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My Study Tour in England

I was about to **embark on** a short-term study tour in England, packing my **luggage** with excitement and nervousness. I had an extremely long list, but I was still feeling that I needed to pack more stuffs. Boarding a **crowded** plane at midnight to start my first study tour with classmates and teachers who joined the Learning Away from Home program felt surreal.

The fifteen-hour flight journey went smoothly, and it provided me enough rest to **get ready**⁴ for my new challenge. Suddenly, Azure skies illuminated the seat, and I looked out the window and noticed the beautiful landscape below full of rural farms reflected by the sunlight with a fresh green and golden colors surrounding Newcastle airport. Everyone was in a good mood because of a great start. However, I faced the first **obstacle**⁵ when I went through **customs**⁶. I could not clearly understand what the customs officer said because of her **accent**⁷. I started to get in a panic. Thankfully, the patient officer kept repeating and slowing down to make sure I could **catch up**⁸.

After for a while, our destination was Northumbria University which is Ming Chan University's sister school. We lived in a **dormitory**⁹. Fortunately, the canteen provided breakfast and dinner. I found breakfast almost every day was a fried egg and

sausages, bacon, baked beans, hash browns and a croissant. It's called a Full English Breakfast. But I did not get used to it, so I was very lucky to find an Asian Convenience¹⁰ store by chance. Also, I discovered that China Town next to the university.

We stayed for a month beginning on June 21. At Northumbria University, we learned 17 different topics, mostly focusing on English language¹¹ and cultural¹² learning. The most impressive course for me was visiting Beamish Museum. The professor took us to tour the Northern England history from the 1820s to the 1950s. The whole museum was open air and recreates¹³ each area such as a 1900s town, 1950s farm, and so on. In each area, every shop and house can be entered. Between each area have tramway and when it arrives its bell and wheels rub on the rail the sound echoing throughout the entire area. It seems like I truly stepped back in time, and witnessed their lifestyle, culture, and transportation. Furthermore, this fantastic¹⁴ experience¹⁵ was highly similar to another class by the same professor, "From Cradle to Grave: Recontextualizing the Deindustrialized Railway Town," which used an interesting way to interpret the history of England railway town development and its impact.

On the other hand, we not only had lessons but also had an amazing weekend excursion that the teacher arranged. The most [memorable](#)¹⁶ one was the [journey](#)¹⁷ to Durham. We took the train for an hour, but I noticed that everyone would buy their [Tickets](#)¹⁸ to reserve a seat; otherwise, there were not many seats. Also, there was not enough space to stand in the carriage. When we arrived, it just so happened that they were going to start the Holiday Parade. Many hometown bands, drill teams, schools and community groups made their way from downtown to the main street. I vividly remember parade's music traveling up and down every street and alley encouraging people to join the celebration. After passing through the parade, we arrived at the River Wear and stood for a while, admiring the stunning view. All of a sudden, we came across a row of canoes, and many visitors were trying some. So, we decided to try some too. The paddles were too heavy to move, and it took us a while to start our adventure. The sunshine reflecting off the water's surface was twinkling stars. Swans slowly swam close to us. Everyone had a smile on their face, embracing the soft breeze. We had a good and [leisurely](#)¹⁹ time.

I was pleasure to join this program. It helped me to cultivate an international [perspective](#)²⁰ and improve my studies. I am glad that I was brave though to leave my comfort zone. Even if I must overcome the food, lifestyle, jet lag and accent. With a grateful heart for the teachers who accompanied and guided us. For having such an extraordinary experience.

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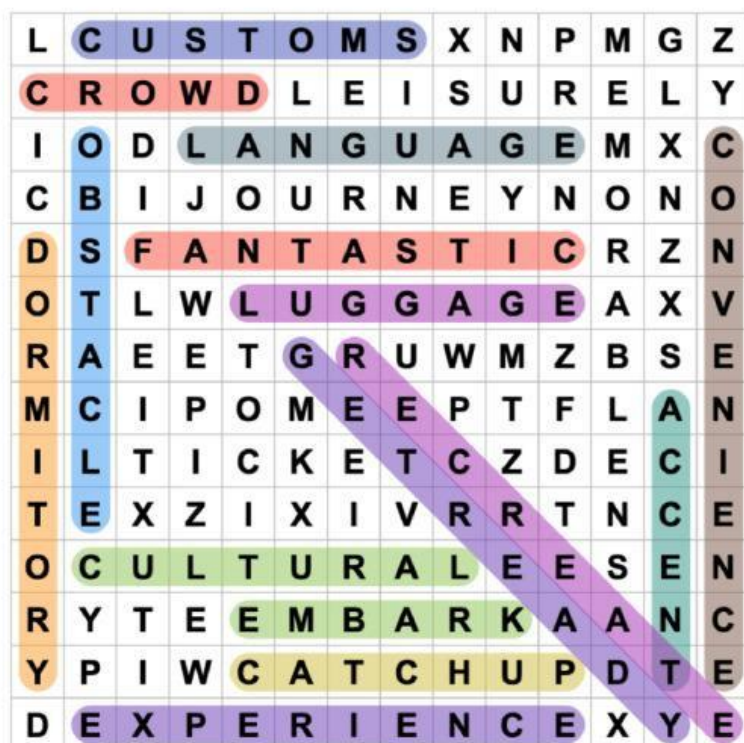
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