the department she wanted for 4 years, but because of her poor grades on each test, she applied for an easier department to get a job quickly. She is still not happy with her own work and is still trying to find her dream.

She is more responsible than anyone else for her job and family. She was very supportive of my life in the US and gave great support not only in terms of opinions but also in

the economic aspect. I trust her advice and choices. She is the one who always leads me to good places. I hope she can put down some of her pressure and move on in her own direction and finds what she wants to do. If she finds out, I will support her as she supports me.

Azzam Ghnaim

RW 20

Experience at the ELI

When I came to the ELI institute, I was not fluent in English. My first semester, I didn't understand anything. Moreover, I couldn't even write my name. I was studying in the first semester with my teacher Zoe. Zoe taught me Reading & Writing and Grammar. She taught me the basics of English. Also, my friends helped me a lot to learn English. I finished the first semester, and I had a month off. I studied a lot during this month, and I memorized a lot of vocabulary. Then I entered my second semester and learned a lot more about the English language. The second semester, Zoe is my RW teacher again, and my teacher, Olga is my grammar teacher. I benefited a lot from them. It was and will remain one of the best learning experiences of my life.

Yoojin Lee

RW 60

Money is not the only one that affects happiness

Happiness, an important feeling for humans, matters in life. Back in the centuries, the prime of life was to survive starving. As time went by, the average wealth rose and the intelligence of people grew. Nowadays, finding who we are and reaching a higher level of happiness is an important thing in living life. A controversial topic about happiness is whether money can buy happiness. It is irrefutable that money is necessary to live life. However, thinking of happiness, there are more important components that affect happiness than money.

Happiness can be controlled with your mindset. It means that the way you think will affect your happiness. People tend to think that they will be happy when they achieve their goals and tend to tolerate their unhappiness and wait until they succeed (Achor, 2012). This is the formula that a lot of people have: finding happiness in the future, not in the present. However, even though they succeed in their goals, they will not be able to be happy as they expected to be: It is called “impact bias” (Gilbert, 2004). It is because external components, which include successes, affect only 10 percent of long-term happiness; 90 percent of it is predicted by the mechanism people use to think about the world (Achor, 2012). It is a paradox to expect that the thing that only affects 10 percent of happiness will give you a high level of happiness in a long term. For this reason, Shawn Achor, an eminent psychologist at Harvard, emphasizes positive psychology as a main point in happiness (2012). He insists that people should reverse the mechanism of the process of happiness that they think from “success gives happiness” to “happiness makes success,” and also change negative thinking to positive thinking. Positive thinking matters. For instance, people who have positive thinking mechanisms in their brains show a higher rate of success than people who think negatively. It is because optimism levels affect 75 percent of job successes. Also, positive thoughts make brains 31 percent more productive than negative thoughts. In spite of the fact that happiness is predisposed by genetics, people can override genes through their efforts (Kung, 2020). The gene that is correlated with happiness is the serotonin transporter gene. Serotonin controls a person’s mood, and the serotonin transporter gene regulates serotonin. This gene is the actual part that predisposes; it has two versions: long alleles and short alleles. Teenagers with two long alleles were 17.5 percent more likely to report being satisfied. By the same token, even though happiness is predisposed by genetics, people can control their level of happiness through individual efforts. Happiness is 50 percent affected by genes and the other half is affected by the environment, and the environment can override genes. In short, other elements affect happiness besides money, such as mindset and genetics.

With the fact that happiness can be controlled by one’s mindset in mind, there are specific actual ways to increase happiness with individual effort. Achor (2012), who highlights positive psychology as a key point of happiness, suggested five methods to change the formula of the

brain to think positively: writing 3 gratitudes, journaling one positive experience, exercising, meditation, and random acts of kindness. Keeping doing these for 21 days can help people think positively. Additionally, finding a purpose in life helps increase happiness. A research study done by Schippers and Ziegler (2019) defined the process of finding the true purpose in life in a word: life crafting. Since it is hard to define one's true meaning in life, life crafting gives people a guide to achieve it. The main processes that life crafting involves are setting goals based on one's passion, reflecting, and writing down specific plans for goals and an ideal future. These processes lead to positive psychology, which is the main point of attaining happiness through effort. Building on the above, regardless of wealth, it seems that many evidence-based specific ways help people to find happiness based on positive psychology.

Some will argue that money is essential to happiness. It's true that money can affect happiness. A graph titled "A global look at wealth and happiness" shows the relationship between wealth per adult and happiness score (World Happiness Report, 2022). People from countries where wealth per adult is high tend to score higher levels of happiness, which means money affects happiness. That point is true, but it is unimportant because there are many outliers including Brazil, Nicaragua, Mexico, Saudi Arabia, the Czech Republic, and many other countries; they scored higher than 6.0 happiness score even though the wealth per adult is lower than \$30K. In particular, the wealth per adult in Brazil and Nicaragua is less than \$5K. In this case, culture may have affected the happiness score of people in those countries. In contrast, there are also a lot of countries that scored less than 6.0 happiness score even though the wealth per adult of those is higher than \$50K. South Korea, Hong Kong, and Greece are the case. Many other reasons affect these results. For instance, even though Saudi Arabia and Lebanon have a similar level of wealth, Saudi Arabia scored a happiness score of over 6.0, on the other hand, Lebanon scored less than 3.0. Lots of issues including political and economic issues might have affected the Lebanese people. These outliers show that money cannot buy happiness. Also, the majority of countries in Europe, which has well-known as having the best welfare state, occupied the highest ranking in this graph. In conclusion, it is obvious that even though being wealthy, the level of happiness can be low affected by other reasons, such as culture, politics, economics, and a welfare state.

Many other important elements affect happiness besides money: mindset, genetics, culture, politics, economics, a welfare state, and so on. All of these components, including money, are combined and decide the levels of happiness. Wealth is not the main point. Furthermore, even in a poverty situation, by learning positive psychology and finding the true purpose in life, people can learn how to control their mindset and attain happiness. Happiness is what matters in living life. People live life and get motivated by happiness. Life is complex. There is no way that one thing can determine the levels of happiness.

Dahyeon Nam

RW 20

My Experience at the ELI

I was very scared before I joined the ELI because I had never been to America and I had never lived apart from my parents. So, I had a lot of thoughts. But after I came here, I was really happy because my classmates were really sweet. This was my first time talking to different people. It was quite interesting because I realized a lot while talking with people from different cultures. And secondly, all the teachers in my classes were kind. They always waited for me when I couldn't adapt well and couldn't speak English. I didn't notice this consideration at first, but now I realize it because I have changed who I am now. I've gained so much confidence thanks to the ELI. For example, I was afraid to order food before I took the class. But now, even if I'm not good at it, I order food with confidence. It was my biggest goal. I achieved it. I will never forget that the ELI enabled me to achieve my goals. Thank you, ELI, classmates, and teachers.

Heidi (Hyerim) Yu

RW 30

Now and forever

Do you know about Seona of ELI? She is one of my best friends. A lot of ELI people who know us think that we're very close. The reason I like her is we share many things like personality and similarities. But we didn't know each other before ELI. Don't you wonder how we became best friend quickly?

Actually, we didn't know each other before we got here. We met for the first time while preparing for ELI. And then fortunately, we became roommates. We shared not only food but also happiness and sadness as a roommate. For example, I celebrated her birthday, and she cheered me up whenever I was depressed. These reasons quickly made us friend.

I love her personality. She is a very caring person. Seona always worries about her friends even when she got hurt. In addition, she is insightful. She always listens to my problems and offers solutions, and it was helpful. Also, she is responsible. She studies hard and does her best in what she is given. I learned many things from her personality.

