



Eating Manners Between China and the U.S.

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Different countries have different cultures, manners and etiquettes. Especially when people go abroad from their country to another country, culture clash would happen anytime and anywhere. Eating habits are an obvious part of culture conflict. There is my experience of culture clash between China and the U.S. which is related to my American cousin.

My cousin was born in the U.S. and grew up here. Five years ago, it was the first time that she went to China. Our family made a big welcome dinner for her. During the dinner, my grandmother placed a chicken wing into my cousin's bowl. Meanwhile, my cousin's face turned annoyed and unhappy. Then, she said that she could eat by herself, and the atmosphere in the dining room became tense. My grandmother seemed embarrassed and disappointed. But she still had a positive reaction to her. This was a great part of chicken and good for her. I was shocked by my cousin's behavior and could not understand how dare she has this unbelievable attitude to refuse the elder and host.

In Chinese culture, hosts use their chopsticks and place food to your bowl or dish. It means they are glad you came,

especially elders in a family. It also means they take care of children. In this way, it indicated how important you are, how nice they are and how welcome they are. In most cases, it is impolite and disrespectful action if people reject the food offered by their hosts.

However, when I came to the U.S. to study, I realized that there is an apparent difference between U.S. and China in our dinner and meals. People here do not place food in someone's bowl. They think this action is disgusting, weird and impolite. For hosts, they only ask guests whether if they want some food or not. Guests always eat by themselves, they pick up whatever they want. It all depends on them.

Finally, I think we cannot avoid the culture clash when we stay abroad. It is a good way to learn more about various cultures and understand conflicts, and it also helps us to feel more comfortable in the diverse culture and environment.

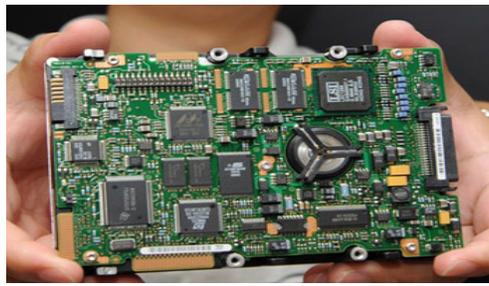


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ALSTON'S DREAM JOB

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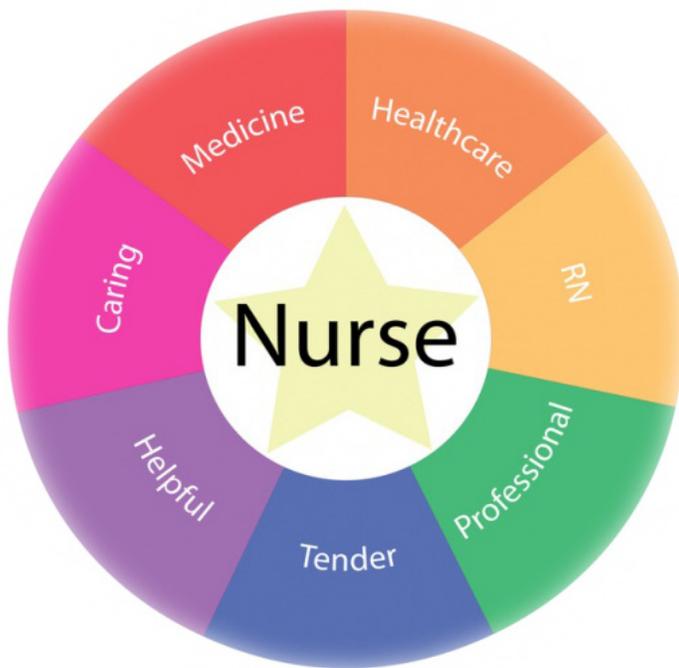
I am Alston, an Electrical Engineering student in college. My dream job is to be an electrical engineer. I'd like to be an electrical engineer because this job earns a lot of money, and a successful electrical engineer could change the world. In my mind, Steve Jobs is the most successful electrical engineer in the world. He and his team created Macintosh, iMac, iPod, iPhone, iPad and other popular electronic products around the world. Steven Jobs' life shocks me a lot, and it is also the reason I want to be an electrical engineer even though it is very hard. Of course, I have a plan for how to be a successful



