

A valuable experience

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I am grateful that I had the opportunity of studying abroad, which has given me a valuable experience and chance to learn not only English, but also difference of culture and way of life. First of all, I was surprised that Canada is a multiracial nation composed of different races, like a white, a black, Asian and others. I felt Canada is a nice country to live with different races. I went to University of Toronto, where you can see a lot of students from different countries. I made friends with people from Korea, China, Saudi Arabia, Mexico, Brazil, Chile, Columbia, Turkey and others. They had different and interesting ideas, so I really enjoyed attending my classes every day.

In August, all my classmates were Japanese, except for the last class which has two Japanese in class including me. I preferred the class with fewer Japanese students, because speaking English with friends from other foreign countries was really interesting. If I don't speak up at all in class, nobody would know me I'm in the class, so I have to tell my opinion, and participate in the class. The teachers I had at the University of Toronto were so kind and dedicated. I enjoyed the class so much. There are lots of activities in class, and the time in class went by so fast! I thought going to university and talking with friends from other countries were a nice way to study English.

Home stay is also good way to learn English. My host family was very kind and they made my stay at their house very comfortable. I had to tell my opinion in English, and that experience made my English improved. Toronto is a good place to learn English, and their transportation system is very convenient. It is easy to access to a lot of places in Toronto. One of the reasons I think Toronto is a good place to study English is that there are a lot of libraries there. They are big and spacious. The people in Toronto are very kind, too. When studying abroad, it made me think about Japan more than before. I asked many people what they think about Japan, and I was surprised by their images of Japan. It was different from what I thought it would be, so it was a good opportunity to think about my country. I met a lot of people through studying abroad, and all of them are my treasures. I will continue my study and will never forget this experience.

