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Background and Mission

In 1991, Mara Hegedeos, Assistant Professor of English/English as a Second Language, collected ESL student essays college-wide and put them under one cover. Thus ESL Voices was born. Since that time, the mantle has been taken up by faculty from the different campuses, with heroic efforts to secure funding in the earlier years. We do appreciate the efforts of all those editorial teams, and we especially appreciate the current administration's support – both moral and financial – of the publication of this edition of ESL Voices.

ESL Voices showcases the writing of our international, immigrant, and citizen English-language students and recognizes two important facts: the ability to write well is hard work, and the ability to write well in a second language is twice that. Through ESL Voices, Cuyahoga Community College acknowledges the achievements of its ESL students, celebrates their diversity, and motivates continued writing improvement.

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In the tradition of past ESL Voices editions, we approached faculty from various commercial art and design departments to assist us with the design and layout of the magazine. This year Ms. Seong-Ae Mun of Art/Computer Graphics recommended a graphic arts student, David Chait, to act as our graphic artist. David graciously agreed to become involved and is responsible for all of the layout design, section graphics, and beautiful cover art of this year's issue.



COMINGS and GOINGS

Beautiful U.S.A.

Alia Alkatip

Syria, Turkey, and Kuwait, Level 1

It was 2018. I traveled to Cleveland, Ohio to complete a treatment for my son. When I saw Cleveland for the first time, I loved it very much. I love the weather and snow. I lived on Edgewater Drive in Lakewood. When five years ago I went in my home the first time I saw on my balcony the lake. It was wonderful, and I saw the cool lights that's on the lake. Also watched celebrations from 4th of July I saw fireworks. Cleveland is very beautiful and the people very lively and kind and smiley. That's why me and my family loved Cleveland.

Cleveland

Bushra Alibrahim

Saudi Arabia, Basic

I want to talk about Cleveland. It is a good city. I live in Cleveland now with my husband and my children. We are studying. It is a different city from my city. But I am delighted at coming here. The people are nice. But they are speaking English very fast. The food is different I don't like it. The weather in the winter is very cold. I say "What awful weather." I like to learn about many cities. Cleveland has many beautiful places. I visited waterfall, park, museum, mall and market. I love the city.

The House Where My Soul Lives

Anzhelika Zaiats

Ukraine, Level 1

I climbed the stairs to the eighth floor of the building in the eighth month of pregnancy, went out on the balcony and my breath was taken away by what I saw. It seemed as if time had stopped. “Finally, we’ve arrived!” rang out from behind. She was a realtor. This is how I saw my new future home for the first time. Before that, my husband and I had been looking for a new home for several months, as we were expecting a son and needed more space to live. It was a new building, still without windows and doors, just a box. Even then, I knew how to admire sunrises or sunsets with a view of the forest. So, we bought this house and called it “Our Dream House.” After the purchase, my husband and I designed everything down to the smallest detail. The master’s bedroom is large and comfortable, in pastel colors with the biggest bed in the world, so that at least 2 children can sleep with us in the future. There was children’s room with space-themed wallpaper, play and sports areas, a tent, and a place for a mountain of toys for our son to have fun with his friends. Living room with a huge table and chairs, for celebrating events or just having dinner with family and friend. A smart kitchen in the favorite white and brown colors, where it was nice to both prepare food and sit with a cup of tea. Dressing room and two bathrooms. Also, two huge balconies with rest areas, living decorative trees, and panoramic windows, from where a view of the heart of Prykarpattia opened. We were happy in this house for three whole years. Today I live in a different country and a different house. However, my soul is there - in the “Our Dream House”. Unfortunately, today I can only return to it in my dreams.

My Garden

Lina Alkhouri

Syria, Level 1

In the USA I don’t have a garden but in my home country I have a very nice garden. It has two sides. The front side is bigger than the back side. In the back I have many different kind of fruit trees such as lemons and oranges. In the front I have an empty area where we usually sit and it is surrounded by a lot of flowers. I also have a big balcony where I like to sit there because it has a nice view of the garden.

Comparing and Contrasting Living in Cleveland and Lagos

Michael Hedonukun

Nigeria, Level 3

History has it that cities are urban environments that have already accepted civilization/modernization. They are known to have adequate basic amenities that support their citizens or individuals who live in them. Despite the geographical differences and distance between Lagos, Nigeria, and Cleveland, United States, they still share some similarities and differences. These cities share the same official language and diversity but have disparities in cost of living and economic significances.

More than fifteen ethnic groups live in Lagos. However, its official language remains English. This language is used for all official statements, classroom teaching, and general communication. English is also the official language despite different races and ethnicities in Cleveland. It is always a win for native speakers of Cleveland whenever they pay a visit to Lagos, Nigeria and vice versa.

With regards to ethnicities and race, these cities are melting pots full of cultural diversity. The United States Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS) revealed in 2023 that, two third (2/3) of the Cleveland's present population aren't native Americans but Europeans, Asians, Africans, and Latin Americans. Likewise, the bustling markets, coastlines, and tourist centers have been amusement points that draw different races and ethnicities to stay in Lagos. According to Nigeria immigration services (NIS) in 2023, "all nationalities in all continents have been registered in Lagos." This statement revealed that citizens from about one hundred and ninety (190) countries have set foot on Lagos soil.

However, there are significant disparities when comparing the cost of living in both cities despite their beautiful similarities. The population in Lagos is higher than the available basic amenities available. As a result of this, the cost of living is higher when compared to Cleveland. There is a higher demand for housing, electricity, good roads and as well as other amenities. On the other hand, Cleveland offers a relatively affordable standard of living, providing more than enough amenities for both existing and potential individuals who would like to stay in the near future.

Also, contrasting the similarities between these cities is the position of their economy significant. The economic significance of both cities is like two parallel lines that can never meet when compared

to each other. Lagos accounts for approximately sixty percent (60%) of Nigeria's Gross Domestic Production (GDP) every year. Lagos has achieved this because it hosts about seventy percent (70%) of the commercial and financial hub of Nigeria while, Cleveland is still recovering from the economic disaster it faced in the late 1900s.

In conclusion, when considering these similarities and differences, it is essential to examine the diversity, language, cost of living and economic significance of both cities. There are great similarities that people who visit or stay in both communities enjoy at any point in time. On the other hand, the disparities can be addressed and worked on for individual living in these cities to have a better quality of life.

