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SUBMISSIONS BY ADULT EDUCATION ABE/GED AND
ESL STUDENTS AND INSTRUCTORS.

GOING TO CLASS ON SATURDAY...

Maria Inez de Sousa
"talk show host"



Alfiya Zaitova,
instructor



Saturday ESL class



...AND LOVING EVERY MINUTE!

The students of Alfiya Zaitova's Saturday ESL class engage in a wide array of activities, including a TV talk show role play. The students choose different roles and tell the audience (the class) about their lives and experiences in the U.S.



DATES TO REMEMBER

*Father's Day is June 21st.

*Summer begins June 21st.

*Independence Day is July 4th.

Where do dogs go when they lose their tails?



To a retail store!



**SATURDAY ESL
CLASS WRITES
ABOUT GOALS THEY
WISH TO ACHIEVE**

I want to enroll to a University here in the U.S. . . . I need to improve my English before I get in.

—Wuqing Wang.

We have much fast and junk food cheaper than health food. . . I will reduce my amount of food and I will do more exercise at the gym.

—Maria de Sousa.

I will take ESL class for the next two or three years, and my goal is to speak English very well.

—Jannette Leon.

I want to be a nurse. I want to learn more skills and improve myself. . .

soon I will go to the counselor in Hagerstown Community College for some advice. —Monica Perez.



ESL STUDENTS WRITE ABOUT THEMSELVES

Students from Cathy Walberg's High Intermediate ESL class wrote about themselves as a writing exercise. Here are some excerpts:

I arrived in America to work alone. My family lives in Mexico. I'm missing them so much. Sometimes I think about my sons and immediately pick up the phone. All of them are better when I talk with them. —David Castro.

My family is in Veracruz, Mexico. I have 3 sisters and 3 brothers. I came to the USA when I was 7 years old. . . I work hard because I need the money and I save my money in the future for me and my family. —Angelica Bolanos.

My life can be better here in the USA by helping other people. I can give my family love. I can give thanks for everything I have. I can give praise to my children, so they can be stronger and secure. —Gunilla Larsson.

I have some family in El Salvador. I have a mother and a father in El Salvador. I have been here 6 years in USA and I love Hagerstown because the people are friendly. . . I came to the USA for a better job and to help my family in El Salvador. —Ambar Romero.

I came to America to have a better life and to work in better jobs. America is a country that has better oppor-

tunities for its people. . . I like Hagerstown because it is quiet, but I just would like to live on a farm. —Evangelina Vargas.

I am French and I have been living with my husband and my daughters in Hagerstown for two years. . . During these two years, my goal is improving my English. I would like to discover the U.S. way of life. I need to understand American customs in order to socialize easier. —Catherine Claudel.

My family is my mother and sister. My wife and son live in Korea. I am enjoying our English class. I work at a market as a stock person and I like my job. I live in Hancock. I like it there. —Pan Young Lee.

I came to America with my husband. He is citizen. . . we enjoyed living in Africa. Right now, I don't work. I enjoy caring for my children and husband. I'm the administrator of my house. I like Hagerstown because the people are very friendly. —Judy de Leon.

I miss my family in El Salvador. I like my job. I have 4 brothers and 3 sisters. . . My dream is to learn English and the computer. I like Hagerstown because we have more opportunity. —Jose Serrano.

I move to Hagerstown 1 year ago in my house. I'm living right now by myself and not

spend long time for to know about Hagerstown exactly. . . My life can be better here in the USA if I'll help people and my family. . . My family is big. We are seven— four boys and three girls. —Lina Herrera.



RECIPE

Contributed by Maria Hughes, Advanced ESL

**"Patacones con queso"
(Plantains with
cheese):**

Ingredients:

- 4 plantains
- 8 ounces of oil
- 8 ounces of your favorite cheese

Preparation:

- 1) pour the oil in a deep frying pan over hot heat
- 2) chop the plantain into half inch thick slices
- 3) then fry in pan until almost golden brown
- 4) take out then flatten
- 5) pour cheese on top
- 6) cover with another flatten plantain
- 7) mash/seal around the edges
- 8) fry again until golden brown

Excellent as an appetizer or side dish.

ESL CLASS WRITES ABOUT HOLIDAYS, VACATIONS

Students from Wes Hoover’s Advanced ESL class wrote about favorite holidays, favorite vacations, and things they enjoy. Here are some excerpts:

I really enjoy life here in the U.S.... I miss my family so much but this is an adventure. I’m knowing about this culture and is amazing how in this country you can meet people of all parts of the world. —Dahiana Montes Vanegas.