electrical engineer. First of all, I should learn and understand the basic concepts of electricity very well. To keep interest and perform well, I don't want to be stuck with this basic knowledge. The most important part of my plan, studying anything that appeals to me in the electricity field as a hobby. Hobbies can lead me to a better understanding of how things work. Last but not least, going to college and getting a degree in engineering is what I am doing right now. I believe a few years later, I will be proud of being an electrical engineer because I will have the power to change the world.

MY CAREER

Julie Yuan Zhou
Prof. Potter's ESL 122 Class



I was a nurse in China. I worked in the ICU for six years before I got to the United States. Working in the ICU, I was nervous, under great pressure, and used strong physical labor. You really had to pay attention to everything all the time because every detail means life and death. The patient's condition depends on you. You have to judge what to do next. To be honest, the job was very tiring and dangerous. I hurt my lower back when I worked there. Even it is like this, I still want to be a nurse again in the United States. Not only did I have six years experience, but also I felt satisfied when I worked.

There is good news for me,

California has a policy that if the persons who have a college education and work experiences of nursing out of America, they can get an examination of RN directly. That means I don't need to take nursing courses again, so if I pass the exam I will get the license. However, all of this is based on my English ability. I have to study English a lot.

Harry's Future Plan

Huiyu Guo (Harry)
Prof. Potter's 122 Class

I'm a big video game fan, and I decided to become a video game designer when I was 15 years old. Video games could help us build a unique social circle. Not only a different social circle, but also video games are more like a short dream for yourself to escape from the real world in a short amount of time.

Here is my plan. I'm going to study hard to transfer to UCLA as a computer science student. After I graduate, I will seek a video game company, such as Riot Games, EA, or Ubisoft. Once I get the opportunity to create a video game in my future, I will make that game world-renowned! This is my long-term goal.

But back to now, I need to work hard on my grammar and writing. If everything in my future will be written in English, there are no excuses for me not to try hard. This is my short-term goal.

MY FUTURE

Lu Cai
Prof. Potter's ESL 122 Class

Playing video games is the thing that I like to do, and I think I can make a living doing it. Competitive games can be fun and also can earn money. I have seen lots of players earned money winning competitive games. I would like to play competitive games as a professional player. I don't really have a plan yet. All I can do is just keep playing my game and trying to get a higher rank in that game. It's kind of hard to get a higher rank in the game that I'm playing. So I need more time to practice my skills and I don't really have that much time to work on video games, that doesn't mean I'm giving up. I think I will be a professional player as I play many games. Once I'm good enough, I will submit my resume to a competitive game company. I think it's going to come true.



My Future Job!

Hien Hua (Helen)

Prof. Potter's ESL 122 Class

Today I would like to talk with everybody about my career which I would like to do in the future. I'm studying in PCC- One of the best colleges in LA. Before I registered to study, I heard everyone say PCC is the best college, and they have a lot of outstanding professors. I think we must use our valuable time to study here once in our life to feel about that and we will not regret when we no longer have the opportunity to go to a college any more.

My major is medical assisting. It's a small job, isn't it? Medical assistants complete administrative and clinical tasks in the offices of physicians, hospitals, and other healthcare facilities. I would like to serve everyone like that. PCC also offers this major and I also like to study here. It will be a certificate or AA degree. Even though this is my first semester, I see PCC has many nice professors. They are very dedicated, willing to help students, and very friendly like our professor in ESL122 class which we are studying. To achieve

my goals, I have to try hard because I don't have a lot of free time. I think when I will have graduated I wish I have a job in Kaiser. Because it's very close to my home. At that time I think I can help my family a bit.

