

Lesson 08

I liked the local cuisine.

Target: Having a conversation about living overseas.

Vocabulary

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Living overseas



Related vocabulary

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| - to stay in touch with... | - one's surroundings | - a gap year |
| - an international driving permit | - to do a home stay | - an outsider |
| - to leave... behind | - to enroll in / attend a class | - to study abroad |
| - to get adjusted to... | - tuition | - ESL / EFL |
| - to get familiar with... | - the local cuisine | - an expat |
| - a working vacation | - to be confusing | - to fit in |
| - a transition | - a host family | - the pace of life |

Conversation

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1 Use the questions below to have a conversation with your partner about the topic

Partner #1: Questions

- Where would you like to do a home stay / working holiday? Why?
- Have you ever felt like an outsider before? What happened?
- Have you ever had problems adjusting to somewhere?
- What are the pros and cons of doing a working vacation?
- When you went overseas, what did you think of the local cuisine?
- What are some of the benefits of studying abroad?
- Have you ever had trouble making ends meet? What happened?
- Does anyone you know hang out with expats a lot?
- Have you ever experienced a difficult transition? What was it?
- Have you ever had trouble fitting in? What happened? How did you solve the problem?

Partner #2: Questions

- If you had just finished high school, would you consider taking a gap year?
- What's something that took you a long time to get familiar with?
- When you enroll in a class overseas. Is the tuition expensive?
- Do you think your family would be a good host family? Why? Why not?
- How do you find the pace of life in Japan compared to other countries?
- Does it usually take you a long time to get adjusted to your surroundings after you move?
- What's the best way to stay in touch with your friends back home?
- When you are living overseas, how long does it take to reach a point where you can communicate naturally?
- How do you go about getting an international driving permit?
- If you could stay for a year in any country, which country would you choose and why?

2 Complete one or more of the situations below

- Role play:** Partner #1: This is your first day at your new school abroad. You are really nervous.
Partner #2: You are a student at the school. Help the exchange student fit in.
- Speech:** Tell a story about a terrible year abroad.
- Speech:** Tell a story about a fantastic year abroad.
- Debate:** You think taking a gap year is a great idea, but your partner does not agree.