In year 2007, I took a trip to Angkurat (Cambodia)... On the wall, they described about war history. Near the monument, there was a big lake surrounded by tallest and biggest trees. —Rath Lim.

Christmas holiday is very important to me... On Christmas time in Samoa...nearly every village playing games like volleyball, Samoan cricket, and other different games. —Tatupu Fiti.

I love Christmas because this

day celebrate with my family and friends. In Puerto Rico this holiday all family celebrate together... In January 6, celebrate the three kings. This day the children receive the presents. —Jannette Leon.

My favorite day is “Dia de muertos,” November 1st... The people go to the cemetery to visit the family tombs. In the houses the people put fruit, favorite food, cigarettes, and wine. —Manuel Rochin

GED TEST BASIC INFORMATION

Here are a few bits of basic information for those who are planning on taking the GED test:

- The GED test is made up of 5 sections: Writing, Reading, Social Studies, Science, and Math.
- The fee for the GED

test is currently \$45 each time you take the test.

- Hagerstown Community College is one of the GED test sites.
- The test must be scheduled a month in advance . You must send your application

to the GED office by the 15th of the month before your desired testing month.

- The GED test takes about seven hours to complete, and is usually given as a two day exam.

ESL STUDENTS WRITE ABOUT FIRST JOB, LEARNING ENGLISH

Copelia S.A. is the company where I got my first job. Copelia is a very traditional company in Medellin, Colombia. It was founded 25 years ago, and they manufacture typical sweet products such as caramel with coconut (Panelitas), caramel (Arequipe), and

other sweet products. I worked in Copelia for 1 year and my work experience there was very interesting and productive for me personally and professionally. My position was Marketing Coordinator. —E.R. from Colombia.

Learning English is so important for a person who is going to live in the US. You have to use English to talk with others. I need to improve my English, so I decided to enroll in the school. I usually watch English TV shows, read books and watch videos. —J.W. from China

CROSS-CULTURAL QUIZ

MATCH THE LETTER OF THE COUNTRY WITH ITS CULTURAL CUSTOM. ANSWERS BELOW.

- A. CHINA
- B. FRANCE
- C. SOUTH KOREA
- D. LUXEMBOURG
- E. JAPAN
- F. GERMANY
- G. ZAMBIA
- H. KENYA

1. ____ IT’S BAD MANNERS TO OPEN A GIFT IN FRONT OF THE GIVER.
2. ____ GIFTS THAT APPEAL TO THE INTELLECT ARE ESPECIALLY APPRECIATED.
3. ____ AVOID GIVING CHRYSANTHEMUMS (THEY’RE FOR CEMETERIES).
4. ____ WHEN GIVING FLOWERS AS A GIFT, TAKE AN ODD NUMBER, BUT NEVER 13.
5. ____ WHITE, BLUE, AND BLACK GIFTS SHOULD BE AVOIDED (THEY’RE ASSOCIATED WITH FUNERALS)
6. ____ DON’T BRING FLOWERS EXCEPT FOR CONDOLENCES.
7. ____ ALWAYS ASK FOR FOOD, FOR IT IS IMPOLITE FOR THE HOST TO OFFER.
8. ____ DON’T BLOW YOUR NOSE IN FRONT OF OTHERS.

ANSWERS TO CULTURAL QUIZ: 1.E 2.B 3.D 4.F 5.A 6.H 7.G 8.C



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WORD OF THE SESSION:
ERGOPHOBIA-
THE FEAR OF WORK
(SOMETHING OUR STUDENTS
NEVER HAVE!)



Jocelyn Mojica (left, standing) from the Washington County Library spoke to Kris Carr's High Beginning ESL class and Jill DiLandro's Low Intermediate ESL class. She informed the classes of the many resources available to them at the library, including bilingual storytime, free computer classes, and online international newspapers.

2009 GED/EDP GRADUATION CEREMONY

As this newsletter was being completed, our 2009 graduation ceremony took place.



Thirty students attended the ceremony, where they were recognized for earning their high school diplomas.

WORD SCRAMBLE

Unscramble the following food words:

1. pppeainle

2. urhmagreb

3. tthgapsie

4. otppoa

Answers below.

Answers to Word Scramble:
1. pineapple 2. hamburger 3. spaghetti 4. potato