That is my goal and plan which I would like to do and achieve in the future. I think we should study here with many good professors and try to achieve our goals. I hope everybody agrees with me!

What do you like to do and can you make a living doing it?



Giang Tran (Amy)

Prof. Potter's 122 Class

In future, I am going to be an inspector of accounts, a desk job. Even though it is quite boring, it is safe and our brain is able to work efficiency. I do not want to take a job, which is risky or the job needs strength. Now, I am just studying ESL and in the next semester, in Pasadena City College, I will take some mathematics, accounting and more business classes and then I will transfer to the university but I have not

decided yet. In this time, accounting diploma is not my goal but the matter of accounting because the higher my education I have, the more chance I have to find a job. After receiving the accounting diploma, I will take the master course of accounting. And then I will apply my CV to find a good job, which can afford my living and can have days off on holidays. (If I work in a service company, I have to go to work when the others have days off).

WHY PEOPLE MOVE: Reasons for Migration

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With the rapid development of modern society, people gradually become accustomed to moving around, settling down quickly and beginning their new lives. There are various reasons why people choose to move instead of staying in the same place, such as changes of economic circumstances and political policies of their countries.

Economic improvement is an important reason for people to change living places. According to my grandmother's words, her first moving from suburb to urban in Guangzhou, China was in 1950's because she began to earn her living by working three different types of jobs and received higher salaries. When people improve their living standards and when people advance their financial conditions, they will decide to move to somewhere more comfortable.

Besides improving economic conditions, changes of political policies are some other essential reasons for people's decisions on migrations, such

as government setting up Special Economic Zones (SEZ), putting forward One-Child Policy and the Great Cultural Revolution.

"Many relatives moved from hometown to Guangzhou because it became the SEZ, and the government encouraged more people to work and welcomed them to settle down" said my grandmother, indicating that sometimes a specific political policy may partly have an influence on people's moving decisions.

Also, my grandmother mentioned that about ten years ago, my aunt had to move back to her hometown because she was pregnant, breaking the One-Child Policy. In order to escape the gynecologic examination and prevent her from forced abortion, her family moved and hid themselves for several months. No one could point out whether this political policy is right or not, but this kind of strict policy definitely affects normal people's immigrating choices.

What impressed me most from my grandmother's words was that when

the Great Cultural Revolution happened, all her family members were forced to move from their original big house to a shabby, tiny house and suffered terribly from persecution. During that period of time, educators, professors and artists were considered as anti-revolutionaries and were compelled to move from their houses to dirty places even to the jail. There's no denying that some political policies may partly influence people to change their living places willingly or unwillingly.

For most normal people, they intend to live peacefully and comfortably. Because of the improvement of economy and various political policies, people may move to diverse places to keep on their wonderful or miserable life.



CLOUDS

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I think it was in the doctor's office. I was about four or five years old. I was browsing through some magazines from the heap on one small table in the waiting room. I didn't remember which magazine it was; I just remember it was in English and one drawing on the page caught my attention. I remember it was a man with a little child next to him; both looked at the sky and some clouds looked like beautiful creatures floating to the sky. At that age, I was very little, and I could only read a little bit in Spanish, so I asked my father if he could translate for me the tiny text accompanying the illustration. In that moment, I thought the text told a joke that I couldn't understand. However, when my dad looked at it, his face became all serious, and he did not say anything. I was puzzled.

Time passed, and I always remember that afternoon in the office, but above all, I remember that drawing with beautiful creature like cotton suspended in the sky. At first, I thought this memory came to me because I had a painful situation on that day. I remember I came home with one buttock pecked with syringes and one lollipop as a reward. As I grew up, the picture became more present in my life although I didn't see it again. As I matured, I understood the reason of my remembrance. I remembered because I was starting to understand the sad meaning. Everything became clear to me, the little boy who accompanied his father he remained solemn in the serenity of the sky to watch these beautiful creatures of fluffy cotton, while the father raised his eyes to heaven and he was just limited to say coldly and finishing that magic moment, "Son, they are just clouds."