My Neighborhood

Manel Lydia Samai

Algeria, Level 1

When I lived in Algeria, I lived in an urban area. In my neighborhood I have a lot of friendly and nice neighbors. We share together some joys and sorrows. For example when I cook something delicious I give a plate to my neighbor to taste. Or I visit her if she is sick. When I lived in my ancient neighborhood we had a lot of stores to sell a different items. For example near my house there are many bakeries. When you walk you smell a good bread and yummy sweets. I don't forget the smell. I miss this moments. When you walk two blocks you found an old market. You see many carts of fresh fruits and vegetables. Also we found kids play soccer and run in all directions.

My Favorite Place to Relax

Olha Kovalska

Ukraine, Level 1

My favorite place to relax is Bukovel. It is located in Ukraine in the center of the Carpathian Mountains. Those who have visited it at least once know that it is difficult to describe the beauty of this place in words, but I will try. Let me start with the fact that you can come to this place all year round. Both in winter and summer, you can find a lot of entertainment there. Most of all, I love winter in Bukovel because it has the largest ski resort in Eastern Europe, and I love skiing. I also like to walk around the town at night, which shines with Christmas decorations from all sides. I enjoy breathing the fresh mountain air and watching the people happy around me. I love sledding there

with my son, falling into the deep snow, and hearing his laughter. Then, after a night of skiing, my family likes to open a thermos of hot tea and talk about everything. On such a vacation, I feel like I'm in a winter fairy tale from children's cartoons. I advise everyone to visit Bukovel because it is an amazing place. After you go once, you want to come back again and again.

Why Your Country of Origin is a Good Place to Live

Viktoriya Dubravka

Ukraine, Level 1

I'm proud to be a Ukrainian girl. My country of origin is Ukraine. It is the most beautiful place to live in the whole world. We have very delicious cuisine and interesting traditions. If you visit this place, you'll need to see our museums and to listen to a century-old incredible history. And the most important is our friendly and hospitable people.

Traditions in each country are interesting in their own way, but in Ukraine they are special.

We appreciate everything what we have. One of our incredible traditions is our national clothes. It's "Vyshyvanka". On every holiday we wear it. Ornaments and colors - make the clothes look very special. But every holiday, when we wear "Vyshyvanka" it isn't complete without delicious Ukrainian cuisine. The most famous are: borshch, pyrogy and holubtsi.

Ukraine is interesting in its own way. That's why everyone wants to see our museums, to hear and to listen to our history. Ancient buildings, historical parts, atmosphere, ranges of colors, every detail is valuable, interesting and beautiful. There are not even enough words to express all the feelings and emotions after learning the history of our country and seeing everything in your own eyes. Nowhere in the world there is such a historical atmosphere and interesting life as in Ukraine.

Like the people, like the country. Therefore, you can say a lot about Ukrainians, we are very strong, kind, and know how to protect our country from the enemies. Our people are very brave. Even during a full scale war, they didn't lose faith in their victory, didn't become cruel, they are and will remain humans, and now we are waiting for our victory. No matter how dark the days are, Ukrainians will always help in times of trouble. Never offend anyone. People with golden hearts. This is noticeable when you communicate with them

and even one look is enough to understand what kind of people they are.

Ukraine is an incredible country. Warm atmosphere, ancient history, beautiful museums, friendly people, interesting traditions and delicious cuisine. That's why this country is the best place to live in. At least, it is worth visiting!

I Am From

Maryam Fazel

Afghanistan, Level 1

I am from Afghanistan
I am from hard and optimism
I am from bravery and overcoming fear
I am from warm and friendly family
I am from rivers and mountains
I am from experience and motivation
I am from courage and confidence
I am from a girl of light and not of darkness
I am from an old culture
I am from forgiveness of God
I am from independence and freedoms
I am from happiness and holidays
I am from patience and waiting
I am from poetry and sonnets
I am from learning from mistakes
I am from hope and a bright future
I am from a beginning and an ending
I am from a new life
I am from an hour ago
I am from a minute ago
I am from a second ago
I am now

My Cozy Place

Solomiia Burdash

Ukraine, Level 1

I have a small but cozy apartment in Ukraine. For almost 10 years, I dreamed of having my own apartment in a big city. My dream has come true. I bought an apartment in a quiet and homely neighborhood. It is one bedroom in a new building. There is a forest and a large lake nearby. My apartment is on the 6th floor. It is quite bright, spacious, functional and nice to live in. It has large panoramic windows overlooking the forest. When I wanted to enjoy the view, I sat in a soft chair and drank tea on the balcony. I love to cook, so I have a large, bright and modern kitchen. There is a huge table in the kitchen where my friends used to gather. The whole apartment is in light colors. Minimalism is what I like. That's why there isn't much furniture in the apartment. I have a big mirrored wardrobe in my bedroom, because I have a lot of clothes. I always wanted to come back to this apartment again and again. Unfortunately, I managed to live there for only 10 months. The war started, and I moved to the United States. I miss my apartment very much. I believe that I will be able to return to Ukraine and gather my whole family at the large table in my small apartment again.

My Neighborhood

Wendy Moctezuma

Mexico, Level 1

We arrived here in November last year. My husband and I were looking for a good area: a place easy and quiet for living also I needed that neighborhood was near our children's schools and husband's job. For that reason, we decided to live in Westlake. When I came to my house for the first time it was nice to see a new house. My new neighborhood really it's a good place to live. I like it is quiet and clean. We just know the neighbors on each side of the street. They're kind. One day my children and I were walking around our neighborhood because my youngest child wanted to see the Christmas decorations of the houses. Then when we arrived one house our neighbors saw us and immediately got out to introduce themselves. I felt embarrassed because I don't speak English well, but my oldest son was talking with them. I was surprised because my child spoke with them very naturally and he has little trouble speaking English.

