

YOU ARE GOING TO READ AN ARTICLE FOR AMERICAN TEENAGERS GOING OVERSEAS TO STUDY. SEVEN SENTENCES HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM THE ARTICLE. CHOOSE FROM THE SENTENCES (A-H) THE ONE WHICH FITS IN THE GAP. THERE IS ONE EXTRA.

Have you always dreamed of traveling, meeting lots of different people, and maybe picking up a language or two? No matter what country you live in, you can fly over the world's highest waterfalls in Venezuela, learn world trade in Japan, study in France, or take dancing lessons in Ghana.

How? 1. _____ Semester, summer, and year-long programs allow you attend school, take intensive language courses, or perform community service in another country. Read on to learn more about study abroad programs.

Besides the excitement of travel, you will experience new customs, holidays, foods, art, music, and politics firsthand. 2. _____ This is because your viewpoint will be of an active member of the community, not as a tourist.

Another reason for studying abroad is that you'll become more self-assured. Christina studied in Caracas, Venezuela, a city of 10 million people and a huge change from her hometown of 35,000! Christina says she learned how to be better at standing up for herself and her beliefs and to express herself in another language. 3. _____ In addition, living away from home can also help you adjust in the transition to college and adulthood. Matthew says when he returned from studying in Australia he was more mature and had a genuine interest in international affairs that really set him apart from his peers. After having gone abroad in high school, I found the transition to college to be straightforward-moving 560 miles from home didn't seem particularly daunting after having lived thousands of miles away.

Although many academic programs abroad have academic requirements, you do not necessarily have to have the highest grades or marks to be eligible. 4. _____

Who you are is as important as your academic record. Study programs abroad look for students who are independent, self-assured, enjoy new experiences and different types people, and can handle challenges.

If you really hate change and don't like the idea of figuring things out all of your own, then studying abroad may not be for you. It's important to be honest with yourself and really think about what you expect. 5. _____ Of course, if you want to change those things about yourself and don't mind tackling them head on, then studying abroad may be an ideal way to take the plunge.

Are you convinced that a year abroad is for you, but you're worried that your parents will never go for it? **6.** _____ Point out that studying abroad is a chance of a lifetime and that it offers great academic opportunities.

You might also sell them on the idea that students in study programs abroad gain experiences by being in a new culture, broaden their horizons, and increase their maturity and self-confidence levels.

7. _____ These language skills, cross-cultural experiences, and global outlooks are becoming essential.

- A. And most do not have language requirements.
- B. But perhaps more importantly, the different circumstances mean you will learn a lot not only about cultures and people but also about yourself.
- C. You could join a study program abroad, where high school and college students live with a host family in a foreign country.
- D. You will have forgotten any doubts you once had about your decision.
- E. By studying abroad you will have an educational when entering college or starting a career.
- F. Use some of the points of view that sold you on the idea to explain why you want to study overseas.
- G. You could end up having a miserable time if you don't.
- H. What could give you more self-confidence than that?