Now, if I think about it, I was always afraid of becoming one of those people who just see clouds. I was scared to end up being a person who wanted one thing and ended up having another -somebody who had a dream and when I woke up the dream could never come true-. I feared about believing deeply in something and ending up believing otherwise for reasons outside of me. And I don't talk about the typical fear to grow. I've become an adult and have stopped being a child and I am filled with responsibilities and obligations. It's a different fear. It is a fear of becoming someone I am not, losing the essence and the ability to see the things differently. I was afraid that circumstances will change me. Fear conforms and tolerates a reality that we don't like what it is, but it is. Fear realizes that there is no force or magic to change the bad thing and let the good thing roll in. We grow and begin to see things "as is" (or how we believe they are) objectively, realistically, coldly, and we don't get lost in contemplation or things that leave us satisfaction beyond a butterflies in the stomach.

When we see only clouds, I think it is the first step to begin to lose ourselves. When I think that clouds are not fantastic animals of cotton floating in the sky, but just simple water vapor drops suspended in the atmosphere, as they say: "the world will remain at war and in hunger". I'm not saying that should be so I hope not, but sometimes I ask myself in what moment the magic was lost? Did it ever exist before? It must have existed before because we live better. Despite losing most of my faith, I don't doubt that so many ordinary clouds are there, but each of us can look up at the sky and see something different. The creature clouds are most likely within each of us.

My Boston and New York Vacation

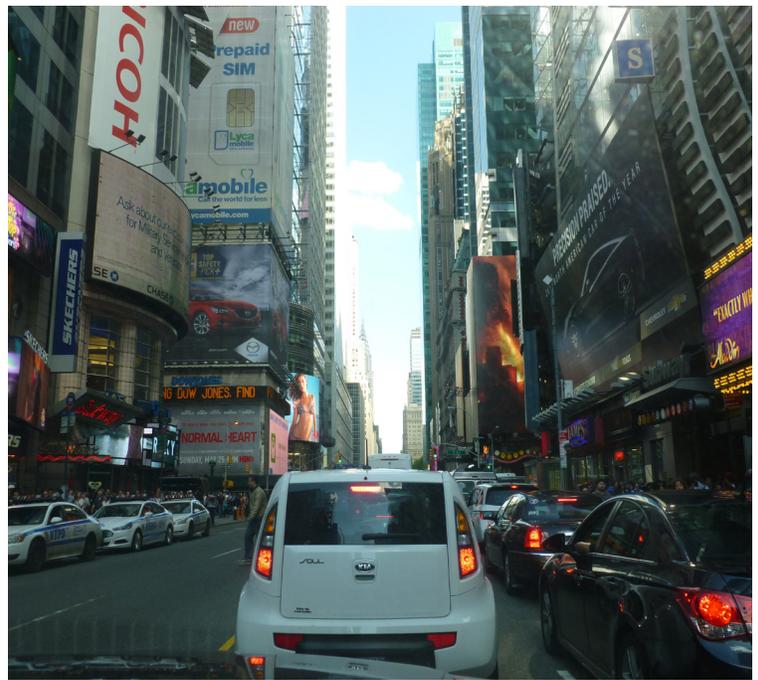
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There are many tourist destinations in Boston and New York. I remember when I took my vacation in Boston 2013 and in Niagara Falls in 2014. There's history and culture around every bend in Boston—skyscrapers nestle next to historic hotels while modern marketplaces line the antique cobblestone streets. Boston has many famous buildings and colleges. For example, Harvard University is famous in the US and in the world.

I went to Boston every year because my old friend lives in Boston. He and I have a long friendship. He has a good job with \$45 /hour. He bought an airplane ticket when I visited him and his daughter. He drove me around in Boston by car. For the perfect day in Boston don't even think about driving a car. It was exciting for me. Boston has a lot of things that are not the same as California. Old buildings are more than 100 years old. Boston has famous theaters and supermarkets. I love Boston with cool weather and I enjoyed coffee near Haymarket. Haymarket, Boston's centuries-old outdoor market, offers you the best deals in the city on fresh products. I visited my friend 7 days in Boston, and I came home after that. It was a short trip for me.