Moving Abroad: Challenges & Growth

Anamaria Marinca

Romania, Level 2

A difficult moment in my life, which led me to where I am now, was the day I realized I would be leaving everything in my native country to move here. The process to get here was a long one. After I found out that I had won the Diversity Visa Lottery, I went through an interview. A year later, the day came when I had to say goodbye to my entire family and my home. I experienced many emotions and states of mind that I struggled with alone. I still remember that on the last day in my house there, I took my phone and made a video for myself, narrating and crying about everything that was happening at that moment. After arriving in the United States, I felt equally depressed and didn't want to do anything. For two months, I stayed in a hotel room that wasn't exactly comfortable, and I was alone because my husband was working. There were days when I would go to bed crying and wake up feeling the same way. It was only after those two months that I found the strength to comprehend everything happening around me. I began going out, taking walks, reading books, and, most importantly, attending school and interacting with my classmates. Gradually, I made friends and established a daily routine that helped me navigate through this challenging time. Overall, I believe that everyone experiences a similar difficulty when moving from one country to another. However, I can say that some people find it even more challenging. I consider myself fortunate that I didn't have to worry about my financial situation. Others go through this as well. Every person making such a change goes through culture shock, which is why we need people around us to feel better and less alone.



REFLECTIONS

The War Changed My Life

Solomiia Burdash

Ukraine, Level 1

On February 24, 2022, at 3:40 in the morning, the war began. Every day, I think about how the war has changed my life. Before I came to America, I lived in Ukraine for seven months during the war. All these days were like a fog. Nowadays, I am safe, but when I hear loud sounds or the noise of airplanes, that makes me shudder. While I was living in Ukraine during the war, I realized a lot of things. First, that all your plans can be destroyed in a second. Next, I saw the reality of this evil world. I feel guilty for being safe now. It always haunts me. I stopped dreaming and planning. However, I began to appreciate every minute of my life, and I'm thankful to the USA for everything. So, the war didn't just change my life, it changed something inside of me.

My Great Experience

Ragad Altalib

Syria, Basic

I gained a great experience in my life. Through the hard times I went through, I was always waiting for help from the people around me, but they couldn't help me in everything. At that time I started praying to Allah and asking Him for help, and listening to the Quran, so I felt better. So, I learned that Allah is the only one who helps me in my hard times, and accepts me and hears my prayers all the time, and that I don't need anyone but Allah. My rule in life, Allah is first and everyone after Him in everything, not just hard times.

Poetry

Olena Bailo

Ukraine, Basic

This day will pass
I know,
like everyone else.
What will save?
Poems of course poems.
What will save?
People , of course people.
This day will pass
What good will there be in it?
There will be dawns,
My favorite dawns.
There will be birds
near the windows.
There will be love,
there will be a lot of love.
There will be life,
that's enough for now.

My Favorite Way to Relax

Weicheng Huang

China, Level 2

My favorite leisure time activity is watching movies at home. It's the most common and the simplest way to relax. First, watching movies online is a convenient way to relax. For example, we don't have to spend a lot of time to go to the cinema. We can enjoy the movie-time at home whenever we want. Also, there are many types of movies when we search them online. Secondly, different types of movies have different ways to help us relax. For instance, comedy movies can make us laugh a lot. Laughing is a good way to relax! Then, tragedy movies can make us cry. After crying, we always feel relaxed because the stresses are relieved with the tears. Finally, watching movies alone can help us escape from problems. As we all know, people all need to work and study, that means we always have a lot of social, work, and homework. That's why we feel stressed. When we watch some funny movies, we don't need to do those things, we just enjoy our leisure time.

Watching movies always helps me escape from stress and some

problems I don't want to face. That'll be my favorite way to relax forever!

If I Could Be Any Animal

Chatkaew Sangthong

Thailand, Level 3

If I could be any animal, I would be a British shorthair cat in a rich family. I would eat fancy cat food; it could be wet or dry and include expensive brands. I would sleep about 10 hours a day in a cozy bed and hunt whenever I wanted to. If I were a cat, I would have fluffy fur, and also whiskers on my face around my nose like a radar. I would walk on my toes and jump up high to cupboards, roofs, or fences.

If I were a British shorthair cat, I would be related to other cat breeds. I would communicate vocally by meowing, purring, and hissing. I would have 11-12 babies at a time. The baby cat is called a kitten. They would drink milk from me for 4-6 weeks (about 1 and a half months). I would be loved and cared for by humans because of how cute I was.

Half American

Oyu Batbold, Second Place Prizewinner

Mongolia, Level 3

This is an eye opening and a mind widening nonfiction novel by Matt Delmont, a Professor of History at Dartmouth College. Half American contains unpopular yet important, unfair yet true and untold stories on its every single chapter and every single page. There is a main character in each chapter, and it makes the book very absorbing. The book is about discrimination, segregation, and disparities between whites and blacks.

The discrimination began a long time ago, at the same time as slavery started, but it is still alive even nowadays. During the WWII discrimination was on its peak, US Army did not want any colored soldiers, to avoid them, the army was giving all sorts of petty excuses such as black soldiers were unable to understand simple instructions, bad behaviors and uneducated etc. However, much earlier than WWII African American soldiers already proved that they could fight as good as white ones during the Spanish Civil War. The author portrayed this on the first chapter of the book through the journey of writer and journalist, Langston Hughes. In the end, the army started

to accept black soldiers but only as servers, cooking, cleaning or assisting to the white soldiers. Nonetheless, African Americans did not want to sit back. Because during the Spanish Civil War they learned that if they do not fight the discrimination, it might cover the entire world. So, they started a campaign Double V, “victory over fascism abroad and victory over racism at home.” I am thankful for their bravery, persistence, and wisdom. If it were not for them the life today could have been a living hell, just try to imagine that the Nazis were controlling everything!

The government segregated its people, created black only communities, black only schools, and colored only train cars or buses, and white people demanded it, sadly. The civil life was full of segregation. Unfortunately, army life was no different. Black troops lived in separate housings, ate at different tables, trained differently, and could not get the education that they wanted. For example, Benjamin O. Davis Jr. wanted to be a pilot, but the US Air Corps did not accept his application, just because the Air Corps did not have a Black unit. There were people who fought hard against segregations, and they achieved some success, for instance Davis Jr. was able to join the Air Corps several years later.

The disparities between whites and blacks were overwhelmingly bad, in my opinion. Whites and Blacks fought in the same war, without the Black troops, it was impossible to win the war. White veterans took the credits, but black veterans got lynched, got beaten, targeted, and abused when they came back home after the war. Both discrimination and segregation influenced in African Americans employment. “From April to October 1940, the unemployment rate declined from nearly 18 percent to 13 percent for white workers but remained at 22 percent for Black workers. It was written on page 50, *Half American*. I got curious about these statistics and did some Google searches about employment rates. It says, “The unemployment rate averaged 8.6 percent for Blacks and 4.7 percent for Whites.” I think that Jim Crowism is still in effect, and the discrimination is not died yet.

