

My learning days in Australia

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Australia is a big civilized continent, as I used to imagine. Many international students come here to study. When I first arrived there, there were lots of things that I had not learnt before, especially in communicating with people of different nationalities (my mother tongue is Thai language). The environment was completely different, I had to learn how to cook and handle everything by myself.

In terms of communication, I think that communicating with local people can help you improve your language skills faster. Most people in Australia are friendly. When I first arrived in Australia, I lived with my homestay family. By talking with me everyday, the family encouraged me and helped me to improve my English, get rid of my accent and get used to the English language. Besides, I had tried to communicate with the Australians that I met, explain as much as possible to make sure that they really understood me and speak English in class and with friends.

Australia is quite different from my home country. In terms of public transport, it's really not easy for new arrivals. I experienced to get the public transportation by asking for the map and timetable. And when I had some queries, I would ask the help from local people. Next, I would like to talk about the shopping malls. Here the shopping malls close extremely early, about 5pm. So I had to rush every time, and the most important was that I had to be on time everyday and plan before going out.

In terms of food, the typical food of Australia is fish and chips or sandwiches, but Asian food like Chinese, Korean, Japanese or Thai food are also available. However, I preferred cooking for myself because eating outside was always expensive and I was not used to the taste of the food. As a result, I tried hard to cook in different ways.

As a conclusion, I had learnt a lot in Australia. When I arrived to a new place, I think some important things are communicating with local people, learning to adapt to different environments and learning how to cook. I really felt regret that I should have learnt more about cooking before I went to Australia. However, I had learnt a lot and gained lots of experiences that I would not have in my home country.

