



## LESSON SUMMARY

## Vocabulary

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Word/Phrase	Meaning	Example
study abroad (v phr.) /ˈstʌdi əˈbrɔ:d/	to spend time on studies in a foreign country	He missed the chance to <b>study abroad</b> .
share (v) /ʃer/	to use something with other people	My younger sister and I <b>share</b> a bedroom.
experience (n) /ɪkˈspriəns/	the knowledge and skill gained from doing something	Do you have any <b>experience</b> in teaching children?
positive (adj) /'pozətɪv/	good or useful	The results of the tests were <b>positive</b> .
negative (adj) /'negətɪv/	bad or harmful	Her test results have a <b>negative</b> impact on her mood.
make friends (v phr.) /meɪk frɛndz/	to establish a relationship based on mutual affection	It's difficult for a newcomer to <b>make friends</b> in this town.

## Writing



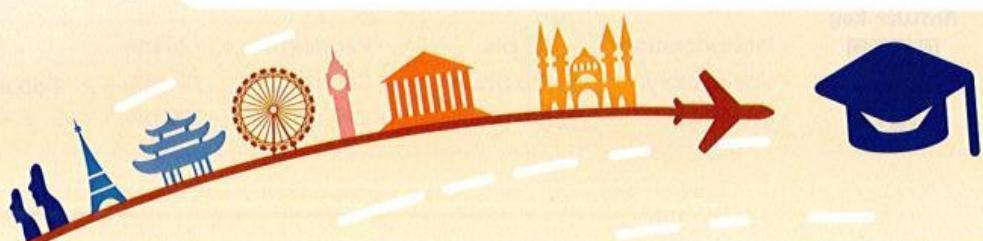
## A paragraph about studying abroad

1) Which country &amp; how long you went to study

2) What positive experiences/problems you had

3) What you think about it

1) I recently returned from studying in the United States for several months. I'd like to share my experience studying abroad with you. 2) I took an English language course for the first two months. Although the course was short, my English improved a lot. That was because I always spoke English during that time. After the course, I participated in an exchange program at a secondary school. I studied the same subjects as the other students at this school. I tried my best. However, I still needed to improve my English in order to understand all of the lessons. Luckily, my new friends there helped me with my projects and homework. 3) I had a wonderful time there and gained a lot of experience.



## PRACTICE



### Vocabulary

a. Complete the sentences using the words or phrases in the box. There are two extra words or phrases.

- 1 She decided to \_\_\_\_\_ in the US because she wanted to improve her English.
- 2 With a(n) \_\_\_\_\_, better things tend to happen.
- 3 It is not easy to \_\_\_\_\_ at a new school.
- 4 If you have done that before, you will have more \_\_\_\_\_ than others.
- 5 Knowing how to \_\_\_\_\_ makes it easier for me to get along with others.

share  
university  
experience  
make friends  
negative attitude  
study abroad  
positive attitude

b. Complete the dialogue using the words or phrases in the boxes.

positive

experience

study abroad

share

friends

May Hey, John. What are you doing?  
John I'm reading about scholarships in Australia.  
May You want to 6) \_\_\_\_\_, don't you?  
John Yeah, but I don't have any 7) \_\_\_\_\_.  
May It's not easy to travel alone and study in a foreign country.  
John I know. Actually, studying in a big country has both 9) \_\_\_\_\_ and negative sides. One of the good things is that I can make a lot of foreign 9) \_\_\_\_\_.  
May I think so. Please 10) \_\_\_\_\_ some information with me then.  
John Sure.

### Listening

a. Listen to a teacher's presentation about studying abroad. Write T (true) or F (false). 

- 1 Many of the students in the class are interested in studying abroad. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Students can only study in some countries. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Students can study abroad for various lengths of time. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 The teacher said students should study abroad while in elementary or secondary school. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Some students may want to study abroad to learn about a country's culture. \_\_\_\_\_

b. Listen to the rest of the presentation. Complete each gap with ONE WORD. 

### STUDYING ABROAD

#### Before your study

- 6) \_\_\_\_\_ money
- improve your English by talking to 7) \_\_\_\_\_ in English and using apps
- find information about the country's 8) \_\_\_\_\_ and culture



#### During your study

- try your best to study
- 9) \_\_\_\_\_ new friends
- not go out 10) \_\_\_\_\_ or late at night



## Reading

a. Read Thanh's blog. Write **T** (true), or **F** (false) or **DS** (doesn't say).



### ABOUT ME

Hi all!  
My name's Thanh.

This is my second week in the US, and I'm experiencing a lot of things that I don't think are available back home. First, in Vietnam, I usually have a big breakfast with some kinds of noodles, such as *phở* or *bún bò Huế*. In the US, however, I eat pancakes or muffins for breakfast. I sometimes eat fruit and drink tea or coffee in the morning. Second, everything appears to be bigger here than in Vietnam, from food portions to shoe sizes. An American burger, for example, is about twice the size of a Vietnamese burger. Besides, a size 45 sneaker is typical in America, while it is rare in Vietnam. There are still many other interesting things about this big country. Let me tell you about them in my next post.

