

Hello! We had two weeks' holiday in April, and Term 2 started. I went to lots of places during the holiday, and I experienced a lot. I am going to write about my holiday this time.

First, I went to the South Australian Museum. I learned new things that I can't learn in Japan since half of the exhibits there are related to the Aboriginal culture. There are also exhibits of Australian animals, fish, and insects. Australia is dry country, so the ecosystem is quite different from Japan's. The animals were unfamiliar to me, so they were interesting. Changing the subject, my host



family has a rule of shower time which is only 5 to 10 minutes maximum. I like to take shower, and I used to spend too long time in a shower room when I was in Japan. Now, I always set a timer to make sure not to take a shower for a long time. My host family told me about climate of Australia, and I know that water in Australia is expensive since Australia is dry continent. Returning to the topic, I saw an anime with Aboriginal language's voice there as a limited-time exhibition at the museum. It has English subtitles and I could enjoy watching. Nowadays, the language of Aboriginal is losing. I thought that languages would spread again if more people watched the anime.

One day, I happened to see a woman who has a shinai at a bus stop. I talked to her because I do kendo too. She was kind and told me where I can do kendo. I soon contacted the kendo club and joined it. Sending messages to the club made me nervous but they are friendly and the club has a homey atmosphere. There are many generation's people in the club so this is a good experience that I can't experience in Japan. And the number of members is bigger than the club in Japan. Practice was hard. I will teach kendo to junior high school students in my club when I back to Japan, so I am glad that I can practice kendo while my study abroad.

I am going to write about my friends. In my last report, I wrote that I would like to hang out with my friend who likes anime. And I hung out with her during the holiday. I am also friends with her little sister, so they invited me to their house. I was so happy because this was the first time I had been invited to hang out with local friends. We watched anime together and went shopping. My other friend was in Japan for a short study abroad program during the holiday. I am excited to meet her and talk about her experiences. Then, for a past month, I call with my best Australian friend almost every night. Her English is easy to catch, and she

ask me a lot, so I can speak English a lot.

However, I am also having some problems. I got some grades from term 1. Some of them were good but other grades were not good. I usually get feedback from the teacher that my report's contents are shallow. I tried to think everything in English, but I realized that is not good way to improve my English skills. Of course, the contents going to be shallow if I think in my poor English vocabulary. In addition, my English vocabulary doesn't increase. I am trying thinking in Japanese when I do some tasks.

I always went to the city for shopping before, but I would like to go to other places to learn. I made plans to go to the chocolate factory next month.

I had a lot of experiences in April. Thank you so much for reading and I'll see you next month!



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