We have several similarities. First of all, we are in the same major at the same university. Our major is business and we often talked about this. Second, we have similar taste in clothes. Every time we go shopping, we choose the same clothes. Finally, we are going to Canada after this semester. I'm looking forward to the trip with her!

Seona and I get close during this semester. We have a lot in common also, I like her nature. That's why we became inseparable friend. I'm happy to know her. I'll never forget memories of ELI with Seona. We will be best friend forever!

Ginna Rojas

GM 20

True

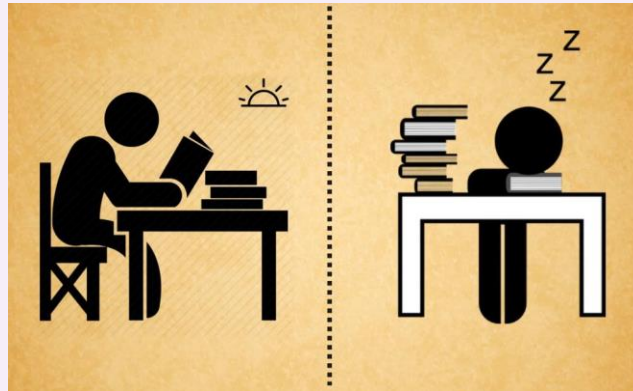
In my heart, there are seeds of hope.
And under my self, true love is found.
only around my consciousness, it is hope
that transmutes into certainty.
Because it is my same love that always awaits me.
True: it is the love of myself that awaits me in the middle of my heart?
or go behind you?

Paola Salazar Meza

RW 20

My Experience at the ELI

Studying English at the ELI has been one of the best decisions that I have made in my life. I have learned a lot of English. When I arrived, I didn't understand anything in English. Now, I can do a descriptive paragraph, and also I can do a narrative paragraph very well. I couldn't talk before, but now I can do it. I have also met many new friends. When I was in Venezuela, I had very bad friendships. Of course, not all them were bad, but if the vast majority of them. Finally, I have learned to be independent. I have had to learn do things that I didn't know how to do before. For example, I had to learn to wash clothes, and I had to learn how to clean the bathroom and many other things. This experience has helped me in many aspects of my life, and I feel very grateful.

Ay, Abdulaziz**RW 41**

Study at the ELI

Why international students are interested in studying at the ELI? Some students know about the ELI from their family or friends, while others searched for the weather in Gainesville and the quality of adduction before applying at the ELI. All students must have to three classes GR, LS, and GR. Some students have WR class in the morning another have WR class afternoon. There are many differences between studying in the morning or in the afternoon in the school schedule, routine, and physical health.

Firstly, it is very important to select for your schedule. If you are a morning person, who wake up early every day you will have trouble with the afternoon schedule and you can't study hard on weekdays just you can study on weekends. On the other hand, if you are afternoon person and wake up late every day and you have classes in the morning, you will have trouble with your class.

Secondly, it is very hard to change your routine. Some students studies in the morning when they were children and now it is very difficult for them to change their routine, in the morning students can study when they finish their classes and they have time different from students who study in the afternoon they don't have time to study. For example, if the students finish school at 5:00 P.M, they will have problems joining ELI activities, especially the students who are looking to take all semesters at ELI.

Finally, your physical health can change your day. Unlike junk foods and not enough sleep, healthy foods and enough sleep can help you to study hard. You can control yourself and

make your day remarkable if you keep your mind successful to understand your teachers in your classes. In addition, when you spend your time studying something, you can see that time goes faster.

As you can see, there are many differences between morning students and afternoon students in scheduling classes, daily routines, and physical health.

By Dannay Pamplona Cardenas

RW 30

My Twin Soul, Sarita

The moment you meet with my family, should feel like it is your family as well. It's no different for my 5-year-old niece Sarita. She is very lovely and a very extroverted person. She loves to meet new people and she is very curious about other people's feelings and likes. She is also very passionate about music and dance. Additionally she loves any tasty food. All of this suggest Her and I feel like twin souls.

Ever since she was born just 8 days after my 29th birthday. We are both Taurus which helps a lot, but we love almost the same things and the same passions. Sarita is sociable, spontaneous and communicative. She expresses everything she thinks and is fearless to say whatever she feels. She loves helping people and animals. She is always worried about others. She loves to show off her ability to dance for everyone to see. She lives to have fun and experience new and exciting things. She is a person who is full of joy and a desire to live. She also shows a high level of intelligence and enthusiasm while expressing her ideas, and objectives. She has a lot of social skills and she is never afraid to talk in public, her abilities and intelligence is so advanced she was just promoted and skipped an entire year of school from kindergarten to 1th grade.

Sarita is also an artist person. She loves to listen to music and dance, she has a talent for playing piano, dancing ballet or any music you play she can dance. Also she loves singing Disney songs due to she wears princess outfits and acts like the characters in the movies.

Above all, Sarita has a very good like for delicious food. She likes burgers with fries and coke in a can, pineapple pizza, sushi or any tasty food, she does not like any kind of meat, just she likes fish so she is naturally pescatarian. She really enjoys eating good meals with companions. And always has an interesting topic to speak.

Sarita has many people who love her, and not all of them share her qualities for being extrovert, artistic, and for her likes about food. Most people who love Sarita include family, teachers and friends, because everyone enjoys her company. It is often interesting to spend time with someone who is just like you, especially someone as special as Sarita. She is such a special person and that makes her an interesting person to know.

Noura Altarif

RW 20

ELI

Eli institute is the best. There are great teachers and helpful administration. The students in Asia are very respectful, so I like it. Teachers always help us and give advice. There are services in Eli if it helps us to spend a long time. They always help us complete the data to complete the term because we are having difficulty at the beginning. I like the Eli institute.

Jiwoo (Evelyn) Lee

RW60

Can money buy happiness?

Introduction

Have you heard about Bhutan, which was considered the happiest country in the world? From first place in 2011, it fell to 95th place in the 2019 survey eight years later, plunging the happiness index. Looking at the reason, as the Internet and SNS developed in Bhutan due to rapid urbanization, the happiness index plunged as the people became aware of their poverty and began to compare it with other countries. Now in the 21st century that technology and science have developed, money is an essential element of happiness. Whether money Can buy

happiness is a contentious subject that many people are debating. Some people will say that money cannot buy the fundamental value of happiness, but I think it is the opposite. I think money is essential for achieving baseline happiness.

1. Managing happiness?

According to Kung (TED, 2020), Happiness is highly genetic. People usually think that happiness is affected by external things. That is true, but also another half reason is related to genetic reasons. There is a gene which is called 'Serotonin transporter gene'. This gene comes in two versions. There is a long version and a short version. The difference between the two is the long version is more efficient in producing serotonin, which plays a role in mood stabilization. We can get one of three options: two long genes, one of each and two short genes. So, depending on which pair of genes that we have, we might have to put more effort into being happy. For example, if you do not have enough serotonin due to genetic problems, it is harder to get happiness and also easier to be depressed.

Then we have to keep an eye on our mental health by taking time to give our brain a rest and learning how to get happiness for instance, with money, you can explore different interests and hobbies that you enjoy more comfortably. It can take a long time, even your whole life. But with money, it greatly shortens the time spent searching. And then money will be needed to keep this happiness that you get from the journey you had taken to get happiness. Due to these reasons, to find and keep happiness, money is necessary.

