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Birthdays



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A Place I Want to Visit

By: Marouane Iddir

I have been to many places in my life like France, Italy, and Switzerland, but one place I have never visited is Canada. I would like to go to Montreal because I have many friends, including my best friend, who are studying in Canada. I also want to go to Canada to because it is one of the best places where people can go skiing. I have never gone skiing in my life, so one day I want to try this new experience. All my friends are really having fun in Canada, so when I speak with them, they always invite me to their homes in Canada. I have to get a Canadian visa if I want to visit them. But the problem is that we don't have any Canadian consulate here, so I have to go to Atlanta to get the visa. This is why until now I have not gone there, but this year I have to go because I promised all my friends there that I would visit them. So for this reason I want to visit Canada and I hope I will go there as soon as possible.

My Best Birthday

By: Patricia Rodriguez

I can remember my best birthday was when I was twenty-three years old. That day was really fun for me because, usually, when it is my birthday my dad kisses me very early and says "Happy Birthday"! But on that day, I was thinking that my Dad forgot my birthday. When I woke up, my Mom, and my siblings didn't say anything to me. I was unhappy because I was thinking that all of my family had forgotten my birthday. After that I went to my work and my aunt and my uncle also didn't say anything either. I felt very unhappy, but when I finished work, my sister called me and said, "Patricia, you need go to mom's work place to pick up her purse that she forgot." When I went to my mom's work place, the door was closed and the lights were turned off. When I opened the door, the lights turned on, and my best friend, my family and other friends were all there with my co-workers. They had prepared a surprise party for me. That was my best birthday.





My First Experience at an American Dentist

By: Moctar Konate

Tuesday was my very first time to go to an American dentist with a wonderful, wonderful woman called Gunta. My teeth were hurting me, and I went to Cheri to tell her about it. She directed me to Gunta, and when I told her about my teeth, she made the appointment right there for the next day. I met Gunta the next day at lunch time. We went to the UT dental clinic. When we got there, a woman gave us some papers to sign. I did every thing and we were talking to help me relax. Ten minutes later, a lady called me to do the X rays, and then I returned back to the waiting room. 20 minutes later, the doctor called my name and we went in his office. He asked me what is wrong with my teeth and I told him that I had 2 bad teeth. The doctor told me that they had 2 solutions: One is to save them which depended on how bad they were and the second is to pull them out. I chose pulling them out, but the doctor advised me to save them because they are very important teeth and that I am very young to pull out these teeth. I agreed with him because doctors know what is good for their patients. Gunta is the nicest woman that I have ever seen in my life and thank you, again, for helping me.

Wonderful Summer By: Thanh

It was my best summer that I have never had before. I usually spend my summer with my best friend in my country. Now, I spend it with my foreign friends. We had a camping trip in Arkansas. We saw the sun set, played outside games and it was the first time I went camping. Even though I couldn't sleep well because it was cold, we had a fire to talk together. We hiked in the mountains for four hours and we went to a farm to ride horse. I couldn't believe now that I refused to do it, it is a pity. The school also celebrated special Friday Feasts all summer. It means we had a small party on Friday. Every week, they took us to a place for the students to eat. We went there not only eat, but also to practice English and study about American culture. It was so useful and helps me not be confused when I talk with American people. I can't wait for the next camping trip, I very excited about where we are going camping next time.

Honesty

Do you consider it dishonest to talk your way out of a speeding ticket? Yes 24% No 76%

Do you consider it dishonest to re-gift a present? No 74% Yes 26%

*How honest are you? Very Honest 48% Somewhat honest 50% Not very honest 2% **

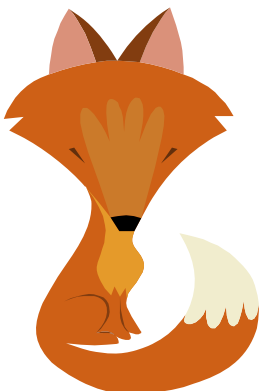
The Sly Fox

By: Hamza Alnaimat

Once upon a time when the animals led the world, there was a great kingdom in the east. The lion was the king and all the animals were afraid of him. One day, the king was very sick and everybody came to see him except the fox. The lion said, "Where is the fox? I have been sick for three days and he has not come to visit the king. Why?" All the animals looked at each other. Then the wolf said, "My great lord, the fox doesn't like you and he hopes that you die." The face of the lion turned red. He was angry and he said, "Okay, he will see."

