

It has been three months since I started my life abroad. In both good and bad ways, I have gotten used to "studying abroad" and am spending my days peacefully. The thing that surprised me the most when I talked to foreigners was that my English listening and speaking ability changes depending on who I am talking to. I used to think of English as an academic subject, but after realizing this, I realized that English is ultimately a form of communication. By the way I am going to talk about original New Zealand things.

〈Picking up trash〉

At my school, we sometimes go and pick up trash in the schoolyard during class. It's unthinkable compared to Japanese schools. Most New Zealand schools have very large schoolyards, so I think this is an important thing to do.



〈ANZAC day〉

Have you ever heard of ANZAC day? It is a day to honor the soldiers of New Zealand and Australia. In New Zealand, it is customary to go see the sunrise on April 25th, listen to the mayor's speech, and watch the soldiers march. The red-petaled flower "poppy" is the symbol of this day, and some people wear poppy flower broches to mark the occasion.



〈Asian market〉

There is an Asian market near my house. The town is very small, but many people visit it every week. Of course, the market sells a lot of Japanese food and things. What surprised me the most was that they sold bonsai trees. To be honest, I don't know much about bonsai, so I didn't know it was popular overseas, but I'm very happy to know that Japanese bonsai are famous overseas.



〈Theater〉

Recently I went to a cinema with my host family. It was a very old cinema, and everything from the theater to the ticket booth was antique, so I was excited just looking at it. It was like the movie "SING". The movie was of course in English so it was tiring to understand but it was a very good experience.
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