2. More people who are more low income are more likely to commit suicide

According to World Health Organization (WHO, 2019), 77% of suicides are occurring in low-and middle-income countries where most of the world's poor live. But interestingly, richer countries have higher rates of mental health issues compared to poorer countries. For example, Australia and New Zealand, both identified as high-income countries, had the highest lifetime prevalence rates of anxiety — 8% and 7.9%, respectively. Nigeria (0.1%) and Shenzhen, China (0.2%), had the lowest rates reported; both were categorized as low-income areas. However, developed countries put a great amount of budget into caring about the public's mental health. In wealthier countries, there have been mental health campaigns to educate the public and

diminish misinformation regarding mental health, and therefore reduce stigma. Social media platforms and celebrities opening up about their own mental health struggles have also helped to shift negative perceptions regarding mental disorders. **On the other hand**, developing countries do not have enough budget so caring about the public's mental health is not a priority. In fact, most developing countries are too focused on meeting basic needs and achieving economic growth in order to adequately focus on mental health efforts. **For instance**, there was an economic crisis in 1997 which is called the Asia Financial Crisis that hit many Asian countries. During the situation, there was a marked increase in suicide rates in a number of East/Southeast Asian countries. Analyses of data from some of these countries indicate that suicide rates rose. **Specifically**, South Korea. Problems that were hidden behind the background of rapid economic growth before the economic crisis came to light. South Korea fell to the brink of collapsing for a while after the economic crisis. Although it recovered after a short period of time, there were enormous social and economic aftereffects. Problems that were rarely acknowledged before, **such as** polarization, job insecurity, and youth unemployment, have emerged as a reality, leaving a grim shadow in the form of a surge in suicide rates, the collapse of unemployed families, and divorce. These are ongoing problems that have yet to be solved. Looking at the national death records from 1993 to 2016 provided by the Korea National Statistical Office (KNSO, <https://mdis.kostat.go.kr>), there were 42.3 percent (2547 people) more deaths in Korea were from suicide in 1998 compared to 6,022 total the previous year. The number of suicides that fell below 7,000 three years after the first explosion increased by 24.5 percent (1,698 people) in 2002 and 26.7 percent (2301 people) in 2003. The number of suicides increased to 10,932 in 2003, exceeding 10,000 for the first time, and the number of suicides per 100,000 population surged to 24, the highest among OECD countries. Since then, the total number of suicides in 2004 and 2005 has reached an annual high, and the average daily number of suicides has soared to 33. So, what we can draw from this, the worst economic situation negatively affects people's mental condition. If we want to live a life with happiness, financial stability is essential.

3. Money can buy opportunity

Some will say that there are some things you cannot buy with money. It is true that having a lot of money doesn't necessarily make you happy. There is so much more to life than money.

However, that point is not important because if you have money, you have many more possibilities to be happy than if you were poor. For example, if you have money, you can maintain good health and you are more likely to be exposed to positive social relationships. **As an example**, people who have money are more likely to go to a place where they have higher social status **like** school or social club. And It allows them more socially healthy relationships. Money is involved in every relationship. At home, school, work and even in religious life. If money doesn't come and go well, the relationship becomes estranged. Money is essential in human relationships. Money cannot buy relationships, but money can keep and break relationships. And you can enjoy leisure and rest. **For example**, you can enjoy your lifestyle by traveling, learning other languages or how to play an instrument. Money is what allows us to buy our experiences to see and do more in life. **However**, most of these you cannot even start without money. If you do not have enough money, you are unable to even choose. You always have to choose the best option financially in that situation. You cannot even consider the other options because you have to think about your financial status before and after. So, **with this in mind**, money can make it easier to access the seminal things for life and easier to feel satisfaction. According to the world wealth and happiness map (World Happiness Report, 2022), except for countries in special situations like war or demonstration like Afghanistan and Lebanon, the graph shows the wealth and happiness of the country are correlated. The more wealth a country has, the higher the happiness index.

Conclusion

Money cannot buy the emotion of happiness, but money definitely can give us a shortcut to happiness and can make us keep the happiness. So, money has an important influence on happiness because it is natural that you can only be happy once you can make a living. Without too much money, 'survival' itself becomes difficult. In this regard, money may not 'promote'

happiness as much as we hope, but it at least serves to prevent misfortune. There is happiness from having money but there is no happiness from being poor.

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Daniela Alarcon Guzman

RW 30

Companion for life

José is my older brother. He is 30 years old, his favorite sport is soccer and his favorite part of the day is walking the dog every morning before going to work. José strives every day to be a better person and achieve all his objectives and goals, which is why he is my example to follow. All this suggests José is organized, intelligent and supportive.

José is considered a very intelligent person, since in his work he always characterized for his good performance. Over the years José has always had very good grades in the subjects. He won a scholarship to study the specialization in project management, which he did at the Universidad Distrital in Colombia. At this moment, he is studying for a master's degree in

industrial engineering at the Universidad de Los Andes in Colombia. He always strives to grow personally and professionally.

José is also an organized person. This means that he always has time for studying and doing work. José is also characterized by planning dinner outings or doing different plans as a family. He is a very organized person because he plans all the tasks that he has to do in his day and this allows him to have a more productive day. José is a person who always gives quality time to his family and his activities.

José has always supported me when I need help with a task, giving me advice. José was the person who taught me to drive and supported me financially to buy my first car when I was 18 years old. Older siblings always want younger siblings to surpass them in every way. For example, academic, financial and personal. José has always motivated me to overcome him and be better than him.

It is a privilege to have an older brother who is characterized as organized, intelligent and supportive person. Jose is a great example for the younger people in the family. In addition to the fact that older brothers always help and take care of younger brothers, brothers will always be a great company for life.

Ginna Rojas

RW 20

My Experience at the ELI

Last January, I came to the ELI to learn English. I decided that I was going to study full-time. The agent of the company, Edutravel Leandro, helped me register at UF in a record time of two days and gave me the entire English language program at the ELI. Thus I began this fantastic experience in the ELI. First of all, the attention and guidance of the administrative staff has been excellent, but my teachers Zoe and Debbie have been one of the best because of the love and effort they put into every day showing their great vocation. It has been wonderful belonging to a group of international students because, although we are from different cultures, we have a common goal of learning English. It has been great to have good classmates

and be able to share different activities inside and outside. UF has made it easier to practice the language. My experience at the ELI has been one of the best of my life.

Euijeong No

RW 20

Experience at the ELI

I was able to make important relationships in my life at the ELI. In the beginning, the ELI was difficult with many changes. It took a lot of courage to meet people of different cultures and languages in a new place. However, as I got used to class and life, I began to be interested in ELI people. They were nice and considerate. I made relationships with them, so I started to have fun in my activities at the ELI. Although, in the beginning, I participated out of a sense of duty, now, I participate with anticipation. Also, I can approach my friends more actively compared to the first time. My friends didn't ignore my opinion, and they complimented me. For example, they waited for me to speak slowly, and they didn't make fun of my mistakes. I think about how they made me a person to who I can relate.

My conversation partner is a good and patient person. If there is a word that I can't speak in English, she thinks about it and considers it with me. I also went to the restaurant she recommended because she knew it was difficult for me to challenge new food well. I was able to develop my independent side by kindly teaching how to order at the restaurant in English. Also, she gave me butter chicken made by her mother as a gift, so I shared it with my roommates. She is an important person who has always been considerate of me and has accepted my fear of meeting new people.

My self-esteem and positive mind have increased because I met various friends at the ELI. To me, precious friends will be the people I want to remember the most in my life, even after the ELI is over.

