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海外移住や留学にあこがれをもつ方も多いと思いますが、海外移住にカルチャーショックはつきもの。今回は米沢校のJames先生が初めて日本に来た際に体験したり感じたりした事を書いてくれました。

“F” or those of you who are thinking about studying **abroad**, this article will give you some helpful information **based on** my personal experiences. Studying abroad is a **life changing** experience that will stay with you for the rest of your life. It will change you in many ways. There are both good and some **challenging** experiences I'd like to share.

There are many ways in which studying abroad **benefits** you. Some are **obvious** like learning a new language, culture, eating different types of food, etc.... For me, learning Japanese was not easy. I had to work very hard. Japanese is **totally** different from English, and Japanese writing was also hard. The real fun part about studying abroad was living with a Japanese family. Everyday was an adventure in food land. My host mother was an excellent cook. I learned to eat many things that I had never seen before. It was fun. Wearing a school uniform, riding fast trains that were never late, **vending machines** that sold everything were all interesting experiences that I'll never forget.

There were also a lot of situations where I found it hard to **get used to**. In America, people usually take a shower. We

rarely take baths. If we take a bath, we do it alone and drain the water after we've finished. My first bath in Japan was a **disaster**. I didn't know the rules and I shampooed my hair and washed myself with soap in the bathtub. My host mother almost fainted. Everyone was shocked. I too was shocked to find out that people in Japan share the same bath water and then reuse it to do the laundry. I realized my first night in Japan that all my **assumptions** about it were inaccurate.

When I think about my exchange student experience, I realized how much that experience changed my life in a positive way. It opened my eyes to a whole new world. A world that had different ways of dealing with situations. The experience opened my mind and erased many **prejudices** that I had. I recommend to anyone who is thinking of studying in another country to DO IT. It's an experience that you'll never forget.

By James Nicholas

読み解きのヒント

abroad 海外に **based on** ~に基づく

life changing 人生を変えるような

challenging きつい **benefits** ためになる

obvious 明白な **totally** 完全に

vending machines 自動販売機 **get used to** 慣れる

rarely めったに~ない **disaster** 大惨事

assumptions 想定 **prejudices** 偏見





人気の観光スポット

多くの外国人観光客が毎年日本を訪れますが、果たして彼らはどんな観光地を好んで訪れるのでしょうか。

1 原爆資料館（広島）

2012年、2013年と連続で1位に輝きました！「心を動かされた」「世界中の人が広島で何が起きたかを知るべき」などの声が聞かれるそうです。



2 伏見稲荷大社（京都）

多くの外国人観光客が非常に日本的、神秘的と感じるようです。「美しすぎる」、「絶対見逃すべきでない」などの声が寄せられているようです。



3 東大寺（奈良）

大仏や仁王像の大きさに驚き、さらにあれだけの大きさの建物が木造である事に驚く外国人観光客がおおいそうです。



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