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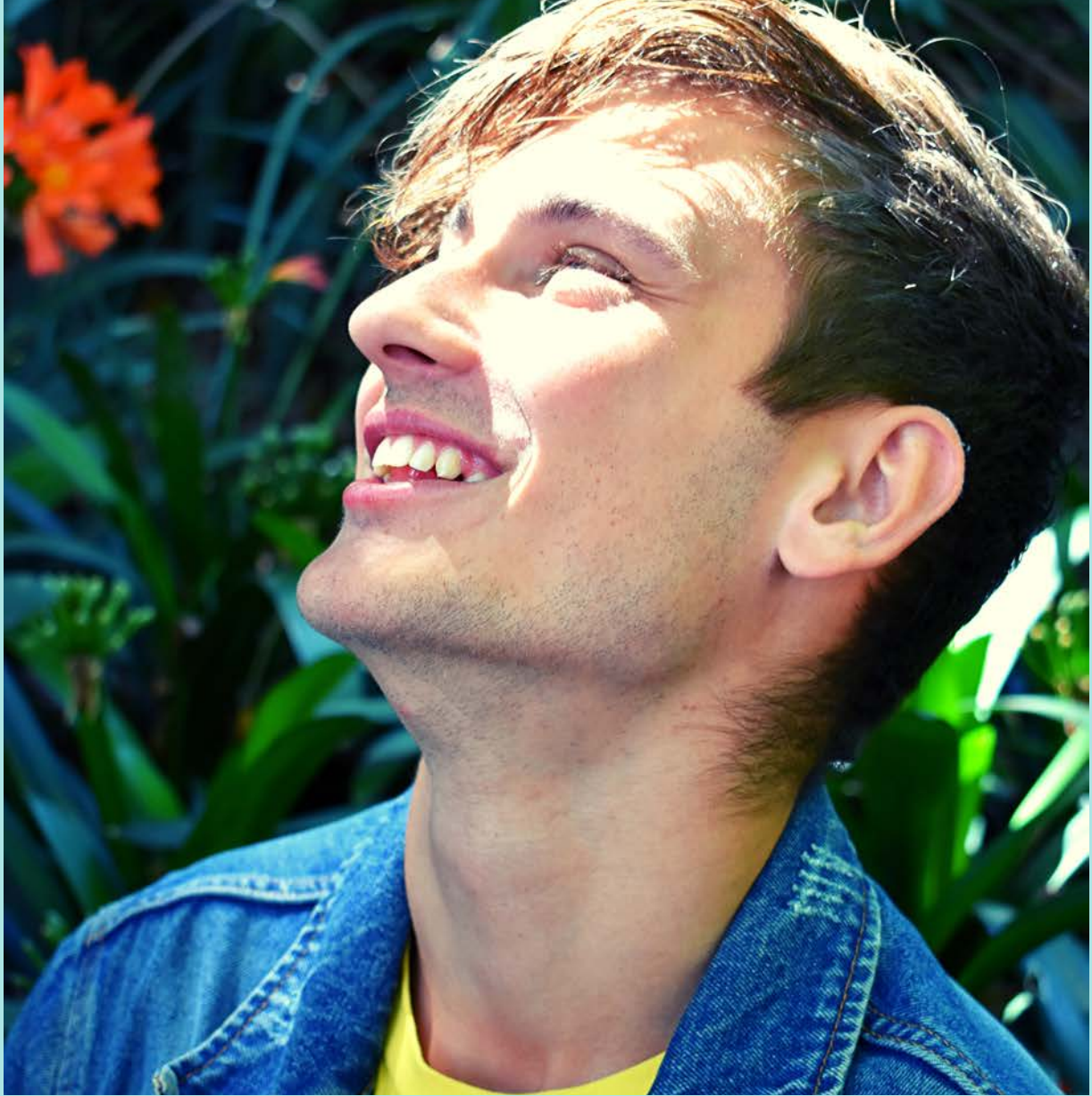
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ON THE COVER
TOM LANG
EU STUDENT



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WHY I CHOSE AUSTRALIA

I chose Australia because it was always my dream to see Australia since I was little. Also to learn English I wouldn't go to England neither to USA because there is nothing that makes me want to see it. Australia was always my dream and now it has come true.