I grew up in a socialist country, where there were neither rich nor poor, everybody wore similar clothes, everybody went to similar schools, everybody ate the same food, no religion, and no choice. The government would decide everything for you. When I was ten years old, Mongolia had a Democratic Revolution, and a life was difficult for a time being, but we got the right to make decisions for ourselves. Since everybody’s life was relatively the same, I was clueless that people could segregate and discriminate against each other. I did not understand why Martin Luther King Jr. Day is a holiday and celebrated. By reading *Half American*, my eyes have opened, my point of view has changed, and my mind has widened. I learned a lot from *Half*

American, and many unanswered questions have answers now. I hope many more people will read this book and learn the hidden history.

Wish for a Pet

Ahmad Zubair Tokhi

Afghanistan, Level 1

I don't have any pets but I really like pets. My favorite pets are cats, wolf, and husky. I really want to have husky in my house but my family they don't like animals. They told me if we have pets in our house the angels are not coming to our house and that's why we don't have pets. The angels are something that protect us from the night time. It is in our religion. We call it angel. In the last I can say having a pet are good and we spend our time.

Milo

Rawan Abunoaj

Jordan, Level 1

I have a pet. It's a cat. His name Milo. I like his name from my mind. He like attention too much. He is friendly and he liked to play with people and with other cats. Milo likes when I pet him. I think he loves me because when I sit he come and sit in my lap and I am play with his fur. When I want to show how much I love him I buy a lot of toys and one day I buy house for him and he was happy. You know, when I leave him home he feels sad. Sometimes I take him out. When I buy for me ice coffee I get for him some whipped cream. He liked to taste things but he doesn't like take shower.

Legal Immigrations vs Illegal Immigration

Arzo Shinwari

Afghanistan, Level 3

Immigration is like exploring a complex web where legal and illegal pathways carefully shape the identity of nation. If we think about working on a big puzzle, where different parts play an important role in shaping how a country operates, a country is like a big puzzle, and immigration is like a different pieces that make up this big puzzle. Some are legal, when people follow the country's rules to move there and some are illegal, when people don't follow the rules. There are

many differences in legal and illegal immigration, especially in economic impact, social integration, and national security.

First, legal immigrants are people who follow clear rules and have plans to help a country's money situation. They have specific jobs, bring new ideas, and help the country grow by paying taxes. On the other hand, illegal immigrants might have trouble getting stable jobs, which creates different money situations for both them and the country. Hence, having a clear plan for immigration is important for making the economy stable.

In addition, legal immigrants go through careful checks to make sure they fit into a new country's culture and language. This helps them because a part of the community is making the mix of people more interesting. Immigrants actively contribute to community life, bringing their own experiences and ideas and making the nation's social connection stronger. As a legal immigrant, when I came to the United States I took cultural classes. In contrast, illegal immigrants might face difficulties fitting in, forming separate groups, and stressing social services. This difference shows how important it is for everyone to share the same culture for society to work well together.

Finally, legal immigration policies focus on making sure things are safe by doing thorough checks like looking at someone's past or background. These safety measures help the country feel secure by lowering possible risks. On the other hand, illegal immigration makes people worry about the country's safety because we don't always know about the background or plans of undocumented people. Not having this information makes it hard to keep a country safe from possible dangers. Recognizing this difference highlights why background checks are needed in immigration systems.

In conclusion, the differences between legal and illegal immigration are greater than people think or believe. They affect how the economy works, how people get along, and how the country stays safe. Understanding this complicated issue needs us to look at it from different angles, thinking about both the good things and the problems that come with each way. Finding a good balance between being kind to people and thinking about what is best for a country is really important. It helps create fair rules for immigration that bring everyone together and make things work well for everyone.

My Way to the Future

Dana Salameh

Palestine and Jordan, Level 1

I am glad from myself because I am a strong girl. In 2020 I was in American school system and when I graduated my GPA is 3.61. Unfortunately, I wasn't have an opportunity to study because my financial situation. I fought depression for 2 years because of my inability to go to the university. In 2023 the US Embassy they sent us an email to get our visa and we have only 3 weeks to go to USA when I come to USA in February 10th '23. I start working to build myself and to have a good income. By chance one of my friend I heard her when she was advising her cousin to register at Tri-C college. She told her they always helping the students. They don't care about the money. They care about your future. I went to Tri-C and I met Nora. She helps me in registration and I always pray for her because she saved my future and I was so happy. I made friends and I learned a lot of things. I'm very grateful and happy to be in college because this is one of the first steps to success. Don't give up. No one knows what God has hide for us. Not everything we want happens because God hides the best for us. Resist, fight, and get what you want. Don't let anyone underestimate your abilities, draw the goal and then achieve it. My goal is to be a criminal investigator in cybersecurity and to reach my goal, I have a need to learn English and I will because I have ambition and ambition is my defense to succeed.



EDUCATION

A Journal Entry: Junior's Experience at Tri-C

Junior Diaz

Dominican Republic, Level 1

Me personally, I'm getting a great experience at Tri-C. I'm lucky to study here, I have the best teachers ever. I think, "If I had it when I was a kid, the same teachers as now, my life will be different." I'm learning a lot. The people in Tri-C are very friendly also have a good area for food, a library with all that you need. To finish, I can say I'm glad to be here!

Methods for Learning a Second Language Successfully

Olha Podhaniuk

Ukraine, Level 3

Usually, people who want to learn a second language think that all methods are good and helpful. However, some methods just take too much time and do not work effectively. For example, most of people that have been studying a second language in the school for years can never actually speak in the language. It may be explained by a weak motivation and a lack of using a second language in their everyday lives. But, unfortunately, people still struggle with that problem even when they moved in a country of that language. So, we need to know how to learn a second language successfully and what methods to use. Communication with native speakers, being ready to ask questions, and studying smart are great tools to improve our learning a second language.

First of all, if we learn a second language, we should understand how this language sounds and how native speakers use it. For exam-

ple, if you want to learn to drive a car, you need to watch somebody driving first. Then, you would understand and absorb their skills. Listening and speaking to native speakers work in the same way. The more we communicate with people, the more we understand and absorb their language skills. Nowadays, there are lots of opportunities to reach out any languages through social medias, chats, websites, movies or in-person activities. Therefore, if we want to succeed in our learning a second language, communication with native speakers will be a very helpfull method to do it.

