

Hi guys! I'm an exchange student who is staying in Arizona for 10 months. About 2 weeks have passed since I came here. I experienced a lot of things that there's no time if I tell everything. Anyways, first, I'm going to talk about relationships with my friends. I made many friends here. I hung out with some of them. I went to malls and bought clothes, enjoyed dancing random K-pop and going to in-N-outs, which is a famous burger restaurant. It was fun. However, I feel some sadness because I always think that if they're able to speak Japanese, the communication would be even smoother. When I can't say what I want to say, I feel regretful and a little irritated. Basically, most people here speak really fast that Japanese haven't experienced. So, I have to catch up on what they're talking about. But I feel like I can get used to it because there's 9 months left for me. I believe that if I work hard, I can make this study abroad even more memorable.

Also, I realized that grammar is NOT important in terms of communication. In other words, speaking perfectly is NOT necessary here. All you need is a BIG VOICE and the DESIRE TO TALK. They don't care about grammatical mistakes. They don't even care about past tense or future tense. If you want to make friends, talk in a big voice and tell them that you want to know about them. This is a method of living here.

In my school, there's a lot of people who came from different country like Portuguese, Brazil, India, Italy, Mexico etc. It's so fun to interact with them because if I didn't join jisedai program, I would never have met them. I'm planning to go to their house and share food from each country. Overall, I'm having fun here!