Thank you for reading my post.



Views: 200

- 1 Thanh went to the US three weeks ago. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 People in the US often eat some kinds of cakes for their breakfast. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Thanh ate different kinds of Vietnamese foods while she was in the US. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 In Vietnam, shoe sizes above 45 are common. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Thanh is going to write more about her experience in the US. \_\_\_\_\_



b. Read some comments on Thanh's post. Answer each question with NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS from the text.



I am happy to know you are having a lovely time in the US. I want to study abroad in the future after reading your post. I am looking forward to reading more posts on your blog.

I am very interested in your post. Everything is also different in Spain. Last summer, I spent my vacation in Spain. In Spain, a small portion of beefsteak was the same size as a large portion in Vietnam. When people greeted each other, I found it strange that they kissed each other on the cheeks.



I didn't have a chance to visit the US. However, I joined a one-year exchange program in Thailand. I also experienced so many things. Studying abroad is interesting, isn't it?



- 6 What did Jane like to do after reading the post? \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 Which country did Hoa travel to last summer? \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 How did Hoa feel about the way people greet each other in Spain? \_\_\_\_\_
- 9 How long did Tim study in Thailand? \_\_\_\_\_
- 10 How does Tim think about studying abroad? \_\_\_\_\_

## Speaking

Anna just finished a year studying abroad. Complete the conversation between Anna and David using the questions in the box.

- A Which country did you go to?
- B Did you have any problems?
- C What positive experiences did you have?
- D When did you come back?
- E What did you like the most there?

David Hi Anna! Long time no see! 1) \_\_\_\_\_

Anna Hi David! I came back two weeks ago. How are you doing?

David I'm good. 2) \_\_\_\_\_

Anna The US.

David 3) \_\_\_\_\_

Anna Maybe, I liked the people there the most. They came from all over the world, and I could learn about their cultures.

David 4) \_\_\_\_\_

Anna I had a culture shock. Many things were not the same as in our country.

David 5) \_\_\_\_\_

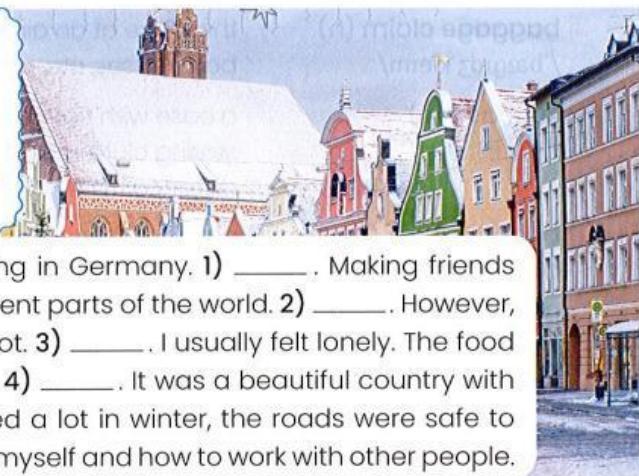
Anna Well, a lot. I made many friends there, and my English improved a lot.

David That sounds great, Anna.

## Writing

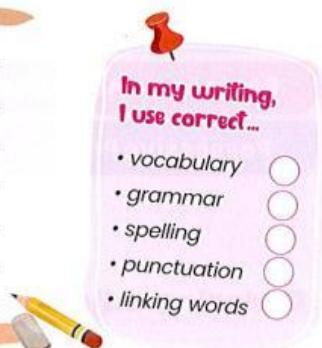
a. Complete the paragraph using the sentences in the box.

- A German was not easy to master.
- B Life away from home was not easy.
- C Besides, I could improve my skills.
- D I had lots of exciting experiences when I was there.
- E However, I began to like Germany over time.



I just returned to Vietnam after four years of studying in Germany. 1) \_\_\_\_\_. Making friends seemed difficult at first because we came from different parts of the world. 2) \_\_\_\_\_. However, thanks to my friends there, my German improved a lot. 3) \_\_\_\_\_. I usually felt lonely. The food was also different, and I had to cook my own meals. 4) \_\_\_\_\_. It was a beautiful country with nice weather and friendly people. Although it snowed a lot in winter, the roads were safe to drive on. 5) \_\_\_\_\_. For example, I learned to look after myself and how to work with other people.

b. Imagine you studied abroad last year. Write a paragraph about your experiences there. Write 60-80 words or more.



### Answer key



- Vocabulary \_\_\_\_/20 pts.
- Listening \_\_\_\_/20 pts.
- Reading \_\_\_\_/20 pts.

- Speaking \_\_\_\_/10 pts.
- Writing \_\_\_\_/30 pts.

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Total / 100 pts.