Woonchae Park**RW 20****One of My Happy Days**

It was a very happy day for me on February 24th. I will never forget that time. I met my conversation partner after class. I was excited during class because I would be hanging out with my conversation partner soon. After I met my conversation partner, we went to Huey Magoo's. They sell chicken tenders, and we ate chicken tenders. The chicken tenders were crispy, soft, and delicious. In addition, the dipping sauce was good. I was happy because I was full. I went to Baskin-Robbins after we ate food. We took it to the campus building to eat. I heard that that building is the place where my conversation partner often goes. I looked around the place and I ate ice cream. The building is called the Institute of Black Culture, and I learned about black history while I was looking around the building. It was a meaningful experience for me because I could extend my mind to learn about other histories or cultures. I was talking to my conversation partner there and went to Gator Night with my friend. I was very excited because I'd never been to Gator Night, and it is a special event at the University of Florida. First, I ate free food, such as hot dogs and lemonade. I liked them because it was free and delicious. Then, I did a henna tattoo with my friend, and I took a picture. It was very pretty! Also, I watched other people sing in the Reitz Union auditorium, and I took a picture with my friend at the photo booth. I thought that it was a wonderful day while I was going home after the Gator Night because I had a lot of fun things at that time. I grew up sharing each other's culture and spent time with them. I will remember all of the things that happened at the ELI, and I appreciate the ELI for making good memories in my life.

Mazen Al-Hammadi**RW 20****My Experience at the ELI**

I don't have much experience at the ELI, but I've learned a lot. I learned how to speak faster and with confidence from Zoe and Debbie. I learned a lot from them. The first time I came here, I was a little scared because I couldn't speak English at all. Now, I talk to my friends and my teachers in English all the time, and, more than anything else, I understand what's going on. This gave me confidence and a lot of experience in speaking with others without fear. Also, the ELI activities were very helpful to us; they gave us room to speak with anyone. Furthermore, I learned how to read and write, and this was with the help of my teacher Zoe, so I want to thank Zoe for everything she does for us. That's all I learned this semester, and I'm happy with all the experience I gained from the ELI. With pleasure, I will continue to study next semester to learn more and gain more experience. Thanks to my teachers, thanks to my friends, thanks to ELI. 😊

Cathy (Hui Fang) Tsai**RW 41**

In my listening and speaking class, I choose "Fast Fashion" as my topic to talk about the negative effect of it. Fast fashion means cheap manufacturing, frequent consumption, and short-lived garment use. This industry causes extensive damage to the planet and exploits workers. For example, textile factories use toxic textile dyes and non-decomposable materials to produce cheap clothes, and consumers drive more and more disposed. In addition, garment workers work in dangerous environments for low wages and without fundamental human rights. Before, I was a fast fashion consumer. I could buy over 15 cheap clothes in one month but only wear them once and then throw them away. However, I decided to make some changes to help sustain our planet. Hence, the quote by British designer Vivienne Westwood, "Buy less, choose well, make it last," will be the rule for me to follow when I need to buy clothes.

Azzam Almatrodi**RW 10****ELI Institute**

I study English language at the ELI. I started studying the language at the beginning of this year in 2023. I knew nothing about the English language. The beginning was difficult. After several months, I noticed a big difference in my English. At the end of the course, I hope to master the English language. These days are the best days.



Camila (Maria) Montealegre Ruiz

RW 30

My grandmother

The most important member of my family is my grandmother. She was born in 1932. Her name is Ines. Everyone in my family learned a lot from her personality, hobbies and tips is what makes so especial.

Ines has the best advice for the family. She is 91 years old. Her childhood was difficult, she did not have much money. Ines grew up with one sister. She was the first woman that went to the University. Accounting was her degree. She worked in the Ministry of the Public Works, and she was in charge of signing the contracts. She had a lot of experience.

Ines has amazing hobbies. she considers that they have helped her to have a good memory. She plays crossword, alphabet soup and no one in the family can forget the incredible games of rummy Q. She enjoys and does every day. Her favorite sport is tennis. This sport helps to have coordination and concentration. She always encouraged us all to have a favorite sport and activities that will help us develop our brain.

Her personality is very kind and generous. For example, she helped me to pay my university and my grandmother always tries to help her neighbors. She is an emotional support for the family. The first person that my family tell the good and the bad things is her. She transmits with her voice tranquility and love.

Ines is the woman who makes the family united with her advice, hobbies and her personality. However, I'm sure that in your family there is a person who does the same. I hope everyone in your family knows.

Sein Yoon**RW 61****Our dinner table will change from traditional meat to Cultivated meat, soon**

There are a lot of discussions about cultivated meat (also called lab-grown meat) around the world, and some of you might say it's first time to hear about cultivated meat. It seems little awkward to us, how can meat comes from the lab? Whiley (2023) explains cultivated meat is made from animals' stem cells and to grow inside bioreactors and if the meat is grown in the lab, it could be cultivated in any kinds of meat the producer want to sell. Literally, it could be patty of hamburger or steak, stew, anything. If these kinds of cultivated meats were served on your table, how do you feel? At first, you would feel it's weird but there are a lot of advantages about cultivated meat, and even it looks same and tastes same as traditional meat, it would change your mind and your awkwardness will be **diminished**. Our efforts for a better and cleaner environment, advances in technology toward cultivated meat, its taste and texture similar to traditional meat will change our table, and more and more consumers will find grown meat, so cultivated meat will naturally permeate our eating habits.

Climate change, air pollution, land degradation, excessive energy use, these are the important issues from global warming. In this society, we cannot live by ignoring these environmental issues, and we know that there is no future for us unless we try to solve them. Because lab-grown meat is 'cultivated', it is **efficacious** to resolve environmental issues because it uses much lesser land, and lesser water usage, also lesser energy than traditional agriculture. Currently, meat industry uses 30% of the global land area for livestock production and 23% of global water to raising them. It means if we keep intake traditional meat, we couldn't resolve the environmental issues. Environmental concerns and moves by countries and businesses to address them will become increasingly busy. Nowadays, due to global environmental concerns, companies are unable to run their companies without ESG management, so won't the day come when consumers will have to make that much effort? If environmental concerns continue in the future, consumers' shopping lists will naturally head to cultivated meat, not traditional meat, and it is not long before changing their meat consumption.

Technology for cultivated meat is developing, and government and corporate investment in it will continue to increase. Candelon, Courtaux, Patel (2022) briefly mentioned about this kind of trends, “several forecasts in 2020 suggested that cultivated meat was likely to grow into a \$150 billion segment by the end of this decade, and account for around 10% of the global meat market.” Also, compare to traditional meat, cultivated meat is still expensive but if the technology towards cultivated meat continuing, it could become more affordable than traditional meat. Some people say that because of the ick-factor, consumers may not buy cultivated meat and it couldn’t replace the traditional meat. But this view is questionable. All technologies are bound to be taken awkwardly at first, but technology and revolution will get closer to us as it develops, and technology will eventually come to the moment when it cannot live without it because there is a "reason" that first began to be invented. It means, although we may try not to find the cultivated meat now because it is artificial and awkward, the more cultivated meat technology developed, the closer we get to cultivated meat, naturally our meat plates will change.

I guess most of you may have heard about Plant-based meat and some of you have tried it. It looks like a meat but it is made of beans or vegetables, so we could think it can replace our meat dish, but in reality, it couldn’t success. Reiley (2019) cited Don Close’s interview , who is a senior animal protein analyst in North America for Rabo AgriFinance, “When they introduced plant-based products, restaurateurs said it looked very promising, but the reorder rate is really slow, [...] It’s a negligible percentage of overall sales, and the amount of traction they are getting from the public is small compared to the media attention.” There's a reason why public opinion on Plant-based meat has become like this, it's inevitably different with traditional meat because it's not made of meat. Didn't you feel the mysterious bitterness of plant-based meat, too? The reason why I assume that cultivated meat can come closer to us is that it is made from real animal cells, unlike plant-based meat, there are a lot of **personhoods** who want to eat animal flesh meat, and cultivated meat will look same as and taste like traditional meat. Cultivated meat is interesting revolution because it aimed at meat-eaters. Plant-based was developed for the vegans, but cultivated meat is for meat-eaters who cannot give up eating

meats. We could much more easily find meat-eaters than vegans because there are only 6 percent of vegans in America.