I visited my friend again in 2014 because his daughter graduated from junior high school. His daughter changed to high school. He drove me by car when I went to Niagara Falls for 8 hours. It was tiring for me. I was excited when I came to Niagara Falls. It was beautiful. Niagara Falls is between New York in the US and Toronto in Canada. I love Niagara Falls. I saw Niagara Falls and I was in love with nature. After I visited Niagara Falls, I went to Times Square in New York City. It was crowded in the street. New York City has many kinds of people in the world and many yellow taxis. Times Square was named the noisiest city and the most populous city in the US. I enjoyed New York. I visited my old friend 10 days and came home. Last year I didn't go to Boston because I was pregnant. This year I don't want to visit my old friend because my daughter is little. If I want to visit my old friend, it is difficult for me.



A Perfect Parent

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A perfect parent loves his or her children no matter what. A perfect parent is not the one that when the children are not doing the things the parent wants turns his/her back to them. A perfect parent supports his/her children, gives them good advice, and shows them that it is okay to make mistakes. It is hard for a parent to learn that the children have their very own personality. A perfect parent accepts the challenge and gives them love. A perfect parent always respects the opinions of the children. A perfect parent is the one that teaches the children to be strong, and if something goes wrong, the parent is there for them. A perfect parent does not judge them, instead supports them. A perfect parent will show the kids that life is not easy, but with hard work, they can succeed and be proud of being honest with themselves. I personally think that no matter what a parent does, children always think their parents are not perfect, and they are right because there aren't

any books that give instruction about how to be a perfect parent. Being a parent is a learning process, and we learn every day something new with our children.



INTERVIEW WITH PCC NURSING STUDENT GRADUATE - SOPHAL SAO

By: Belle Kong and Borui Deng

Sophal began studying ESL 122 at PCC, finished the sequence of ESL classes and was accepted to the nursing program here at PCC. She graduated from the nursing program last semester and took the time for this interview where she shares her experiences for this issue of the Globe.

1. Why did you choose nursing as a major?

I chose nursing because of my personal experience from taking care of my family. I took care of my grandparents since I was young, and I am taking care of my mother-in-law now. I also want to make a difference in people's lives; therefore, I think this is the right career for me.

2. Did your family totally support you to learn nursing?

Yes, they have supported me 100%. At the beginning it made me a little bit stressed, but nursing is my interest and my choice. So, I didn't give up. Especially, my husband gives me enough financial support which encourages me to overcome the difficulties. I am very grateful to him and my family.

3. Did you have huge difficulties in your nursing studying? How did you overcome the difficulties?

Oh yes, the struggle was real. I think most people who went through nursing school would say the same. That was because I have to read many materials every day, so I always think I do not have enough time for myself. In addition, I have to get training at the Clinical site. The good thing is that I got good support from family and my friends. As a wife, I didn't need to worry about taking care of the family, and my husband shows his patience to me. I think am so lucky.

4. Have you had any interesting experience when you study?

One of the interesting experiences I had was when I had to practice giving Intravenous injection in the IV course. This was when I took the LVN (Licensed Vocational Nurse) course. In

order to pass that class, we had to perform the intravenous injection successfully (meaning we had to be able to get the blood out of the vein). To do that we had to practice on each other. It hurt a little bit, but it was fun for me. However, I couldn't even find the vein when I did it the first time.

5. Do you have some special advice for the people who are also taking a nursing major?(something like class taking or professor choosing)

The first step you should to do is talking to a nursing counselor or go to assist.org. This way you will get all the information about the pre-requisite classes that you need to take. Because it's a competitive major, it's very difficult to get into the program. Students should apply to as many schools as they could; that way they have more chance of getting into the program. Secondly, make sure that nursing is your interest. Finally, try to do voluntary activities. It looks good on the resume.