In the night, the tiger went to visit the fox, and he told him about every thing that had happened in the palace. In the morning, the fox went to the palace, and he took a gift with him to the king. The fox said, "My great lord, the king of the kings. I hope you will be okay soon." The animals were surprised when they saw the fox. The lion said, "I have been sick for three days. Where have you been?"

The fox smiled and said, "My lord, when I heard that you were sick, I started to search for medicine for you and I found that if you eat the leg of a wolf you will be okay." The lion said, "Are you sure? If that is true you will be my minister." The lion started to think about what the fox told him and he began planning to find a wolf leg. That night the wolf was happy because he thought that he sent the fox to the moon, but he was wrong. The lion asked his guard to send a letter to the old snake because she had all the information about the animals in the kingdom. The old snake told the lion that the best thing to do was to listen to the sly fox. The lion sent a letter to the wolf and asked him to come to the palace immediately. The wolf was so brave and strong he never thought that the lion was planning to eat his leg. When the wolf came to the palace the lion attacked him and cut his leg off. Then he ate it. The wolf was limping from the palace when he saw the fox. The fox smiled and he said, "Remember when you speak, choose your words carefully and take responsibility."



My name is Mohamed Coulibaly and I'm from Mali in West Africa. I came to Memphis ten months ago and I live with my brother and sister. Now, I am studying English, after that I will start studying at the university. After I graduate from the university, I want to be a computer engineer.

I like Rap, Pop, and Crunk music. My favorite Rapper is 50 cent. I also like video games and I like to spend a lot of time on the computer. My favorite sport is basketball. When I finish studying, I will go back to my country. Maybe I will be the president of my country.



Honesty is.....

A very important personality trait to make good relationships. In Young

The best thing in life. Moctar

Important for success. Marouane

To be able to say the truth always. Hamza

The truth. Aimee

The best policy. Mohamed

To say the truth to another person and that is most important for me. Patricia

Which celebrity do you most trust to do the right thing?

*Tom Hanks 40% Oprah Winfrey 37%
Bono 14% Angelina Jolie 9% **

**WD & AOL Living survey by Crystal Tate*

i My Idea of a Fun Weekend

By: Aimee Aholou

What does a fun weekend mean for you? A good fun weekend normally starts on Friday and goes until Sunday. Friday, the plan is to go to the beach if it is very hot and, then, after coming back from the beach probably going to get an ice cream. Saturday morning it is better to go shopping. After that, you can cook something to share with your roommate. Saturday night, you can plan to go to the movies with your boyfriend or girlfriend. However, you could also plan to go to a night club so you can enjoy the party and you will probably meet new friends in the club. Sunday, it is usually a good idea to go to church and thank God for everything because our life depends on him. After church, you can go to a restaurant with your family. Most of the time it is better to spend time with your family on Sunday. This is my idea of a fun weekend. And I will suggest that you try to do something like this. It is pretty fun and you can get away from your responsibilities.



My First Concert

By: In Young Kang

I went to a concert of the singing team named "Vibe", two years ago with my friend. That was my first concert. Vibe consists of two men, they prefer R&B music. I like this team and it is very famous in Korea because their voices are so nice, and they have the talent to make a good song. One of their song's title is 'Drink Alcohol', it can look a little funny, or crazy, but this song has a very sad story. It is about a man who drinks every day after breaking up with his girlfriend who he really loved, because she left him. This song is very popular because the people who have ever experienced the same situation can sympathize with them.

As you know, this song is very sad. During the concert time, it was supposed to be the time to sing 'Drink Alcohol'. Basically, the mood had to be sad at that time, but it was funny! Everybody in the concert was laughing! Because, before they sang the song, they really drank alcohol!! Then they said humorous things while they were drinking. It was a surprise event. This is my first concert, I liked their voices and songs, also this event. I will never forget my first concert.





