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## Dolphins By: Susan

What is your favorite animal? Dogs, Cats or other animals? Actually, dogs and cats can be pets, but my favorite animal is a Dolphin, which cannot be a pet. But a dolphin is the most intelligent animal in this world.

When I was in Taiwan, I had the chance to voyage out to sea. I will never forget that I saw almost one hundred dolphins, which jumped in front of me. The guide said that dolphins are not seen every time. I was really lucky to see them. After this great time, I started to love dolphins. I bought one small pink dolphin doll in the Hualien Ocean Park, which is in eastern Taiwan. She has accompanied me for four years already. When I go anywhere including foreign countries, I always bring her. Of course, she is in Memphis right now.

A dolphin is a mammal and their age is the same as humans. It is different from other mammal, such as dogs. In addition, they need to breathe air, so you can see them jumping on the surface of the water. They have two different ways to swim. One



way is to swim underneath of the water. The other way is to swim above the surface by leaping. Their bodies make up is very important for their speed, which can be 16-24 kilometers.

Do you want to know more about dolphins? If you have a chance to see wild dolphin, you will love them immediately.



## Wonderful Niagara Falls

By: Haekweon

Niagara Falls is a massive cascade located on the Niagara River in Western New York and South Eastern Ontario. The Falls are about 12,000 years old. The Falls were given its name by the area's first know inhabitants, the native Indians. They called it "Niagara," which means "thundering sound." The native were the first know inhabitants in the Niagara region. It consists of two waterfalls, which are separated by Goat Island. The larger cascade is the Horseshoe Falls, which is located in Canada. The Horseshoe Falls is 2,600 feet (or 792 m) wide and 173 feet (or 52 m) high. The American Falls, which is located in the state of New York, is 1,060 feet (or 323 m) wide and 182 feet (or 55m) high. The Horseshoe Falls carries 9 times more water than the American Falls, approximately 195,000 cubic feet of water flows over the brink each second .

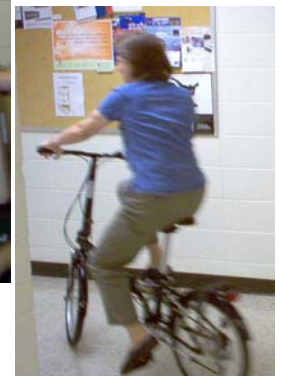
It is the combination of height and water flow that makes Niagara Falls so beautiful. Surprisingly, the Falls have eroded 4 feet (or 1.5m) per year for thousand of years and are the largest producer of hydro-electric power in the world. Particularly the Falls have some very a famous attractions. For example, the Maid of the Mist boat cruise, the Journey Behind the Falls, a casino, a golf tour, and a helicopter tour. The best sightseeing tour of all is "The Maid of the Mist" that is a 20 min. boat cruise, which takes you right into the dense spray of both the American and the Canadian Falls, also known as Horseshoe Falls. 20 million people visit Niagara Falls each year. If you make a trip to the place, I recommend that you had better visit from April to June or September to October because most people visit in July and August. Please make a journey to Niagara Falls, so you will be quite surprised and never forget it. I was there in August 2007. I felt that the place was very exciting and wonderful.



Hey, Marcus!! Where's Germany?



She can pedal, but she can't hide!



Faster than a speeding bullet!



Going Nowhere Fast!

## The Pursuit of Happiness

By: Woo Chang

Are you really happy?

What is happiness? Earning a lot of money? Getting a good score on TOEFL test? Some people look for happiness from making money, and some people try to find happiness from getting a good job. Sometimes, some other people firmly believe that true happiness comes from a trivial part of ordinary life. The thought of what happiness is different from people to people. Nobody can say that your thought of happiness is wrong. Now, I would like to tell you my thought of what happiness means to me.