6. Which university do you want to transfer to? And what area of nursing are you going to study exclusively?

Actually, the most important is that I can pass the exam and get the nursing license. I want to transfer to UCLA, if the conditions permit, because a famous school could offer more and better opportunities. To answer the second question, I do like geriatric nursing, but I also like to work in the medical surgical unit.

7. Besides transferring, what do you get from your major? (Something like responsibility and perception)?

It has a lot of benefits for my rewarding career. Learning nursing makes me become more detail oriented when I am taking care of my patients and making them feel better. I also can gain satisfaction and feel rewarded, fulfilled.

8. What will you do after you finish studying at a university?



Well, I want to work in the hospital setting, and earn a master's degree if I have a chance. If the situation allows, I want to volunteer to serve the underserved community in America or outside of the country.

9. Until now, are you satisfied with your academic achievements in nursing? And what is your vision statement about the future of studying nursing?

Yes, I am very proud of myself. As I mentioned earlier finishing nursing in school is very difficult, I'm very proud of myself. And I feel substantial when I spend a lot of time on my studying. Based on my confidence, I will apply to more universities.

10. What are some of the pre-requisite classes for nursing?

Some of the pre-requisite classes for RN include Physiology 001, Anatomy 25, Microbiology 2, English 1A, Math 131, Psychology 24, Chemistry classes, Nutrition 11, Speech 10 or 1, and other general classes. These pre-requisite classes are for PCC requirements.

A PAST FAMILY EPISODE

Liz Liang - ESL 33B

I don't really remember that there was a historical event that affected my family in my memory. There were a great number of events that happened in China in recent years which did not have any big effects to my family. However, there was one big horrible thing that happened during my mother's childhood that influenced my family.

When I was a little girl, I heard that my grandmother (my mother's mother) was denounced during the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution. People tied my grandmother up and brought her to some public square and then denounced her. Actually she did not make any mistakes, the only mistake that led people denounced her was born in a family of substance. People who lived during the New China period believed that the landlord still followed the capitalism. Therefore, people who came from a family of landlord and had a lot of money were hated by others. It was a black period in China. Not only those people who had money hated by others, but also people who studied abroad had offence in other's eyes. Rich men and their family, professors, even politicians were denounced by everyone. People who were denounced were forced to say "they were wrong", "socialism is the best" or something like that. Although people even the society hurt my grandmother a lot, she showed great perseverance in the face of difficulty. She still worked hard and took care of her family well every day after people denounced her.

Even though she had that much strength of character, her body was hurt indeed. There were lots of people choosing suicide because they could not stand the denouncing. They got hurt both physically and mentally. Fortunately, my grandmother did not choose the wrong way. Although her persistence helped her stay alive, she got several diseases after that period. Although those diseases were not those serious problems that can kill people, she was not a healthy person any more. Due to that, her three daughters knew how to cook and how to take care of their family and each other at a really young age. They loved and helped each other to pass that black period.

I believe that this historical event changed my grandmother's life and our family, everyone's careers and personality. I am glad that my whole family passed this difficulty and everyone became a better person.

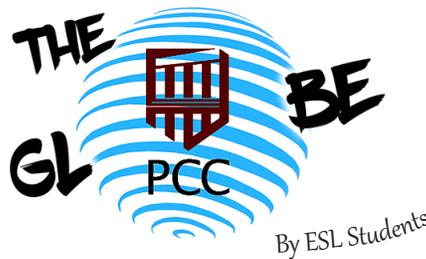
PUZZLE - TIME *Get a Message!*

Find the 10 underlined words about American Holidays. When you finish, discover the hidden message using the remaining letters. Bring the completed puzzle to the ESL Center in D306 and get a prize.

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6. Memorial Day 7. Mothers Day 8. Thanksgiving 9. Valentines Day 10. Veterans Day

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