My father once said: "I tried to send him to Germany to not see him. After he came back I thought: what country is the most far country. It was Australia". Its just a joke, but I'm thankful to have him. Without him I wouldn't be here. A big thank you to English Unlimited for making this experience unforgettable.

3 tips to improve your English

1

Talk and record yourself.

This may sound funny, but it will help you realise how you can improve by repeating the recording several times till you feel happy with the results.

2

Talk to your classmates in English when you are not in class. You can even make a group to play games, have a meal or just chat together.

3

Read books and online articles.

Maybe, books you have already read in your mother tongue or which have been turned into movies. Try to start with easy books, even children's books and comics: The images will help you understand even if you don't know all the words.

REVISITING AUSTRALIA

By Francisca Del Pilar Espinoza
Martinez Conde from Brisbane



In 2015, I had the opportunity to spend a year in Australia on a Working Holiday Visa. That was my first big trip, which has turned into almost 4 years of travelling experiences. Australia opened my mind, and in 2017 and 2018 I decided to spend some time in Germany and Denmark too. This year, I returned to Australia but with another mission, to study. Right now, I'm taking an English Course at English Unlimited, and later I will start a Diploma in Tourism & Travel Management.

My life in Brisbane is pretty cool, because I live close to beautiful beaches and the weather is amazing. During this time, I have been able to improve my English, meet new people and experience new things. Australia is a multicultural country, so you will meet people of different nationalities every day. You'll also learn about other cultures and you can always try different types of food. I would say Australia gives you the chance to live freely, without any pressure or expectations. Life here is beautiful, surrounded by amazing people and wonderful landscapes.

A photograph of the Melbourne skyline at sunset. The sky is a mix of blue, orange, and yellow. Several skyscrapers are visible, including the Eureka Tower and the Rialto Towers. The buildings are reflecting the warm light of the setting sun. In the foreground, there is a body of water, likely the Yarra River, with a small boat visible in the bottom right corner.

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MULTICULTURAL AUSTRALIA

by Ngin Cin Thang (Bosco) from Melbourne

I'm an international student in EU. First of all, I arrived in Australia in September. I have been here for about one month. I have been studying English in English Unlimited since 14th October. I have been living in Ringwood. I met a lot of new friends from my English class. We all are from different countries, some are from Korea, Japan, Thailand and Vietnam. And the rest are from Brazil, France, Colombia and Argentina. I enjoy my school because the teaching methods are simple and easy to understand. For example, my teacher will give us one topic - it will be about a country, animal species or social media and communication. The main reason is to improve vocabulary and to write English grammatically.

The people in Australia are polite and very helpful. Australia is a multicultural country. The weather is lovely at the moment, not so cold and not so hot. Last week we went on an excursion to Federation Square. At Federation Square we found out some stories about Australia. It was written that the first known use of the name 'Australia' appeared in a German astronomical work, *Astronomia : Teutsch astronomei*. For centuries, Europeans believed that a great land mass would be discovered at the opposite end of the Earth. They referred to it as 'Terra Australis Incognita', Latin for the 'unknown southern land'. 'Australia' is a noun from the Latin word for 'southern'.



A HARD BUT NECESSARY EXPERIENCE

by Christian Jimenez from Brisbane

I decided to move to another country a few months ago; the main reason was because I needed to learn English to apply for a Master's degree in law so I traveled to Australia. At the beginning I felt quite excited and anxious because I was going to meet new people and learn about a completely different culture from mine. Everything was perfect the first three weeks but after that I started to realize that I needed to do some things by myself and worst of all, I did not understand the language and I could not speak very well either. I had to do several things that I did not do before like cooking, housework, shopping for groceries and looking for a job. In other words, be responsible for myself.