Cultivated meat will be more attractive to 94 percent of people who want to eat meat but are worried about the environment. If cultivated meat can protect our environment, and if technology is more advanced and it takes up the place of traditional meat also copy its shape and texture, won't the awkwardness of cultivated meat disappear **drastically** and get closer to us?

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Manuel Gutierrez Cedeno

RW30

My best friend

Firstly, of all these are some of things for which you would like to have him as a friend. When I tell a secret to him, he always keeps it or when you ask him advice from him, he is the best. In addition, he makes me laugh a lot because he is funny, and if tell him to accompany me wherever he goes. So those things you'd like to know him for.

We met when I was two years old and he was six years old. It was when I moved to a new house in the same complex that he lives in. After moving there, I went out play together with the other people on the street and I met them and everyone, but I don't know at what

point our friendship grew and grew so fast. It's been three months since we last met. I used to go to his house a lot and he came to my house a lot, too. Our friendship has been going on for more than fifteen years and we call each other brothers. His family is excellent, too. I call his parents dad and mom, they still appreciate me a lot.

He has a special personality. He is a spontaneous person and also lazy (jajaja), He quite likes playing videogames and partying. He is very good at videogames, and he has won all the tournaments that with that he has earned money. He also won the ps5 in tournaments that is his hobby and the way that they both enjoy it is to go to the party on weekends and go for a ride on boat. We also go out in the 4x4 car for a walk on muddy roads and on his weekdays he studies. He is studying accounting at the university, he has less than a year left to graduate.

Asdrubal has many friends, but none of them know him like I know him. He is a good person and does not do bad things to anyone. They love him very much. People like to be accompanied by good people who add to you and do not detract from you in your life, especially with someone like Asdrubal. He is a person who will always help you in what he can, and he will make you have a great time with him.

Sultan Alqahtani

GM20

The ELI

How the ELI make me happy. First time when I arrived everyone welcomed me warmly , and everything it was great. Second time The ELI helped when I needed help every time and i was feeling i was feeling like with my family , and be honest all my teachers and LAs love me and advice me every time to improve with my English. Third time the ELI activities are very important to help when I need to speak and practice with My English. Last time I hope it will not be the last because I love ELI so much , and I can't imagine the day I will leave for my country. I always feel happy at ELI and I hope to always make my teachers , LAs and classmates happy.

Gyubin Bae**RW61****Rhetorical Analysis of a Speech****Yoon Yeo Jung's acceptance speech at the Oscars 2021**

Yoon Yeo Jung announced her acceptance speech at the Oscars 2021. Yoon Yeo Jung is **in vogue** as a Korean actress and got an Oscar award for the film she played in, *Minari*, 2021. "I don't believe in competition. How can I win Glenn Close? Win over Glenn Close? I have been watching her so many performances, so this is just...all the nominees, five nominees, we are the winner for the different movies"(Yoon, 202, para.4). This statement, delivered at the middle of her speech, conveyed her appreciation for this award, the philosophy of her life, and expressed respect for other nominees in an **efficacious**. Yoon's use of casual tone, humorous word with phrase choices, and appeal of *phatos* allow her to convey her feeling on her awarding to her audience successfully.

The casual tone that Yoon uses established a comfortable mood. We can find the evidence of this tone in her statement, " Mr. Brad Pitt, finally! Nice to meet you. Where were you while we were filming in Tulsa? It's very honor to meet you"(para.4). Mr. Brad Pitt announced her award, so this statement is that she expressed her love as a fan for him at the beginning of her speech. She also said she was lucky to be standing here. It is obvious that she stood on Oscar with good acting skills, but she shows modesty, creating a comfortable atmosphere. The Oscars are a public occasion, but paradoxically she started her speech in a casual and created a comfortable mood. This casual tone was also humorous and friendly. This use of seemingly comfortable and casual diction and tone makes her audience relax and focus on her speech.

Also, Yoon used *Pathos* and made her audience empathized with her . She mentioned her sons and it was about relatable feelings from her own life. She said, " And I'd like to thank to my two boys who made me go out and work. So beloved sons, this is the result because mommy works so hard"(3). This statement shows the joy and sorrow of her life as an actress

and a mother of two children at the same time. In addition, this statement was a great comfort and sympathy for her audience, especially the mothers. This sympathetic statement helped her audience immerse to her speech and gave a comfort and cheered up to those who are tired of mother's life.

Lastly, Yoon's word choices made her speech more successful. Yoon's choice of word & phrase throughout the speech successfully conveys her feelings and messages. For example, the word "tremendous" is used as the way like "tremendous thank you for everyone"(4). It showed a great respect for the audience. She also showed great appreciation and respect when she mentioned the director of "Minari", calling the director as a 'captain'. In addition, the phrase "But tonight, you are all forgiven" is used in the context, "Most of European call me, Yuh-yung, and some of them call me You-Jung, but tonight, you are all forgiven"(para.5). It made the audience laugh. This phrase made the audience feel more familiar on her speech as if they are doing casual conversation between Yoon and audience.

In conclusion, Yoon successfully delivered her gratitude and message through her word & phrase choice, tone & mood, and appeal. Her casual tone made the mood comfortable. Her choice of word with phrase lent her speech to the feeling of casual conversation. In addition, her using of phatos made the audience emphathized and gave a comfort. All of these made her speech successful in a way that her audience are able to focus on and enjoy her speech well.

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By Renato De Nicola

RW 30

My sister Maloi

My sister is Maloi, Her name is actually Maria, but nobody called her Maria because when she was younger. Her friends always tell her Maloi is like a nickname. She is older than me. She is 8 years more than me. That means she always cared for me when I was a child, and now when I'm more older, she is a good sister. In other words, she always supports, takes care of the family and the pets.

Maloi always takes care of the family. When mom was sick, she organized everything like go to the hospital wait with mom before seeing the Doctor. In addition, when Mom finished her visit with the doctor she went to the store and bought the medicine for mom and me. Also when I need to study for some test, she spends time with me for practice before the test.

Maloi always is there for the family, like today. Today is Mom's birthday she is there with mom, looking for something to do with mom like prepare the birthday, call the friends mom's and everything. Also she took care of me when I was a child in the high school always defending her brother.

Maloi also likes the pets. We have different pets - 3 cats and one dog. When the dog (Pascual) was more young, she and I walked with him and spent really good time together like always. Also when the cats need help like prepare the food, buy toys, etc.

Maloi has several nice features. Of course not all people are perfect, however, for me Maloi have many good aspects to consider like support the family, and of course the pets, since they are part of the family too.

Lucerito Datzter Pinto**RW 30****My unique Best Friend**

My best friend is essential in my life. Her name is Sara, She is 19 years old and she lives in Bolivia. I met her 4 years ago at school. My friend has a different personality, hobbies, likes and family. She is friendly and sometimes is extrovert and sometimes is introvert.

She has been studying for 2 years and her major is International Relations. She loves dogs. She has one called Maserati. My friend likes play basketball, and it was always good. In her childhood she practiced every day. She is a very creative person. She likes sports, gym and art. Her dream in her life is to finish her major and be able to work.