The next important part of learning is asking questions and being ready to do mistakes. Sometimes, people can not improve their knowledge because they are just scared of inquiring and looking stupid. However, without it, learning a second language becomes so difficult and daunting. For this reason, there are so many examples of immigrants who live in the U.S for decades and still not improve their English.

Finally, learning a second language obviously requires to study smart. For instance, studying with understanding your learning style, using study tips that are comfortable for you, managing your time, prioritizing tasks, and being consistant. Also, frequent practicing what we have already learned will help our study effectiveness. These examples may seem too general, but people often struggle to organize their study.

In conclusion, acquiring a second language needs efforts, but using the good methods can make it easier and more successfull. Communication with native speakers, being ready to ask questions and studying smart are some usefull tips to start with. Also, it is important to keep in mind that any studying takes time depending on personal abilities and opportunities. Therefore, we should do our best and always remember to be patient to ourselves.

Learning Math with My Strict Teacher

Izz Abdelkarim

Egypt, Level 2

Two years ago, I arrived in the US with my family from Egypt. I finished until 11 grade in Egypt but wheI come her I was plaining to start working and not finish my high school ,but no one in my family Agre with me .So I decide to start school ,I start attending school in the beginning of 2021 .The concolor put me in 11 grade ,I was confused because I was not able to speak English well ,so it was very hard to do my homework .Most teachers were very nice with me because

they understand that I was new in the school expect one teacher, Nael Abasi my Mathe teacher. She is from the middle east exactly from Palestine but she didn't allow to Speake Arabic with her or with friends during glass ,she was too strict and always made ,she don't accept excuses about late homework or even a doctor appalment ,she gave us homework's every day and 2 quizzes a week, I couldn't do a lot of homework because it was very hard and when I took the final quiz on the semester I got 40% this is not even half .After that I decide to be more responsible so I asked her for more help .She let me watch videos and do extra exercises on khan academy and sometimes she helped me during her lunch .Then she give a link to online tutoring afterschool .After the beginning of the last semester I start to get better grades .I didn't have to stay after school any more or ask for online tutoring because I improved my grades ,sometimes she let me help some students .Before the end of the semester she gave us a lot of handouts to practices , I reviewed a lot of them to get a good grade .And finally, I took the finally exam and I got 94% in the class and I moved to 12 grade most teachers were very proud of me because they didn't expected me to get this grade .A lot of students dint like her because she was strict ,but for me it was different because if she weren't strict with me maybe I couldn't get this grade ,I will always be grateful for her thank you Nael Abasi.

High School Senate Winner

Cadeau Muzinga

Tanzania, Level 2

I started to play soccer in my sophomore year in high school. It is located on the west side. It is a public school with a very big parking lot. In fall of 2019 the high school soccer season started. We had two coaches. They were both teachers at my school. One was head coach, another was assistant coach. They made everything easy for us because they knew what they were doing. They hac coaching experience. The Senate tournament started under these two coaches. We played twelve games and we won all of them. We made it to the finals and played against John Marshall high school, another public school. It was located on West 140. They beat us on the final game. They won the Senate that year. I felt bad and I was stressed.

In 2021 it was my senior year and one of the coach moved to another school, and the other coach got married and moved to another state. We didn't have a coach, so school brought us a new coach who didn't know anything about soccer. We helped him with soccer

drills. We worked together as a team. We won all our games and we reached the final. Again, we played against John Marshall. We beat them 3- 0 and we became Senate champions. I was happy we won it during my senior year. We got revenge.

Unfortunately, after that year, the coach moved again and the team hasn't won since.

A Personal Narrative about School

Thai Hoa Truong

Vietnam, Level 2

When I was 16 years old my first year in high school I studied in my home country Viet Nam with my best friend named Billy. After the final test, our class had planned a trip to relax and enjoy the beginning of summer, and that trip was planned to go to the beach. That morning, I picked Billy up at 6 in the morning and we went to school together we started going to the beach by bus. When we got there we were so excited, and we wanted to run to the beach immediately. But we got stopped by the teacher, and the teacher made the whole class listen for an hour-long” How to be safe on the beach” but at that time my mind was thinking about all the games we could play on the beach, it was so boring at that time. Finally, when the teacher was done, we actually looked like the F1 car ran to the beach very quickly. We did a lot of activities, we swam, we played soccer, we built a sand castle, and we had a competition named: “Who is the son of Poseidon” The rule was who stayed longer under the water was the winner. It was my favorite game before that day but not anymore, because I was defeated by Billy. I didn't know if he was cheating or not, but he stayed longer than me most of the time. I was a little sad. Because he shared the reward with me, everything was fine. When the time was up, we had to go home. On the way home, we stopped by a gift store and bought some gifts for my family. At the end of the trip, I and Billy promised that when we have money, we will go to the beach together one more time. Now Billy and I are in different countries, but we are still in touch with each other. Hopefully one day we can go to the beach for the promise

My Teachers Helped to Rebuild Our School

Sviatoslav Nodzhak

Ukraine, Level 2

When I was 14 years old. I used to study in average Ukrainian school. It was old school, and we even didn't have a sports field. Because that was beginning of a new school year a lot of new teachers came to our school. They were young and very creative, and they started to develop our school and create a lot of events and competitions. First, the students began to support the teachers, and they started to participate in all events that teachers created. I was so happy that our school started to develop. I was inspired our new teachers, and I even went to group of runners that ran from our school. Also, they suggested us to wear school form, and majority of students supported this idea. Second, they offered to our counselor to make the fields for basketball and soccer. Counselors believed that was a good idea, so they applied for the money to city. The city agreed to that plan and gave money to the school. Finally, teachers started to work on the plan to rebuild whole school. They worked on that plan two years, and city rejected that plan a lot of times. After some negotiation, the city agreed to fund our school. To sum up, I think it is very useful for the schools to invite new teachers.

Cheating in the Math Exam

Huda Mahdi

Sudan, Level 2

I am from Sudan. I lived in a small town. I started elementary school at 6 years old. I remember that I had a big problem with the final exam in the second grade. My friend and I cheated during the Math exam. The exam was difficult, and we weren't ready to pass. We had a smart teacher. She knew we were cheating in the exam. She compared the two papers and the answers were the same. My friend and I failed the exam. However, I understood that wasn't a good way to succeed. Cheating changed my life. I made a rule that in the future I wouldn't cheat anymore. I paid attention in the class. And I understood what the teacher was teaching. After that, I never worried about failure. The rule I made in my life was that I would never cheat again, and taught me that failure was a good way to succeed.