Now five months have passed and so far I am adapting and fitting in this new life but it has not been easy...sometimes I feel frustrated when I cannot express or explain what I mean. I still do not have the confidence that I would like to have, especially because I like to talk a lot about my projects and things that I do, so I try to be optimistic and have positive thoughts like, "I am a big embarrassed by my mistakes sometimes but I see them as a great opportunity to learn" or "The culture of the English language is different to my first language, so it is fun to think and act in a new way when I speak English". Perhaps it may sound funny or ridiculous to be honest but it has helped me a lot to face this culture shock.



MY AMAZING EXPERIENCE

by Natthawee Kaewdee from Melbourne

I have lived in Melbourne for one year. I had lived in Thailand all of my life, but I chose to study in Melbourne because I know that the education is better than in my country. I always think that life in a big city is mostly fast-paced. There is a lot of competition all around. I want to do things the best way and I keep struggling to further my aims. I am going to study General English to prepare to study a Diploma of Leadership and Management at Australian Pacific College next year, but living in this multicultural country makes me feel very lucky. Though my life may be mean, if I bravely and honestly try to make the best of it, I may have my time of happiness and the joys of success in Melbourne. I like doing activities on the weekend with friends and learning their cultures.

My first experience of Melbourne was the most incredible. When I arrived, it felt like a new world and weird country, because I saw almost everyone wearing black clothes, and the weather always changed every day. When I went to the CBD, I was amazed, because there were many beautiful buildings and a lot of people from overseas. After I felt amazed, I was shocked again, because I saw many shops had sales, such as 50% off or 70% off. That was good at that moment. I know everyone really loves everything on sale! Last time, I went to Falls Creek, and consider it one of the most amazing experiences of my life, because I had never been snowboarding before. They snow and the weather were beautiful. I always tell my friends to come here to Melbourne, and and that they are going to have a new experience in winter.

An aerial photograph of a tropical coastline. The water transitions from a deep blue in the distance to a vibrant turquoise near the shore, revealing a complex coral reef system. A narrow strip of white sand beach is visible on the right side of the frame. The sky is a pale blue with wispy white clouds. In the far distance, some landmasses are visible on the horizon.

MY EXPERIENCE

by Ikumi Horiuchi from
Melbourne

I stay with a Filipino family in Cairnlea as a homestay. It is about 16km away from the city. It takes one hour to come here from my homestay place by train and bus. It is a quiet place compared to the central city. One the way to the bus stop, I don't see people walking! But still I can go to Coles, the 7-11 and a restaurant, so it is not too inconvenient, and good to live. I lived in a quiet city back in Japan, so I feel comfortable to stay there. About the city centre, I was so surprised when I got here for the first time. All the buildings are high and colourful, there is graphic art on the walls, and people are playing on the streets. It is so different from where I'm from. There are so many streets and I always get lost. But I can get everything I want. There are Japanese goods shops and restaurants, and different cultural shops. I have only been to Cairnlea and the central city so far, as I have just arrived in Melbourne, but I can say it is a really pretty and interesting place to visit.



