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

Getting Ready for a Busy New Semester



ABOVE: The students of Wes Hoover's ESL High Intermediate and Advanced levels.

The Adult Education summer session is coming to a close, and the upcoming session is already promising to be one of the biggest yet. Classes are filling up fast with more and more new students signing up for orientations every day.



DATES TO REMEMBER

- *September 23- Autumn begins
- *October 31- Halloween
- *November 25- Thanksgiving



How do you fix a broken pumpkin?

With a pumpkin patch.

STUDENTS WRITE ABOUT SPARE TIME ACTIVITIES



The students from ABE Beginning and ABE Advanced classes taught by Terri Connors wrote about what they like to do in their spare time. Here are some excerpts:

I have two passions in my life, cooking and traveling. I like to go shopping to select the freshest and most succulent food to prepare the delicious menu for my family... I love to be in natural places like landscapes, waterfalls, mountains, seas, lakes, and lots of green... —Silvana M.

In my spare time, I like to do things with my family. Once a month, we do family night... We are all so busy, and it is good to put a day aside to spend with your family. —Penny T.



I find it relaxing to work in my garden. Sometimes I go for walks with my kids especially when the weather is sunny. I enjoy spending time with my friends, too. —Naeema A.

I enjoy bow hunting in my spare time... I enjoy the meat better than store bought because I can cut and carve it how I like. But what really got me into bow hunting was when I was a little kid and my dad used to take me. —Robert S.

I love to tend my garden in my backyard. It calms and relaxes me. I get great joy and a sense of accomplishment watching my plants. The best part is reaping the benefits of my produce. —Katherine C.

I like to play video games especially Final Fantasy games. I also like to hang out with my friends. We usually watch television or play basketball. —Joe D.

I love to do scrapbooking in my spare time. It's fun and enjoyable... Reading books about scrapbooking gives me ideas on how to place my pictures. —Thea C.

I like to visit places outside Hagerstown. Last week,

my friend and I visited Crystal Grottoes Caverns in Boonsboro... I like to travel to many places. —Evangelina V.

In my spare time, I like to spend time with my soulmate. We like to go out to dinner and to the movies and take the children to City Park. —Nina D.

I like to search the Internet for information. I look for some information online about healthy food, vegetables, fruits, and more... Taking care of myself is a great thing for good health and good future. —Lourdes L.

One of my most favorite things to do is play video games. Not just any video game, Diablo Two is the name... The items are endless and the runewords impossible, the different looking spells, and monsters make Diablo Two a very well rounded game. —Matthew L.

My favorite spare time activity is fishing and hunting. I like going fishing just to get away and relax... I like to go hunting in the winter so I can get outside. —Mike S.

I like to visit City Park. My daughter likes to play at

the playground. I like walking in City Park to feed the ducks and swans. —Rebecca E.

In my spare time, I like to spend time with my husband... on a vacation to a tropical place with palm trees. We can spend time shopping, swimming, and relaxing together. —Penny J.

A student from Kathy Thomas's ABE Advanced class also wrote about what she likes to do on vacation:

When we go on our family vacation, we go to the Outer Banks... When we get there, we unpack. Then, we go to the grocery store to get food for the whole week. The next day me and my husband and kids go to the beach, play football, swim, and walk on the beach. —Barbara B.



ESL STUDENTS WRITE ABOUT THEIR COUNTRIES, USA

Students in Jill DiLandro's Low Intermediate ESL class wrote the following excerpts:

I'm from China. I came to the United States 16 years ago. My first day in the United States was exciting because I was with my family. —Amy L.

I have a great family. In my family I have 3 brothers and 1 sister. My mother... has lived in the Dominican Republic since she was born. —Astrid R.

I come from the Dominican Republic. I've been here 3 years. I like playing baseball and eating fast food. —Yogel P.

I am from Colombia. I've lived here 7 years. I am married and I have 2 children. I love my husband and children. —Arianne G.

I came here 10 months ago from Turkey. Turkey is very beautiful... It has nice weather and so many gorgeous locations. —Habibe A.

My first day in the USA was impressive. I miss my family. I've been here 11 years in the United States. —Julissa G.

I've been in the USA 3 years 5 months. I come from South Korea. I live with Americans and work with coworkers at a market. —Pan L.

I'm from Colombia. I've been here 14 years. I'm married and have 2 children. I like this country because I can meet with people from around the world. —Jaime N.

