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**TIME CHANGE –
FALL FORWARD
ONE HOUR ON
SATURDAY!**



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Meet the Press!

My name is Yu Yoshida, and I'm from Japan. I got bored of introducing myself as usual, so I'm going to talk about what my friends think about me. Here is the result of my questionnaire.

1. Active, Outgoing, Friendly, and Curious

Actually, I would like to know about many things, so I always want to try new things or meet new people. I like hanging out very much, and it helps me learn things I don't already know.

2. Sleepy

I've played racquetball for more than 4 years, and I came here to join the U.S. Open of racquetball, which will be in Memphis from November 14th to 18th. I usually practice every day, so I'm always sleepy.

3. Eating machine

I eat very fast, so my friends make fun of me by calling me an "eating machine". I know eating fast is bad for my health...

4. Lightweight

I can't drink much alcohol, but I like spending time with my friends and drinking. My friends call me a "lightweight", because I always fall asleep after drinking a few bottles of beer...

5. Peculiar
and
Goofy

You can see this from my picture!!





Hello: Everybody!

My name is Neira Rodriguez, but my best friends call me “Chiquinei” which means : little Nei. I am from San Luis Potosi, Mexico, and my native language is Spanish. I have one brother, his name is Jose Antonio and my Mom’s name is Mary. I studied business administration in my country 2 years ago. I’m here now, because I want to learn English so I can be bilingual in a few years. After I finish studying here I want to work at the Human Resources area in any company. I have been in IEI for almost a year and I can say that I have learned a lot. In my free time I enjoy reading, going to the movies with my boyfriend , working out , and going shopping with my friends. In addition, I love my family, my boyfriend and Mexican food.

The best things in life are....

To be healthy and to have family and love. Neira

Family and life. Ryota

To be loved. Marta Luz

Happiness. Bank

To never give up. Naoki

Music. Grace

To meet my family. Douglas

Sports. Yoshi

Something About Me

My name is Marta Luz Perez and I was born in Colombia, South America. What I like the most is sharing time with my family and doing different activities such as cooking and going shopping. Also, I enjoy traveling and getting to know new places.

My husband, my two daughters and my son compose my family. I think that I am a lucky woman because I have a wonderful family, which takes care of me and loves me so much. Besides this, I am sensitive person, and a friendly, responsible woman.

I am happy living in Cordova, near Memphis, because it is very quiet, clean and there are a lot of stores close to my home, like JC Penny, Macy’s, Old Navy and so on. The people in this place are friendly and polite.

In addition, I have many goals; one of them is to learn English well, because I wish to communicate more with American people. Finally, I am happy with all of the things that God has given to me through out my whole life, such as my family and my friends.



My Self

My name is Bank, my first name is Chakarin Ruengphanit. I come from Thailand. In Thailand, everybody must have two names. The first one is your real name that is your formal name, and the other name is your nickname. Your nickname does not have any meaning, it just should be easy to say. I just graduated from the university in Thailand, and my purpose in coming here is to get into graduate school. My major is business administration, and I want to get in the MBA program. I think that every thing here is totally different from Thailand. When I was a college student, I used to live in a big city that was too crowded, but Memphis is such a quiet city, not too many people or traffic jams. I like Memphis a lot, it is such a peaceful city. If I have the opportunity, I will attend this university.



About Myself

Hello everyone!! My name is Ryota. Many foreigners can't pronounce my name well, so please say my name without your hesitation. If you can't, you can just call me Yoda like a character in Star Wars, but I hope you can. I came to the U.S from Japan just two months ago and I'm still a teenager, but I'm going to become twenty next month. The date of my birth is Nov 11. I don't want to be an adult yet. I have been living alone since I graduated from secondary school. I always miss my family and hometown, but my wonderful friends support me as if they were my family. Now I'm a university student and my major is English. I have studied English more than ten years, but my speaking, listening, writing, and other skills are still poor. That's why I decided that I would study not only at the university in Japan, but also in the U.S.

Talking about my personality, I'm pretty shy, negative, cowardly, and nervous. Those are my bad points, but my merits are that I'm always gentle, clean, serious, and I never forget to work really hard, so I can study very hard without being tired of English. I love English!! Since I'd love to work at the airport in the future, I definitely need English. I have had so much difficulties while learning English since I came to Memphis, many more than when I was in Japan, but my skills are improving little by little and day by day. Since I hope I can speak English like a native speaker in my future, I'd like to talk to a lot of friends from various countries. Having lots of conversation will help me improve my English. Please talk with me in English, everyone!!



About my Dream

By:Naoki Onoda

My dream is to work in the field of international cooperation. For example, I would like to work for the group of ODA, NGO, NPO, organizations to help developing countries, and so on, because there are a lot of problems in the world. There are environmental problems, peace problems, ethnic problems, human rights problems, incident problems and so on. I want to work in only one country and help them work with developing countries.

I am interested in environmental problems particularly. For example, Tuvalu, which is in western Polynesia, may sink in the sea because of global warming in the future. So the people in Tuvalu have to think about whether to move to another country or die in Tuvalu. That is a big problem for us, too. So I think we should solve that problem together as humans on the earth. That's why my dream is to work in the area of International cooperation.

Money is

Safety. Neira

Is essential in our life. Ryota

Is necessary, but not all. Marta Luz

Is not everything, but is just a way of happiness. Bank

Is time, power, and just necessary. Naoki

Might be the most dirty thing

or it could be the best good thing. Grace

Is power. Douglas

Can change our lives. Yoshi

Happy Halloween,

Hi, my name is Hazem Othman, I am 23 years old, I am from Palestine and my native language is Arabic. I think every body knows me in the IEI program except the new students.

Any way, I am enjoying at the IEI program for many reasons. First, I am trying to improve my English language in general. Second, I have to pass some English tests to get admitted to a university in the U.S as a graduate student in physical therapy. My favorite food is Arabic food and my favorite sport is soccer. I like to go to the gym every day but I am lazy because I have hard time of waking up early in the morning. My family lives in Palestine and consists of two brothers younger than me, one sister older than me and my parents.

I have been in Memphis for 10 months. Although I know that Memphis is not the perfect place to live, I prefer to stay here because I have many friends from Palestine who can help me if I need help and also friends from the IEI program include students and teachers especially "Gunta".