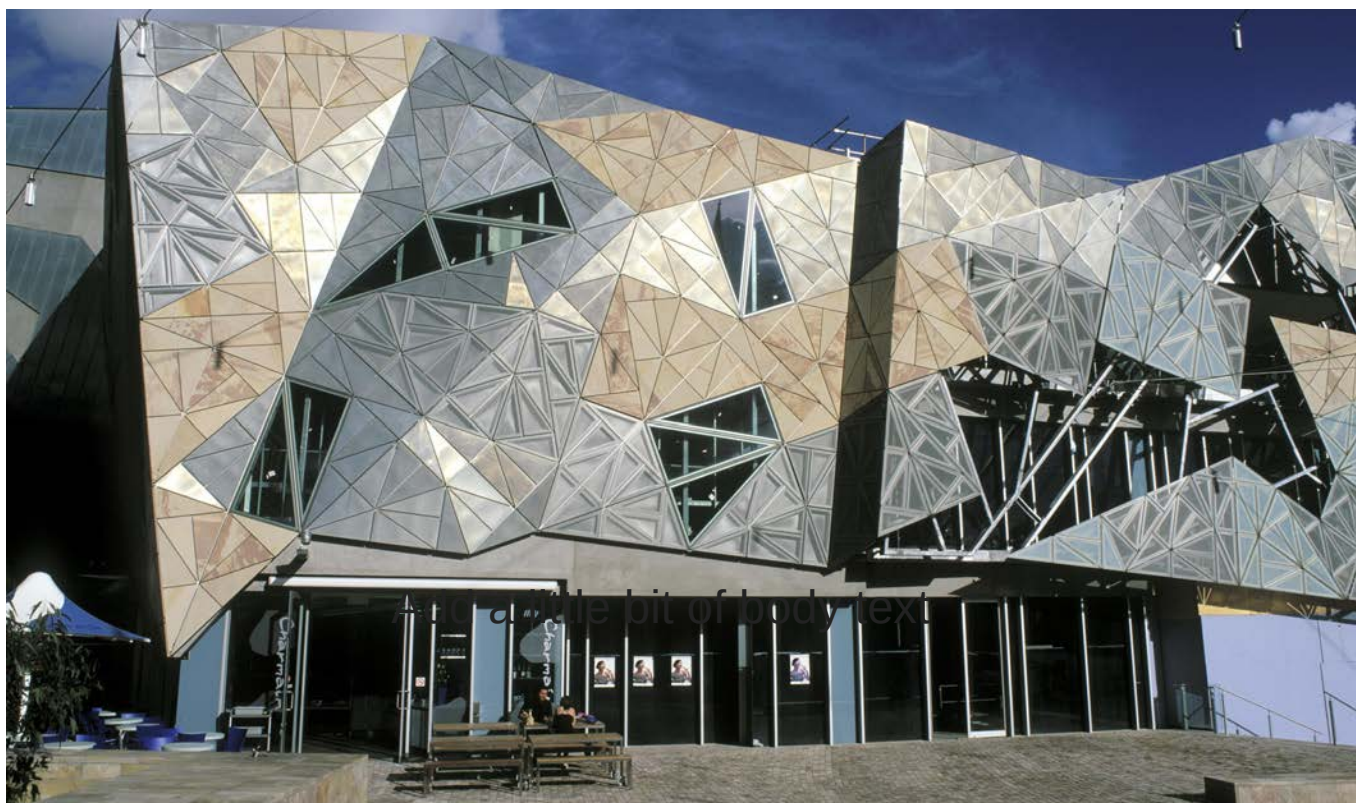
MY LIFE IN STRAYA

by Gamba Hernandez, Julieth Paola
from Brisbane

I arrived just 1 month ago and I remember that my first feeling was happiness and the second was gratefulness. Brisbane is a beautiful city and if I compare it with my hometown (Bogotá Colombia), Brisbane is more organized, quiet, small and hot, I'm really optimistic about my new life here and this part of my life. My first month here, I think that it felt bittersweet, because some moments I long for my family and my home, but in general I was excited, however making friends is easy because here in Brisbane there are a lot of international students and everybody wants to meet new people, sometimes it's a little bit hard to understand English, especially Aussie people, they speak quickly and use a lot of "slang" but in a little time you can understand and why not use it too, maybe say to your friends "this arvo let's have a barbie" the Aussie lifestyle compared with Colombian lifestyle is very different, both places are beautiful but in different ways and have special things, customs and values; finally I'm happy and satisfied, I think that I made a very good choice when I chose Brisbane to start a new life.