A Special Job with Special Kids

Dana Salameh

Palestine and Jordan, Level 1

When I was 19 years old, I started to work in a center for special needs as a specialist assistant. I faced difficulty in the beginning because I had no experience, and I cried a lot about the situation of the children. I was saying what am I doing here? But with the passing of days, I got very attached to the children as the old people say, time and patience teach us, and give us lessons. Here I learned and gained experience and even though I have three certificates in applied behavior analysis (ABA) to help people with autism build skills in communication. At first, I felt like a heavy feeling from inside about how I could help them. I started with some of the types of senses: hearing, taste, looking, touching, and smelling to let them recognize these senses. We started to give them activities like hearing, listening to music, and letting them press the keys on the piano. At the same time, we worked in touch senses. We let them play with the soil to feel it. At lunchtime, we grab them a spoon to touch it to eat, and taste. We gave them different kinds of fruits like apples, and berries, and vegetables too like beans. And for the last two senses: looking and smelling, we gave them flowers to smell and look for. We always have meetings to put in new plans to improve them. I always pray for them. In my classroom, I have different areas including a small space on the side to read a story for them. When they start smiling and laughing, I feel I am in paradise. I hope that they're getting better. They are far from my eyes but not in my heart, I did not make my distance an obstacle for me. I hope that the parents get close to their children and not be cruel to them. Children their talks are interesting, and their treatment is loving. Children if you offend them today, tomorrow they forget because their hearts are white. And with your kind and close treatment of children's hearts, they give you all their feelings of love, respect, and attachment. God gave you a blessing, which is to have a kid and take care of them. They have an innocent soul.

Hi, Ma'am, What's Up!

Soumia El Brouzi

Morocco, Level 2

Hello, I am a student from Morocco. I grew up in a big family. I got my data engineering diploma in Casablanca. When I was 21 years, I started my first job. I worked as a Data Analyst, a Training Manager, a Support Manager, and as a Sales Manager.

5 years ago, I joined my husband in the United States. I came with my twins, Sarah, and Rayan. I took care of them because they were 5 months. I was upset. The weather was hugely different. While I was looking out the window, I saw white snow everywhere. I did not have any friends or family. It was terrible to stay at home when you were regularly active. Since June 2018, I have been living in Parma. My neighbors were friendly, but I avoided talking to them. They spoke quickly. I remembered one funny situation. My neighbor said: "Hi, Mia what's up" I answered happily: "Yes, I have WhatsApp." I thought that he was asking me if I had the app. I ignored that what's up is a common friendly greeting. Sometimes, when my old neighbor talked to me, I pretended to understand yet I was shy to tell her to speak slowly. Always, I need my husband to translate.

Another situation, I wanted to pick up my kids' medicine from CVS Pharmacy. A technician said: "Please Ma'am, can I help you? ". I was confused, I thought that she said "Mom!" After that, my husband explained the differences between "Mom" and "Ma'am." So, I felt terribly angry. My first goal became learning US English. On April 2020, I looked for ESL online Classes. I chose Aspire Greater Cleveland. Then, I studied for a few months with Miss Katerine Stewart. She is a good American teacher. Then I stopped because I was diagnosed with breast cancer level intermediate, and I had to do a mastectomy, Chemotherapy, and Radiotherapy. Despite my illness, I continued to learn this language by myself. I watched videos on YouTube and cartoon movies. In addition, I read simple stories that I brought from the library. I have had a long marathon of treatment! I always pray God, "Thanks for all, Please, I don't want to live these experiences anymore."

In the hospital, I decided not asking for an interpreter, and I spoke English even, I made mistakes. Often, if I could not understand a nurse, I replied "Please, repeat." I have decided to not be shy anymore. I said myself: "English is my third language, so it is normal that I made mistakes." I practiced speaking English with patients, doctors, nurses, and a receptionist as result, I had confidence in myself to talk to American people. The more I practiced, the more I knew

my weakness. In the last appointment of radiotherapy, I was able to speak much more fluently than my first day at the hospital. Since last August, my children have been going to their elementary school. So, I have been able to attend TRI-C. Every day, I learn new vocabulary. Also, I improved my skills in grammar, writing and speaking. Thank you, Professor Sue, and Professor Omar for your ongoing support.

In my first day at TRI-C, I have made friends. I have known Raissa, she is a kind woman from Moldova. I have known Ikey too. He is a funny person from Japan. Brief, I am happy and excited to study US English and start a new chapter of my life in TRI-C.

A Journal Entry: Zede's Experience at Tri-C

Zede Serge Goba

Ivory Coast, Level 1

My experience at Tri-C is very interesting. From school administration to the teaching professionals, the people are very welcoming. As proof, my beginning at the Basic Level of ESL, I had wonderful teachers like the grammar teacher Mr. Nick and my reading teacher Ms. Kathline Molzar.

This semester in Level I, I have two wonderful teachers again. My Reading and Writing and Grammar Communication Mrs. Donna and Jennie Kaffen are very friendly with students.

I have a very good experience at my school, Tri-C.

Facts and Opinions about My Classes

Rawan Abunoaj

Jordan, Level 1

My class is going good so far. We are taking a lot of homework and I didn't miss my classes so far. Sometimes I feel like it's hard because of too much stress to do the work. I learned a lot of things like how to make complete sentence and how I make negative words and much more. I also like how I spoke and used verbs and how I learned to speak correctly. My teachers are beautiful and kind and love to help us. They give us too much new things and new words to learn and how we're getting to use it in real life. My opinion: it's kind of difficult. The teachers are nice. The fact: we are going to learn. We will become something in real life.

My English School

Wendy Moctezuma

Mexico, Level 1

When I arrived here for me was very important studying English. I looked for two options and finally found my English school in USA. First day I felt nervous to know my new teachers and classmates was a new experience for me because it has been a long time ago without studying English. If I compare my learning the first day until now I have advanced. My vocabulary has increased and I have remembered a lot of grammatical rules and I have practiced my speaking with my classmates. I didn't like to speak English with other people because I felt embarrassed. My English it's not fluent, no good, but I'm trying to talk, even though I don't say the words with correct pronunciation, or conjugation of verbs correctly. But to get here, it has been hard. We have a lot of homework all days and I felt tired. Finally, I hope to make an effort for learning and speaking English in the following months.