She has two cute brothers. She is the younger and unique girl in the family. She has a small family, This family is very loving and kind. When she was little they taught about education and modals. She loves her Mom and Dad. She is a very affectionate person with her family.

Sara is a photographer, She likes taking a picture. She took a photography course. She likes to take a photos of special moments or places for example; Museums, Parks, Square or special moments with her family. For her taking a photo is an Art. It's her favorite activity in her free time. She likes many things.

Sara is a good and memorable person in my life. She is interesting in many aspects and is different to me. She is a unique person in the world.

Jungkyoung Ha**RW 61****Live Your Life, the Dazzling Life!**

Hyeja Kim is an actress from South Korea. Despite the fact that her debut was in 1961, she has continued to work hard. She has an incomparable image and career as a Korean actress. Most of her movies or dramas became popular in Korea, so that she won many prizes. This speech which I want to introduce is the most famous award acceptance speech of Hyeja Kim. She won the grand prize at the Baeksang Art Awards in 2019. Throughout this speech, Hyeja Kim gave the message that our life is always precious and we should focus on our present. Her warm inspiration, honest words, and description of the things that make our lives worthy allow her to effectively convey the main point to her audience.

Hyeja Kim's purpose of the speech was to make people enjoy and love their life with warm inspiration. She acted as a character in the drama 'Dazzling' who sincerely loved her own life, in spite of some unfortunate happenings and disease. Therefore, she wanted to make us feel same emotion as the character by speaking the most touching narration of the awarded drama 'Dazzling' in front of the audience. According to her speech (2019) of the Baeksang Art Awards, she said "Even though your life is tired and vacant right now, you deserve to enjoy the world. Don't ruin the present because of the past, which is full of regrets and an anxious future. Live your life, the 'Dazzling' life!". During her speech, she kept staring not only at the camera, also at the audience who were sitting there. She gave the audience genuine encouragement, and there are numerous comments below the video expressing how moved people were by her speech. This narration allows her to convey her purpose effectively.

Hyeja Kim is an actress who is famous for her characteristic of purity and warmth. Through the speech, as always, she used her temperate voice and honest words to make people feel comfortable. For example, she said "I didn't sure about the acceptance, but just in case I brought some script from the drama that you liked so much. Because I think we're living in an era that needs comfort." Because of that comment, everyone in the awards started to get relaxed and easily empathize with her. By describing her tension, she made an emotional change of the audience.

Hyeja Kim chose the various vocabularies to explain the reason why we should love our present. During the speech, she used a parallelism about the things that make our lives worthy: “Chill air at the dawn, sweet wind blowing before the blooming of flowers, and the smell of the sunset from the evening, that’s the things that you deserve.” The things she introduced are all given to us by nature. We can be thankful to our present by listening her speech. The audience can easily call the images of the things to mind. The images are helpful to the audience in understanding her speech.

Hyeja Kim’s speech was so impressive that it’s still getting comments, even though it was made three years ago. By using the narration from the script with honest sentences, she was able to convey her purpose effectively and move people’s mind. Also, she spoke with detailed reasons, so that the audience can easily empathize with the precious thing of our lives. I completely agree with her speech, and it made me think about my life again. Our life is full of the things which we can love and enjoy. Her speech made me to love our present that are given to me. I hope my ELI classmates can feel the same as me, so that you can feel that your ‘present’ is a ‘present’ that you deserve. “Live your life, the Dazzling Life!”

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Salem Boresli

RW 30

In this essay I'm going to talk to you about the man that without him I would not be the man I am today and he is my father. He is a great man he loves his kids and treats them well, He is funny and loves to make jokes and laugh with me and my friends. He taught me a lot of things that I am so grateful that he taught me all of those lessons. He works so hard to bring food to the table and to make his family happy that is how much he is a great man he is.

First of all I am going to talk about his career. The first job he had was in a bakery that is a person who makes bread or cake. He worked there when Iraq invaded our country Kuwait and the job was very dangerous because of the Iraqis were killing people but my father wasn't afraid of them. He pulled through it. When he graduated from university, he found a job in a bank called KFH. He worked there for 30 years and he is still working there. I think he would work there until he retire. I remember the day I graduated from High school he told me "son you should find a job that you love and that is very important because if you get a job that you hate you will not be happy even if the salary pays good. The best that you find a job that you love even if the salary is not good, that way you will be happy with your job", Even when I was young he always strongly advised me to find a hobby that I love because when I grow up I will have something I am good at and I will have great health.

In conclusion, my father treats me and my siblings fairly, And I'm so grateful that he is my father because without him I wouldn't be the man I am today.

Diego Artieda

RW 30

My sister is my role model

Firstly, her name is Bruna, and her nickname is Bru. Because is the diminutive of Bruna. She is 7 years older than me. Her birthday is May twelve. She graduated from University of Miami. Her major is psychology, but now she is working with my dad in a construction company. She has a lot of patience with me, my father and her boyfriend.

Bruna is a great person, and she loves helping people. Currently she is working with my father in a construction company. In her free time, she helps my mom in whatever thing she needs. If I need help, she is willing to help me. She loves the kids and the babies. That is why her dream is open a kindergarten and specialize in childhood and children.

She was studying here in Gainesville and then she transferred to Miami. She studied psychology but her work has nothing to do with his major. She is the administrative assistant of the company. She sees the payment process to the suppliers too. She doesn't like much her job, but she needs to learn about the companies to start her own business

She has the patience to put up with me, my dad and her boyfriend. She has been in a relationship for 8 years. If I need help to my homework. If I need to hide something to my parents, she always helps me. And she works with my father, so she helps him with his job.

My sister Bruna is a role model for me. Because I have grown up watching his fight for her dreams, study hard and be present with my family. Even though business administration is not her major. She likes to learn about my father and about the Laboral world. That is the reason I think I have the best sister.

Subeen Ju

RW 61

The Rhetorical Analysis Behind BTS's speech at UNICEF

“What is your name? Speak yourself” (Kim, 2018). This main phrase was delivered by the speaker, Namjoon Kim who is the leader of BTS, a famous music artist from South Korea. In 2017, Big Hit Entertainment, which was BTS's agency concluded a partnership with UNICEF to support one of UNICEF's campaigns, #ENDviolence that especially protects children and young people from violence. With this opportunity, BTS launched their own campaign called LOVE MYSELF for the purpose of conveying a message, which says that true love starts from loving oneself and then make the world a much better place by spreading that love to the people around the world. About 1 year after since the campaign started, BTS was invited by the UN to talk about the campaign and to represent the young generation. The speech was delivered at the UN Trusteeship Board Conference Hall on September 25th in 2018. During his speech, he emphasizes 3 points, the importance of knowing about oneself, living one's own life, and embracing oneself. Throughout his speech, his use of literary device, emotional appeals and impressive claim allow him to effectively convey these main points to his audience.

While Kim was speaking to his audience, some words he chose for his speech were so familiar that they were effective enough to make people directly understand the meaning of the word he used. For example, he said that he wrote the lyric, “My heart stopped when I was maybe nine or ten” based on his hard experience. He used metaphor as a literary device so his word choice made people imagine his situation at that time, which led audience focus more on

his speech. Because a heart is one of the most important organs in our body, the line can be interpreted as his own independent life stopped. Audiences can make such a reasonable inference because he also said “That’s when I began to worry about what other people thought of me and started seeing myself through their eyes. I just tried to jam myself into the molds that other people made. Soon, I began to shut out my own voice and started to listen to the voices of others.” He thought that this kind of situation was a problem modern people commonly face, applied it to everyone and said, “So, like this, I, we, all lost our names. We became like ghosts.” By using the word ‘like’ and substituting people into ghosts, this simile made people reflect on how much they lost their direction and purpose of life.