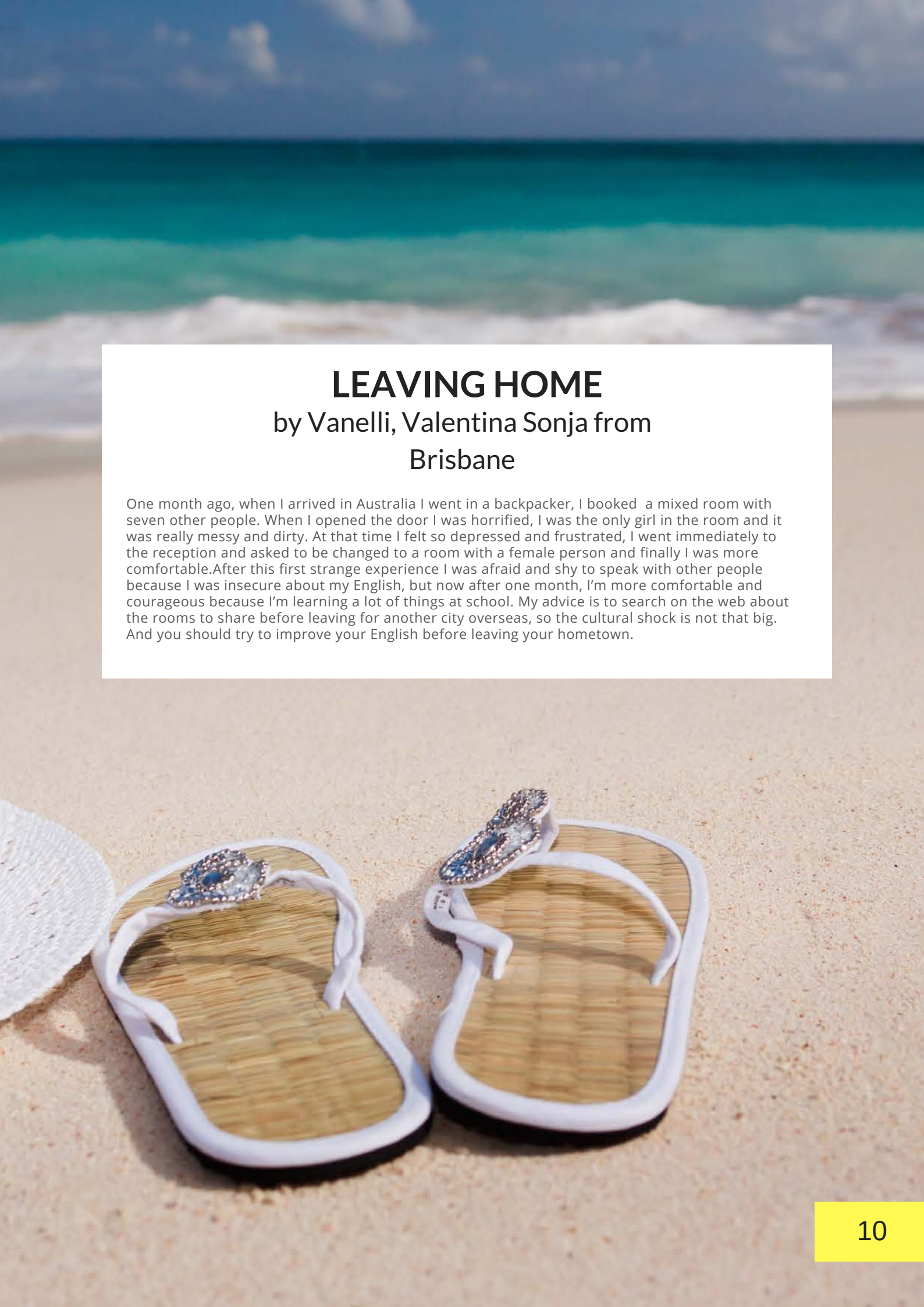
MY AUSTRALIAN EXPERIENCE

by Krystina Cmielova
from Sydney



I'm Kristyna and I'm from Czech Republic. I just arrived in Sydney one and a half months ago. I'm here because I want to improve my English, travel and get to know Australia and the people who live here. Before I came to Australia, I had been a teacher in Kindergarten in our capital city, Prague. There are so many nationalities living together there. I also lived with a Danish family there and worked as a nanny. These were the main reasons why I wanted to learn and improve my English.

I think it's necessary to speak English nowadays. In fact, it has been a bigger and better experience than I expected. I have to study and work a lot. But I have met so many interesting new people from all sorts of different countries. I understand that living in a different country is not easy for anyone. Many people have a harder life than me. But Australia is a good experience so far!



