

Truro life

My first taste of this extraordinary life was when I was 16 years old, I chose a public high school in Truro, a town of Halifax to spend a year abroad. With the different language and culture, I have grown a lot. Coming to Canada is an important beyond my understanding of foreign life. However, life forced me to overcome these difficulties to make me become more accustomed to life abroad.

My first term began in grade 11. I was quite nerves and excited when I first went into my classroom, because my English skill was very poor at that time and I was the only exchange student in my class. I was afraid of talking to teachers and local students, which led me to not ask the teachers questions. Once I missed the due day of my assignment, because I couldn't understand my teachers' announcement. I got zero on the assignment and my first match exam failed as well. My sad emotions were getting stronger and stronger. I started looking for ways to improve my English skills to integrate into the lives of local people. Firstly, the fastest way to improve English skills was to recite words. Therefore, I

made up a plan of that recite 5 words everyday morning before I go to school. Furthermore, I decided to talk to my classmates and teachers and make some friends in the classes. Physics always is a trouble for me, especially when I am in the different language environment. However, I had to take the physics class to graduate. When I first went into the physics class, I realized there was a big challenge for me to take. Because my teacher, a bareheaded tough man, he was tall and strong, and with a powerful voice. When he called the roll for attendance, I was more afraid of talking to him, the determination I had was almost disappeared. After the hard class, I finally got a chance to express myself to the teacher.

‘Excuse me, sir!’, I said cowardly.

‘Yes?’, he answered loudly. At that moment, my fear was at its zenith.

‘My name is Alex and I am an exchange student from China, I am new to Canada and my English skills are poor, but I will try my best to follow year class and the homework.’ I finished my speech in one breath and I looked at him with a nerves face.

‘Hahaha.....’, he laughed wildly. ‘My name is David, I am glad you come talk to me and I understand your feeling when you are in a different culture, If you have problems no matter about study or life, just come tell me, and we will overcome these problems together.’

‘Thank you, David!’ I first time felt warm in the strange city. After this conversation I feel more and more confident in myself.

Studying abroad in a different culture and language is always hard for people, but by my own experience, facing the difficulties in a correct way can help people overcome the problems.