After speaking about his painful experience, Kim told people how he overcame that difficulty and the key was in embracing himself. He said, “Maybe I made a mistake yesterday, but yesterday’s me is still me. Today, I am who I am with all of my faults and my mistakes. Tomorrow, I might be a tiny bit wiser, and that will be me too.” By embracing himself, he started to love himself no matter what he looked like. This part was successful to draw the audience’s emotions and empathy because while listening to Kim’s speech, all of them would have thought about some specific time when they had made their own mistakes. According to his speech, people don’t have to feel any humiliation since there isn’t any perfect person in the world. Therefore, by conveying a message which says making a mistake is also part of human, the speaker created common pathos between him and audiences.

To wrap his speech up, Kim finally emphasized that it is necessary for people to nurture the power of knowing and loving themselves. Also, He urged the audiences to speak out their own voice toward world. “I’d like to ask all of you, What is your name? What excites you and makes your heart beat? Tell me your story. I want to hear your voice and conviction. No matter who you are, where you’re from, your skin color, your gender identity, just speak yourself. Find your name and find your voice by speaking yourself.” (Kim, 2018) By actively using these kind of self-reflective questions, his speech delivered the value of knowing oneself and loving oneself.

To say it overall, Kim delivered his speech efficiently by using familiar words, connection with audience, and memorable phrase. First of all, his use of literary device and word choice helped the audience to imagine his situation more easily, and these effects stimulated the audience's attention. Also, his anecdote was sympathetic enough to generate same pathos with the audience, which contributed to the audience's immersion in his speech. Moreover, through his clear phrase, "Speak yourself, Love yourself", he ultimately conveyed what he wanted to say to the audience, which finally urged people to find their own answer. Therefore, his speech was successful enough to deliver his intention based on this analysis.

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Masako Kondo

RW61

The Rhetorical behind Steve Jobs's Speech

Steve Jobs, who is well known as a co-founder of Apple, gave a commencement speech at Stanford University in 2005. Although it has been 17 years since his speech was delivered, many people have watched his speech "Steve Jobs' 2005 Stanford Commencement Address" still now, and the video has been played over 44 million times. Throughout Steve Jobs's convocation speech, he explains the importance of seeking and doing what you love, and living your own life. Jobs's use of presenting convincing facts, employing emotional appeals, and establishing his credibility with his own experience enable him to convey the main point to the audience.

In the speech, Steve Jobs points out some general facts to appeal to logos of his audience. When he explains that the knowledge he had gained after dropping out of school allowed him to create the Mac, he claims: "Again, you can't connect the dots looking forward;

you can only connect them looking backwards. So you have to trust that the dots will somehow connect in your future. You have to trust in something — your gut, destiny, life, karma, whatever.” In this part, he describes the inevitable fact that we can’t predict the future. After that, he emphasizes the importance of trusting something with strong words: "You have to trust". Because his audience is graduating students, they might feel anxious about entering society with an uncertain future. Therefore, his words make the audience relax and feel like the statement is valid and reasonable. In other instances, during the time he talks about the experience of facing death, he states: "And yet death is the destination we all share. No one has ever escaped it. [...] Right now the new is you, but someday not too long from now, you will gradually become the old and be cleared away. Sorry to be so dramatic, but it is quite true. [...] Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life." He explains the general truth that it’s impossible for someone to live forever. Because his audience consisted of young adults aged around 20 to 22, it might have been the first time most of them had thought about death in real life. His explanation and strong advice remind the audience to consider how much time they have left and the importance of living their own life. By presenting general facts, he appeals to logos of his audience and demonstrates the validity of his statement.

Steve Jobs also appeals to the emotion of his audience in the speech to pull them into the story and reinforce his messages. While he talks about the day he was diagnosed with cancer, he states, “About a year ago I was diagnosed with cancer. [...] The doctors told me this was almost certainly a type of cancer that is incurable, and that I should expect to live no longer than three to six months. [...] It means to try to tell your kids everything you thought you’d have the next 10 years to tell them in just a few months. It means to make sure everything is buttoned up so that it will be as easy as possible for your family. It means to say your goodbyes.” At first, he uses “I” as a subject, however, it changes to “you” after he faced death. This expression makes the audience think as if it were them. They easily imagine the situation they have to say goodbye to their precious family, and it makes them empathize with his deep sadness and despair. This emotional expression reinforces the impression of his later message: “Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life.” Also, another example is in the second story. When he explains his feelings after he got fired from Apple: “I really didn't

know what to do for a few months. I felt that I had let the previous generation of entrepreneurs down - that I had dropped the baton as it was being passed to me. [...] I was a very public failure, and I even thought about running away from the valley. But something slowly began to dawn on me – I still loved what I did.” In this part, his failure is indicated as a dropping the baton passed by past entrepreneurs. This metaphor lets the audience imagine how he ashamed he was of the failure; however, this expression highlights the later statement: “But something slowly began to dawn on me – I still loved what I did.” In this part, he takes a bit pause between the first half and the latter half, and emphasizes the emotional word: “loved”. In doing so, he shows how he felt a ray of hope, and at the same time, because the audience is about to start working after graduation, it makes them feel that even if they fail, they can overcome if they are doing what they love. These uses of the appeal to pathos allow him to convey his emotion to the audience and reinforce the main point of the speech – the importance of living their own life and doing what they love.

In the second story about Steve Jobs’s failure and success, he appeals to ethos by introducing his experience to convey his messages sufficiently. For instance, in the beginning of the story, he looks back on his early career and says, “I was lucky I found what I loved to do early in life. Woz and I started Apple in my parents’ garage when I was 20. We worked hard, and in 10 years Apple had grown from just the two of us in a garage into a \$2 billion company with over 4000 employees. We had just released our finest creation —the Macintosh— a year earlier, and I had just turned 30.” This background shows how he succeeded in his 20s, and his prowess as an entrepreneur. It makes the audience feel that he is a worthy person to trust. Also, he talks about restarting after he got fired from Apple: “During the next five years, I started a company named NeXT, another company named Pixar, [...] Pixar went on to create the world’s first computer animated feature film, Toy Story, and is now the most successful animation studio in the world. In a remarkable turn of events, Apple bought NeXT, I returned to Apple, and the technology we developed at NeXT is at the heart of Apple's current renaissance.” He called the experience of getting fired “failure” before, but it turns out, he started companies such as Pixar and NeXT during the time he was away from Apple and finally went back. In this part, he mentions Pixar as the most successful animation studio in the world.

It indicates his extraordinary business skill and make the audience feel his prowess again. Additionally, this anecdote shows his unbreakable spirit to seeking and doing what he loves no matter how difficult the situation is. It enables him to give the audience a sense that his message is valuable, because he bounced back, stronger than before. In this part, he appeals to ethos by introducing his background, which helps him to deliver his main point to the audience efficiently.

Throughout the speech, Steve Jobs appeals to logos, pathos, and ethos using several anecdotes from his own experiences. He also deliberately chooses his words to get his point across to the audience effectively. According to an article of CNN news on June 7 in 2021, this is the most watched commencement video of all time. It means he has influenced not only the graduating students but also people of all ages around the world. Also, the most viewed part in the speech is the following statement: "Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life." This message always helps me when I'm about to lose my way in life, and judging from the number of views, many other people feel the same way. Even though he passed away in 2011, his profound messages will be delivered all over the world and influence many people for a long time to come.