A Journal Entry: Sylvia's Experience at Tri-C

Xueqing (Sylvia) Liu

China, Level 1

I love my English classes at Tri-C. I started to learn English on January 30. At first, my class is the class of level two. I took two lessons but it was too difficult for me. I did not understand what the teacher said. I applied to change my lessons to level one class. The professors are very kind with me. Then I succeeded to change my class. My new classes are very friendly, and the professors are very good. I think my English will have a lot of progress.

Learning at Forty Years Old

Wendy Moctezuma

Mexico, Level 1

I am learning something in my 40s: my second language. I believe that learning at this age require more time and dedication to achieve the expected learning since at this age we have problems memorizing. We also have other responsibilities then a younger student but I'm really believe that perseverance, effort and sacrifice are worth

for reach your goals. I really like the message: it's never too late for learning.

How We Created School's Soccer Team

Ahmad Nawshad

Afghanistan, Level 2

Many years ago, I was studying in Nazo Ana high school located in Kabul, Afghanistan. The school team was not allowed to play in a soccer tournament because they had lost every single match the years before that year, so they decided to not join anymore. My friend and I felt so sad about it, and we wanted to play for our school. First of all, I talked to my classmates, and we decided to create the team because everybody wanted to play in the tournament. Second, we started finding other players from other classes, so we walked to every single class and asked for good players. Next, we all went to talk with our sports teacher about creating the team. Then the teacher got permission from the school's office. After that, we started practicing, and we had practice everyday for one month. Finally, we won the trophy that year, and the school was very proud of us.

A Journal Entry: Vagondo's Experience at Tri-C

Vagondo Kone

Ivory Coast, Level 1

I'm Vagondo Kone. I'm from Ivory Coast and I live in Cleveland. I study at Tri-C. I like Tri-C because Tri-C is a very good college and I like the famous teachers like Mr. Nick, Ms. Donna and Ms. Kaffen. They teach very good. I like the teaching. At Tri-C I meet many people from different countries like Rwanda, Afghanistan, China, Mexico.... The students at Tri-C are very friendly, helpful and funny. The Tri-C classroom are very spaced and very clean who are motivating to study. Learning English is my first priority in USA because I like English and I want to speak English very well. Finally, I like Tri-C . I like everything at Tri-C.

Learning Never Ends

Aida Hysenaj

Albania, Level 1

Learning never ends. If I want to learn it's not excuse to say I don't have time. If I want, I can learn when I drive to go to school, when I clean my house, or when I work. I can sing for my babies. It's not important how old I am or where I am from. The most important is how I want to learn the new things. If I have one reason that's helping me to learn faster is that I can do it to be proud myself and I want my family to feel proud of me.

A Journal Entry: Anaid's Experience at Tri-C

Anaid Vargas

Puerto Rico, Level 1

My experience with Tri-C is new for me. First, I was scared because I didn't know how was going to be. I didn't know what to expect. And also I thought was going to be a good opportunity to make friends so I was excited. And then I was expecting the class is going to be serious but it is the opposite. People in the class are friendly and kind. My first day was relaxing. I knew people because I'm very social so I make some friends. I have three classes Grammar, Listening and Speaking, and Reading and Writing. I like the classes I learn so much in class. I came to Tri-C knowing a little of English so I'm learning things that I didn't learn by myself. So, this experience in Tri-C is a period of learning new things.

New School

Manel Lydia Samai

Algeria, Level 1

I started to study in community college. It makes me very happy the new experience for me. I like to do my homework and wake up early to prepare my backpack. This reminds me of my university days when I was studying in Algeria. It's helped me to improve my English. I am very satisfied with this method of education. The teachers have special method of education to teach the students. They have advanced teaching methods. This is new to me. I like the way they taught the lesson. I wish with all my heart to progress.



ABOUT ME

Who Am I?

Nataliia Siredzhuk

Ukraine, Basic

I am Ukrainian. I love Ukraine, I love Ukrainian traditions, I'm proud that I am Ukrainian. I am wife and mother. I really happy that I have the best family, I have best husband and sweat daughter. I am daughter. I have the best parent. For me it is very important because, I feel happy and needed. I have people who support and help me ever. I'm student. I'm learning English because I need to be independent in this country.

Who Am I?

Lucia Escobar

Mexico, Basic

In Parma embrace, I am wed, two sons by my side, their laughter spread. But now, a new life within me stirs, another heartbeat, another chapter occurs. In this City where dreams take flight, a family grows, by their loves light.

Every morning, I wake up with the energy to keep going, at work I like to have a strawberry bagel smoothie and that makes my day happy

When I Look in the Mirror

Mayra Gonzalez

Puerto Rico, Basic

When I look in the mirror I see in myself a woman who has been through many difficult situations in life; But at the same time she is a happy woman, who is friendly with other people and a good person although somewhat shy.

When I look in the mirror I see a woman who likes music and dancing to it; also one who loves to travel from one place to another and enjoy and share with different cultures.

When I look in the mirror and contemplate how this woman was so strong to bring into the world two beautiful daughters and a beautiful son, it is the most beautiful thing that God has sent me.

And as time goes by I look in the mirror and ask myself, am I that woman responsible for her home, her work, and her friends?

And she answered me in the mirror because of course you are more than that, you are a brave woman who has fought to give everything for her family who has left behind her entire life formed to give a better future to her children who sacrificed her profession to improve the future of her family.

Now I look in the mirror and ask myself, was it worth it?

Well, if it's worth it, because this one in the mirror is a confident woman who is creating a better future for her family and for herself who will give everything to be a nurse again. That woman in the mirror is me.

Important Things About Me

Anna Lebid

Ukraine, Basic

These four things are important in my life. First of all I am Ukrainian. I am very proud of it, because Ukrainians are very freedom loving people who are ready for anything for the sake of their freedom.

I'm a good mother. Mom is definitely the most precious person, who gave birth raised and generally devoted her life to children. A mother gives her children all her life. I feel that I am a good mother, because my children love me and this is the most important thing in my life.

I'm a good student, because I listen carefully to the teacher, I do all my homework and I do it myself. I understand that it is important

for me.