ESL STUDENTS WRITE ABOUT THEIR COUNTRIES, FAVORITE HOLIDAYS, USA

Students in Wes Hoover's High Intermediate/ Advanced class wrote the following excerpts:

I am from Brazil. This is really a happy country and everybody from there is very friendly and we love to smile, to sing, and to dance. —Sandra P.

My favorite holiday is Christmas. People look happy and everybody help each other. Children smile and play with toys. —Elizabeth S.

In Chile my home country, I start working for Ladeco Airlines. My first vacation I came to America couple times. I came for the American dream. —Juan A.

My country is located in West Africa. The landscape desert it's beautiful. Rich and poor. —Nafinatou H.

My favorite holiday is Christmas because I like to pass the time with family... My country celebrates differently. —Natividad J.

I love my [home] country because people help each other and believe in solidarity. What I regret is the poor management of the resources... the disrespect of human rights, and partial democracy. —Christelle T.

My favorite holiday is Thanksgiving because I enjoy the food and we all together —Minerva D.

I came to the United States because I... like learn in United States. I will learn be heart doctor. —Ehab M.

My last vacation was in Portugal the past April. I really enjoy going to the beach. —Matilde T.

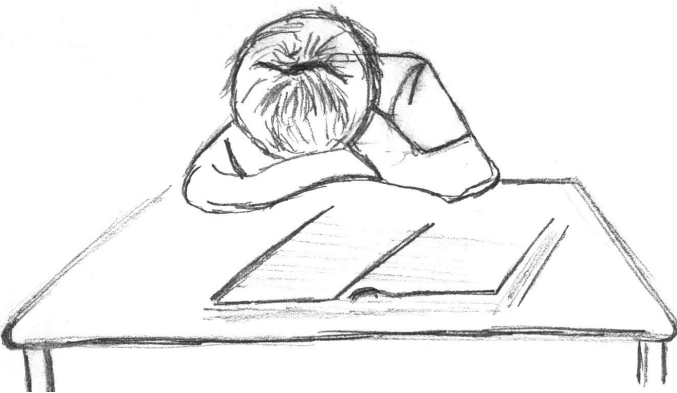
I came to the United States in 1995. I like freedom. I like my home in Hagerstown, Maryland. Good neighborhood. —John P.

My School Experience

by Sylvia Owuor, ABE Advanced Student

My name is Sylvia and I've had a very interesting journey since my first day of school. It took me so long to come back to school because I was afraid that people were going to judge me and say that I'm stupid or a slow learner. But I'm so surprised and happy because I've proved myself wrong. When I started school I had very little knowledge, but I'm thankful to have a good teacher like Mrs. Kathy Thomas who has no problem going around to all the class, taking her time to help and explain to me and my fellow students anything we do not understand. I started school so afraid of mathematics, but now I'm able to do it and help some of my friends. I feel like I am ready for anything, and I'm a fast learner. It feels good to have a teacher who is so patient and understanding. Now I am happy to be in school and ready to learn more.

Student In Distress by Joycelin Smith





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WORD OF THE SESSION:

DACTYLOLOGY-
THE ART OF COUNTING ON
YOUR FINGERS.

AUTUMN WORDS IN FOUR LANGUAGES

Contributed by Alisha Commer
student worker

<u>ENGLISH</u>	<u>ITALIAN</u>	<u>SPANISH</u>	<u>GERMAN</u>
corn	il granturco	el maiz	der Mais
pumpkin	la zucca	la calabaza	der Kurbis
crow	la cornacchia	el cuervo	die Krahe
leaf	la foglia	la hoja	das Blatt
rake	il rastrello	el rastrillo	der Rechen

Adult Education Instructor Word Find

Contributed by Molly Brandenburg

student worker

Z P E N S Y L K N
R U V H B R O W N
E P Q Y O P O P Q
D U S A M O H T C
Y Z A I T O V A A
N P E T R E R E R
S U E T X R X T R
D I L A N D R O R
X O C O N N O R S

Find the following instructors' last names:

- Brown
- Carr
- Connors
- DiLandro
- Hoover
- Pensyl
- Petre
- Snyder
- Thomas
- Zaitova

WORD SCRAMBLE

Unscramble the following Autumn words:

1. tykeru

2. evrhsta

3. sveale

4. kear

Answers below.

Answers: 1. turkey 2. harvest 3. leaves 4. rake