Buddha said “Life is asceticism” which means we continually have to do something reluctantly. I agree with his saying. Truth is always sad and boring. Let you think seriously for a moment. Are you happy now? Have you ever felt truly happy? I do not mean that a girl feels happy when she finally buys a Gucci bag with the money earned from doing part-time job for a month. I would not say that is happiness. That is a satisfaction. I mean the moment when because you are so happy, so much happy, you even cry or shout out on the crowded street. Now, let you count. You might be able to count the times using only five fingers, or some sadly have never experienced that kind of happiness in their life. When I was a child, I always went to my friend’s house to play videogames after school. I really wanted to have one, so I begged my mother to buy videogames. One day, my mother promised me to buy one. A day before I got the videogame, I was so excited that I could not even sleep. However, when I eventually could play the game in my room, I found the reality is quite different from what I had imagined. I got bored quickly and went out to play soccer. The time I was happy was the time I was waiting for the videogame that I really want to have.

I think happiness is waiting. The longer you wait the more you could feel happy when the thing that you really want to achieve or have is approaching. Big happiness requires great endurance, but you need to realize that the time when you are pursuing the big happiness is true happiness. Please do not satisfy yourself with trivial and small pleasure. Set a big goal. It may take ten years or more to reach it. At first, you might feel that it is difficult and hard. But do not settle, keep going. As long as you do not settle, you will feel more and more happiness as the goal approaches. Some day, when you reach it after having gone through all sort of hard work, you might dance around clumsily on the crowded street, or you might cry because of great happiness. Are you ready to get great happiness? Start now! Go get it!

What are your plans after IEI?

Susan – Get married in 3 years

Hanjun –Go back to Korea in 4 or 5 years

Haekweon- Enter graduate school and study finance and business in 2 years

Woo Chang– Master 3 languages –English, Chinese, and Japanese by the time I’m 35

Aws –Get a good job soon

Chanhee – get a license to fly a small airplane in 4 years

Amy –Be an artist, sell my paintings for a lot of money, buy a cute cat

Kyung Suh –read over 3,000 books before I am 60 years old and ride in a canoe next summer – American culture

Jose– Enter the U.S. Army

Bok –to back to Korea and finish my university studies

Jung Hwan– Enter a university for one semester and go back to Korea next year



Inspired by this movie, I, Woo Chang Kang, wrote this article.

If anyone wants to watch this movie, Please let me know. I would be happy to lend you this DVD.

From now on people who know me

Please call me “ Woo Chang ”

I’m not Tyler anymore. I threw the name of Tyler away.

I am [ WOO CHANG KANG ]

## **Do You Know Your Birthstone? By: Hanjun**

**January's birthstone is a garnet. It symbolizes: love, truth, and chastity. Garnet means "poem granite" in Latin. It's colored red, orange, or purple. It had hard medical effect, and brings love, success, fame, & luck in the world.**

**February's birthstone is an amethyst. It symbolizes : chastity, sincerity, & peace. Amethyst's color violet and red, or yellowish brown. Someone born in February has intelligence and peace.**

**March's birthstone is aquamarine. It symbolizes: bravery, composure, & sagacity. Aquamarine's color is white, red, black, pink. It mean "seawater" it has medical care for baby pain and some believe that it keeps the young youthful and gives them bravery.**

**April's birthstone is a diamond. It symbolizes clean, immortality, love, happiness. Greek people said "Immortality, it couldn't have conquest." Diamonds are colored white and yellow, blue, pink. It has force and power and symbolizes victory, so many people believe they will get an immortal love.**

**May's birthstone is an emerald. It symbolizes happiness and luck. Emeralds have been as expensive as diamond since the 1600's. It is kind of green color. Many people believe they will get money and be successful.**

**June's birthstone is a pearl. It symbolizes men with authority (power), & health. A pearl can be white, pink, silver, or black. Many people believe pearls mean riches and long life. More Coming soon .....**

## **Some Differences between Korea and America By KyungSuh Park**

**Who do you call for help when there is a fire or an emergency in America? The answer is 911 but in my country it's 119. Like this, Korea and America are opposites in other ways. For example, there are the names of a person, addresses, and word order, etc.**

**First, the given and family names are ordered differently. Koreans have the family name first and the given name last. For an example, my full name is Park Kyung-Suh in Korean. Park is my family name. However, In America, my name is Kyung-Suh Park. Also, when a woman marries a man, her family name does not change to the husband's family name.**

**Second, it is opposite when writing the addresses. In Korea, the order is country, province, city, and street. In contrast, it is the street, city, state, and country in America.**