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RW 41

Homesickness

Homesickness is a common experience for those who are not living in their countries. Most of a broad faced culture shock while studying abroad. Many of the students may feel like they do not belong to this community. As a result, they get the desire to go back to their

country. This feeling of missing home badly affects the students' minds and health. Some of the students may get depressed and desire to go back home to their family. However, to avoid this problem or get help through this experience, there are some methods, such as, remembering the rewards, making friends, and calling your family.

First, remembering the rewards that the student will get after studying abroad helps to motivate the student to complete the education. By Focusing on the rewards of the studying abroad will stimulate the mind to think positively. Besides, thinking on the rewards it help to see the bright side of studying a broad and make the student mind more relax. For example, if the student thinks about the reward of taking certificate after finishing his or her study, he or she will be more able to accomplish his or her studying.

Second, making friends while the period of studying abroad is a helpful way to avoid homesickness. Friends help to bring joy and positive emotion. Also going out to with them helps the student to immerse more in the new culture and understand it. In addition, having friends is a good way to relieve stress by talking with them. For instance, when I came to Gainesville, I missed my old friend but when I made new friends here, felling become less painful.

Third, calling your family, especially someone you love such as your wife by using any video apps helps you feel like you are with them. Calling your family every day and knowing their news is a healthy way to reduce homesickness. It makes you more stable and stimulates your home by seeing it and seeing your loved one every day. For example, I talk to my wife every day to encourage me in my difficult time and bring happiness to me while I am far from her and my whole family.

To sum up, focusing on the results, hanging out with new people, and contacting your loved ones are possible ways to defeat overcome homesickness feeling. Which means there are many forms other than these to fight this issue. So it depends on each personality to choose which paths prefer.

Daniela Alarcon Guzman

RW 30

Companion for life

José is my older brother. He is 30 years old, his favorite sport is soccer and his favorite part of the day is walking the dog every morning before going to work. José strives every day to be a better person and achieve all his objectives and goals, which is why he is my example to follow. All this suggests José is organized, intelligent and supportive.

José is considered a very intelligent person, since in his work he always characterized for his good performance. Over the years José has always had very good grades in the subjects. He won a scholarship to study the specialization in project management, which he did at the Universidad Distrital in Colombia. At this moment, he is studying for a master's degree in industrial engineering at the Universidad de Los Andes in Colombia. He always strives to grow personally and professionally.

José is also an organized person. This means that he always has time for studying and doing work. José is also characterized by planning dinner outings or doing different plans as a family. He is a very organized person because he plans all the tasks that he has to do in his day and this allows him to have a more productive day. José is a person who always gives quality time to his family and his activities.

José has always supported me when I need help with a task, giving me advice. José was the person who taught me to drive and supported me financially to buy my first car when I was 18 years old. Older siblings always want younger siblings to surpass them in every way. For example, academic, financial and personal. José has always motivated me to overcome him and be better than him.

It is a privilege to have an older brother who is characterized an organized, intelligent and supportive person. Jose is a great example for the younger people in the family. In addition to the fact that older brothers always help and take care of younger brothers, brothers will always be a great company for life.

Juliana Kaercher

RW 60

Money: one stage of happiness

In the complex theatre of the mind, could money provide happiness? Money provides gifts, sycophants, medicines, and good schools, but what about love, friends, health, and knowledge? It is true that money buys essential resources for human survival **such as** food and shelter. **However**, so many people confuse these ideas, resulting in a misunderstanding about money and happiness, saying that money buys happiness. Happiness is about the joy of living and celebrating small things, not about money. Psychologists are making important discoveries about the mysteries of happiness and how to achieve this extraordinary human enthusiastic feeling!

A pair of psychologists, Shawn Achor and Dan Gilbert, agree that long-term happiness is closely correlated with the way that people process information and weakly correlated with the external world such as money, social life, and health. Shawn Achor (2012) affirms that the external world implies only 10% of our level of happiness, while 90% of our happiness comes from the way that we react to the external world. To support his theory, one story that Achor told is how he converted a bad feeling of his little sister to a happy feeling. He told that after she had fallen from the bunkbed, he induced her to think that she was a unicorn because she landed **like** one, and she liked it, feeling very happy with the accidental situation. Dan Gilbert (2004) argues that people can be happy even if they had a miserable life. Gilbert observed iconic lives **like** Moreese Bickham, who spent 37 years in a penitentiary for a crime he didn't commit. With the advent of DNA, Bickham at 78 years old was cleared; at that moment he said, *"I don't have one minute's regret. It was a glorious experience."* Even with a miserable unfair life, Bickham found happiness. Gilbert explains that people can create synthetic happiness, which is what people make when they "don't get what they want," and people can undergo natural happiness, which is a human feeling resulting when they "get what they want". The message behind Gilbert and Achor's lectures is that people need to change the paradox by reacting positively even when they do not get what they want **instead** expecting for natural

happiness; for example, Achor's sister easily transform a bad feeling in a happy moment because her imaginary world.

Despite happiness depending mainly on us, for obvious reasons, money is important for our survival and happiness-- no one in suffering and inhumane conditions can be happy. **However**, the human obsession with money can blind people to finding a truly happy state. Achor (2014) affirms that prioritizing happiness in our life more than money, turns people more likely a successful professional life. He shows some dates to support his theory: 75% of job successes are predicted by positive behavior, social relationships, and ability to handle with stress situations; positive thinkers are 31% more productive than negative, neutral, or negative thinkers; positive thinkers are 37% better at sales; and doctors with a positive mindset are 19% faster and more precise in the diagnostics. **With this in mind**, it seems correct to affirm that prioritizing happiness in life is the key to a long-term happy life. Success and money are supposed to come subsequent to happiness in the life.

Some people might say that wealth does not buy happiness, but order to bring it. Admittedly a comfortable life turns the tireless search for happiness easier. **However**, that point is not true because money is not a happiness warranty **like** a special credit card that can buy 'happy dosages.' Happiness mainly comes from our internal world (Gilbert, 2012; Achor, 2014). As we see in the World Happiness Report (2022), Brazil, a country considered poor on the world stage, is happier than several richer countries **like** Japan and China. Another research presented by Gilbert (2014) in which experts measured the level of happiness between lottery winners and paraplegics results that a year after becoming paraplegic, and a year after winning the lottery. The results showed that the level of happiness of both groups was equal. It seems correct **to conclude** that people in Hawaii and in their room in a wheelchair can be equally happy. **Additionally**, what about wealthy people being miserably unhappy? [Schippers](#) et al. (2019) **illustrates** this situation in a story of a rich man, Brian, with a wealthy family and a successful position; Brian mainly works for money and social status, and never knew his real purpose in life. He feels very unhappy. Why? Because life without a purpose does not have sense, neither brightness; people that know the meaning of life have the hope and motivation necessary to keep forward and be happy. **Finally**, according to the video "Is happiness

genetic?" (2017) human beings are 50% genetically predisposed to a certain level of happiness. People can change the genetic determinism with individual good actions. **So**, how could money buy genetic identity? **With all this reasons in mind**, it seems very wrong to say that money can buy happiness – happiness is noble feeling, full of values and complexity.

For all these reasons happiness is more about how we cultivate good values, thoughts and feelings than about money and success. As we saw in the previous paragraphs poor people can be happier than richer people, paraplegics can be happy as lottery winners, and happy people can be more productive than unhappy people. As well, while it is true that the lack of money can drastically take happiness away, it is also true that millionaire people, with mediocre values and selfish behavior, can be miserably unhappy. It means that only the greatness of the soul with strong values implicates happiness. My philosophy for a happy life is to cultivate true feelings and friends; keep moving forward; be ethical; appreciate the simplest events in life **like** a smile from a stranger, the sound of the sea, and the smell of the rain; also, never miss a joke. Be happy! Embrace life!

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