I am a good travel agent. I try to find approach to each client and find him the best trip that will be remembered for the rest of his life. It is very important for me because it is my job and my future.

Who Am I?

Diana Shmyhelska

Ukraine, Basic

I'm a child of God

-This means that I belong not only to my parents, but also to God, I become a member of the Church of Christ

I'm a happy person

I'm happy that I'm a Christian

- I have God in my heart, and I know that only in him happiness and joy. He's a wonderful creator of the world. He created everything so wonderful for us.

Who is Alla?

Alla Bakalets

Ukraine, Basic

My name is Alla and I have 4 important points about myself, which lets you know me better.

- I am a good mother. As for me, it's a big miracle and blessing. There is no bad period in motherhood. You always are happy, when you see how your child is growing.

- I am a wife. My family is an integral part of me. This is support and mutual understanding, this is an endless lesson in relationships between people.

- I am a Christian. This is who I am in my soul. It's my guide, what I have to do and what I have to stop in my life.

- I am a student. This is my personal goal today. My way of not being lazy. I enjoy it and plan to have good education.



SPECIAL PEOPLE

The Best Day of My Life

Anzhelika Zaiats, First Place Prizewinner

Ukraine, Level 1

The best day of my life was the day I gave birth to my son. My husband and I tried to have a baby for 8 years before my son was born. For 9 months I imagined the first meeting with my son and finally waited. However, when it came time to give birth, the doctor sent me for an emergency external operation. At that moment, I no longer heard the doctor, I only thought about the fact that I would not see my son at the time of his birth, and I would not be able to hug him. I cried, but the doctor assured me that immediately after the birth of my son, he would be hugged by my husband. Then, after a few hours of my sleep, the nurse brought my son and laid him next to me. I kissed his little hands and couldn't hold back tears of happiness. This day divided my life into before and after. I don't remember before, but after that, it was the best thing that could have happened to me. It is a strange thing when the birth of a small person can give new life to other people.

My Neighbors

Aida Hysenaj

Albania, Level 1

My neighbors are Miss Ashby and her boyfriend Mr. Sean. They live in the left side of my house. They are very nice neighbors and friendly. We work in the same place. Miss Ashley teaches my son sometimes and Mr. Sean too. Our job is in the same street where we live and almost everyday we walk together to go to work. They have one dog and one cat. My kids love to play with their animals. Every weekend when we are off from work we spend some time with them.

The Scariest Day of My Life

Olha Kovalska, *Third Place Prizewinner*

Ukraine, Level 1

One of the scariest memories of my life happened when I was 17 years old. That summer evening at 9:15, my mother accompanied me to visit my friend, and we also had our dog with us. Mom and I were talking about everything, until suddenly a car passing by ran over our dog. The driver stopped and we started talking, and at that time my mother came to see what was wrong with the dog. While I was talking to the driver, I saw the bright light of the headlights in front of me. It was another car and that was going so fast that I didn't have time to say a word. Next, the man took my hand and pulled me to the side of the road, but at that moment, I heard a very strong blow. When I turned around, I saw my mother a few meters in the air above the car. I ran up to her, lifted her head and said that everything would be fine, but I didn't keep my words. Finally, she died in the hospital five days later. This picture is in front of my eyes every day. However, despite the fact that my mother is not among the living, I always feel her presence.

My Son

Aida Hysenaj

Albania, Level 1

My son is the most important person in my life. Every day when I go back in home he opens the door for me. He gives me a big hug and kiss. His name is Albion is tall and thin with brown eyes and brown short hair. He is 4 years old but he looks like he is older than that to me. He takes care of me and his sister too. Every time when he see me tired he asks me if I need help. He gives me love every moment when he wake up he says I love you mom. Every night he kisses me and says I love you mom. He loves to play with playdoh. He loves PawPatrol the movie animals. All his stuff: pillow, blanket, bottle are with PawPatrol. He is happy boy and he laughs all day. He is my cutie boy.

If

Michael Hedonukun

Nigeria, Level 3

If I could turn the hands of time,
I'd journey back to my cradle bed,
Where gentle lullabies, my mother's chime,
Love sweetly spread, in tender thread.

How I wish time could permit,
Turn back to old times,
To escape from wounds, scars that bit,
The pain I host today because I was away from you, my spirit lit.

If stars could whisper fountains,
About how adulthood is,
I would have stayed in the arms of my beloved mother,
A melody of love through the night and morning, pure bliss.

If only and only.

I miss you, Mum



FOOD

Borsch

Olha Hermanovych

Ukraine, Basic

My favorite dish is borsch. I usually cook it on Mondays for my family. This dish consists of meat, onions, beet root, potatoes, carrots, beans and cabbage. My children usually help me with preparing this food, because they like spending time with me.

Borsch is a very tasty soup which my family love eating with bread and sour cream. Borsch is my favorite food.

My Husband

Sidorela Qoraj

Albania, Basic

I want to tell about my husband. His name is Denis. He is 6 feet and 5 inch. He has black hair and brown eyes, he's fat . I really love him. My husband is very smart, very nice and very friendly. I am so glad to have him in my life. Together we have 5 years and a few months. My love story with him I want to tell my children in the future. For me he is a special man and special husband. I really love to do things with him. Together we love to go on the trip and we both work so hard. He's a good cook and I'm a good cook too. He supports me for everything and he is every time near with me when I am good or bad. And I love when he says, "I'm here for you every time, every moment." He's a "dream" husband. I think every girl in the world wants to have a husband like me. He is really gentleman and handsome. I need a book for a reading of my love I have for him. This is half what I have for him because the love sometimes we can't show with paper or with word. I love my husband. Thank you! You change my life and you're here for me and I am all the time here for you. God bless you because you make me feel like a super woman.

My Favorite Food

Andres Escobedo Mormontoy

Peru, Basic

I am not a conservative person, more than this I do what I need. Many times I stayed hungry and sad because of the food I ate. It was not good taste or simply it was bad. And then I tried to learn something about cooking. At the beginning it was difficult, but at the time I learned a little bit. I noticed cooking is an art.

I learned to prepare my favorite plate, it's "Huancaína Potatoes; it is a plate from Peru. There people use some ingredients like light pepper, olive oil, cream, crackers, olives, lettuce and potatoes. Potato is the principal ingredient, of course. On "You Tube" is a tutorial of this plate. I enjoy eating it.



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