**Third, the word order is different. In Korean, the order is subject, object, and verb, but in English, it is subject, verb, and object. So this is the reason why I get confused with English and Korean.**

**In America, it is important to be individualized. So, there is good diversity. On the other hand, in Korea, it is important for everyone to think about their community like a family more than being an individual. These days, there have been changes within the Western and Oriental culture. In the future, I believe the whole wide world will be mixed in culture and will be in harmony.**

### **What are your plans after IEI?**

**Naoki - to go back to Japan and teach students English.**

**Ryota - to go back to Japan and get a good score on TOEIC.**

**Amine - to attend Harvard University as an undergraduate student.**

**Hyeongseog - to speak English fluently in the foreseeable future**

**Chenli Chen - to apply to a master's degree program in 1 year**

**Ryota Yamamoto - to find a job needing English**

## **i My First Taxi Ride in United States**

**By: Aws Samir**

It was tiring day for me in the United States. Usually my brother gives me ride home, but on that day he had an emergency. When he picked me up in the morning he told me to go to the IEI office after class and ask them to order a taxi for me. After the afternoon class was finished I went to the office and they called a taxi. It arrived in 10 minutes. I got into the taxi and the driver asked me for directions. I said, "Mississippi."

When we were on highway he asked me for a specific location in Mississippi. My response was, "I don't know." Then he started to asked me questions but, of course, I was unable to answer his questions because I couldn't understand anything. Then he gave me his cell phone to call somebody who could help me, but I didn't have my brother's number and then he started to asked me a lot of questions.

Naturally, I lost my temper and I started to speak some words in my native language. Suddenly he looked at me and started laughing and started speaking with me in my language! After that we decided to stop by an Arabic store and ask about my uncle's store. Luckily, some people directed us to the my uncle's place. Finally, I arrived home after a five hour drive which usually only takes 40 minutes.

## **What is your gender?**

**Can you be convinced your gender? By: Amy**

In my case, I can't clearly answer the question. But please don't misunderstand! I'm not homosexual, although, sometimes I think I could be bisexual. Now days, there are many more people who think they might be gay. Coming out to others is very difficult. Those that are open about their sexuality are very brave and gallant.

Now, I want to talk about homosexual tendencies in the U.S.. Since I've lived in the U.S., I've certainly seen a lot of homosexual people in public areas: such as family restaurants, grocery stores, baseball games, movie theaters, and definitely at the night club. Every time I see them, they looked very confident and free. Indeed, In the U.S. there are a lot of gays and lesbians. But the biggest difference between the U.S. and Korea is that they don't hide their sexuality when they are sure they are gay. In contrast, in Korea you will see very few homosexual people in public. In the past many people hid their homosexuality, but today people are more open to different ideas. So, we see more gays and lesbians in public.

Most importantly, I think that homosexuality is genetic. People are born gay, bisexual or straight and they can't change it. Of course, some people have unusual fetishes. This could be because of their family or history. But, a person's sexuality is innate to that person. We need to accept people for who they are. Today we are better at that than before. Korea should become more like the U.S. in this regard.

## **The First Time I Rode an Airplane**

**By: Chanhee**

The first time I rode an airplane I was 18 years old. It was a trip to celebrate my graduation from high school to Je-ju island. When I arrived at the airport I was extremely excited by I the thought that I'm going to ride an airplane. It was so crowded with our high school students. After boarding the airplane I felt dizzy and it was hard to breathe because my seat was located in economy class. It was so narrow and uncomfortable. The neck pad that was located on the chair made me lower and uncomfortable. After we sat down, the airplane was running on the runway at about 300k/h. At that time I was so tingled and stimulated by the speed. When the airplane's altitude was over 5000 feet I saw a lot of clouds were below us. A few minutes later I got an earache from the high height. So I called the attendant and told her about my problem. The attendant gave me a cup of coffee and some candy. I drank a sip of coffee my ache was gone as a lie. When we were above Je-ju island the airplane was shaken by an air current. At that time I was anxious and worried about how I could go there safely. After we arrived at Je-ju airport I prayed to God to make my mind safe. Then I worried about returning by airplane to Seoul again.