LEAVING HOME

by Vanelli, Valentina Sonja from
Brisbane

One month ago, when I arrived in Australia I went in a backpacker, I booked a mixed room with seven other people. When I opened the door I was horrified, I was the only girl in the room and it was really messy and dirty. At that time I felt so depressed and frustrated, I went immediately to the reception and asked to be changed to a room with a female person and finally I was more comfortable. After this first strange experience I was afraid and shy to speak with other people because I was insecure about my English, but now after one month, I'm more comfortable and courageous because I'm learning a lot of things at school. My advice is to search on the web about the rooms to share before leaving for another city overseas, so the cultural shock is not that big. And you should try to improve your English before leaving your hometown.





MY AUSSIE EXPERIENCE

by Mary Rose from Brisbane

When I first arrived in Australia, I was shocked because I had not seen a lot of tall buildings. I noticed that straya is expensive for international students and finding a job is also not easy but most of the people are very kind. Learning English is easy because everybody speaks English but Australian people like to use slang words. So It's a bit hard to understand. When I first heard Aussie people talking I didn't understand because they were using slang words. I was wondering "Are they speaking English or not?"

In my opinion, most Aussie people like to eat Macca's and choccy biccies. There are a lot of different things from my country. (ex.In my country you live with parents until you get married) My advice is ,if someone wants to study in Australia , they should learn English before coming to Aussie and they should know some Aussie slang words.I would really love to stay in Australia because we can see a lot of different things and most of the places are quiet and there are many kinds of animals, plants and different people.

SYDNEY LIFE

by Ryoko Bessho from Sydney



I came to Sydney with my husband because he is working at the Sydney office of his company for two years. Before I came to Australia, I had worked at an auditing firm for six and a half years. But I quit my job and came here because I was exhausted and tired of my job. In my old job, I had to work from 9am to 10pm almost every day. I felt like I had lost my life. So when my husband was a job in Sydney, I was very happy about it and told him I would quit my job and we could travel to Australia together.

These days, I am a housewife and a student of English. Now, I feel like I am getting my life back. Every day, I enjoy cooking meals, reading books, and studying English. On the weekend, I go out into the city. I go shopping in the market and walk around in the sun. I appreciate my husband for giving me this long holiday. And I am worried about when this long holiday will end! I feel very comfortable in Australia.

A full-page background image of a sunset over the ocean. The sun is a bright yellow circle on the horizon, with its light reflecting on the water. The sky is filled with large, dark blue and purple clouds, some of which are illuminated by the sunset. The water is dark blue with small waves.

MY AUSSIE EXPERIENCE

by Misuzu Hayashi from Brisbane

10 weeks have passed since I arrived in Brisbane! Time flies so fast! I'm now used to school and daily life in Australia. Currently, I am staying at a student residence with people from all over the world. On my first day in Australia, I spent it with my Korean roommate. I struggled communicating in English and felt frustrated many times. However, I think I made a good choice by coming here. This experience has enhanced my opportunities to interact with people, in English, outside of school and gain memorable experiences. Furthermore, my residence is surrounded by beautiful nature. It's pretty similar to my hometown! And I can find lots of Japanese restaurants in Brisbane, so I don't get homesick at all! After I finish my studies at EU, I will move to a new school to obtain some kind of certification and afterwards, I will join a paid internship program! So my challenges never end! I will keep going in Australia!

THE MELTING POT

by Jacinto Dominguez from Sydney



I am from Spain. I arrived in August, this time I can see how Australia is. I think that Australia is a young, big country. There aren't a lot of people here if we compare it with Australia's size, it is like a continent. Over the years the Land Down Under has become a multicultural community, where people from every place of the world come to help to make a better country and enjoy diversity, wildlife, weather, and culture. In this country, Australia, exists a big respect for the Aboriginal people, its flag flies next to the Australian flag in all official buildings, but also Australia join its culture with the culture of the other countries.

It is a melting pot of cultures, where the base is, of course, the British and Aboriginal culture. Australia is a peculiar country because, although It has occidental culture, it is in Oceania, near to Asia, being the link between a lot of countries, cultures and people. I am enjoying my time here, I would like to extend my visa or return here in the future, because when I came I didn't speak English, that didn't let me enjoy so much, but thanks to my school, English Unlimited, my English at this moment is better and I can say that I am in love with this country.







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