

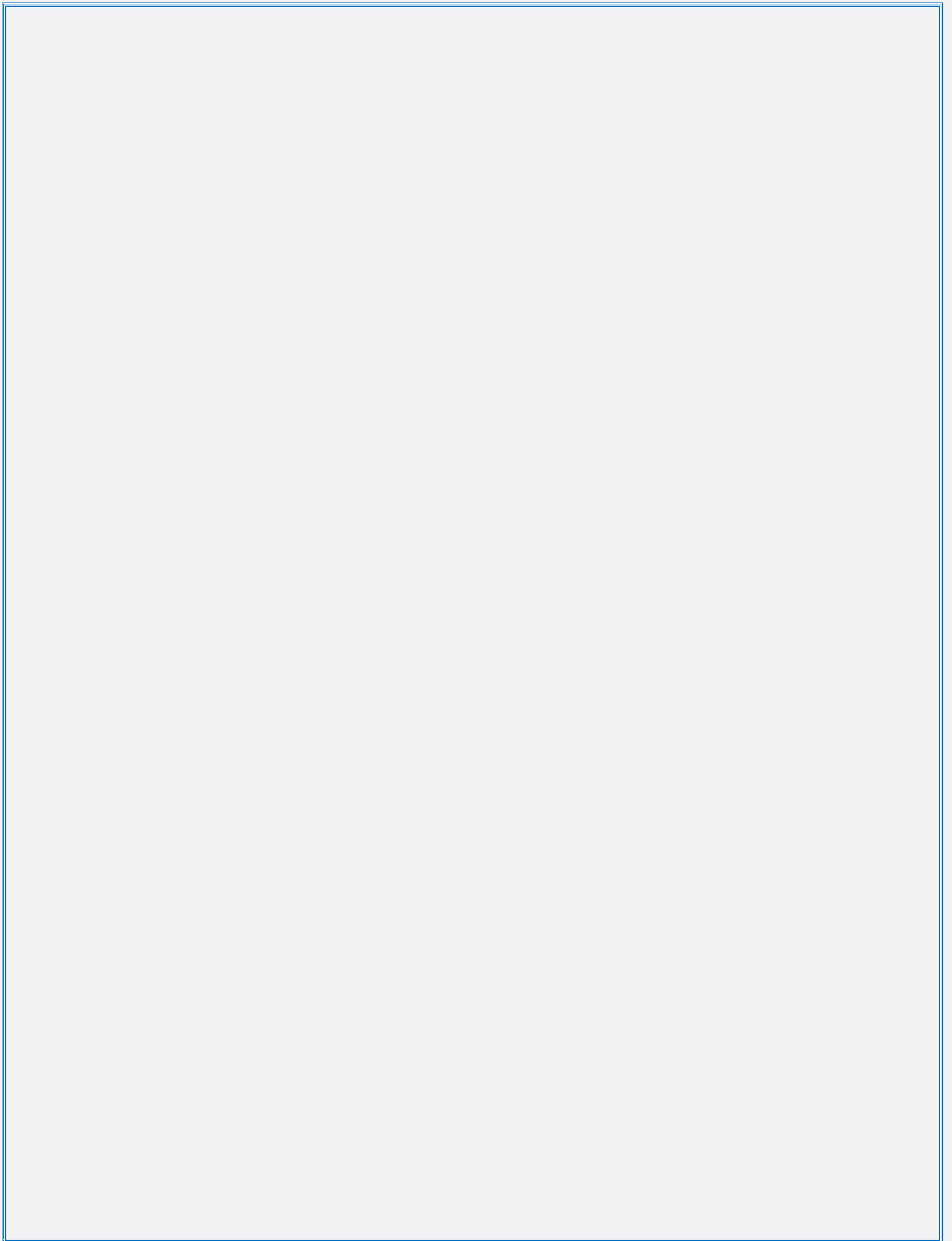
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Painting by Negin,
a student in the
Advanced ESL
morning class



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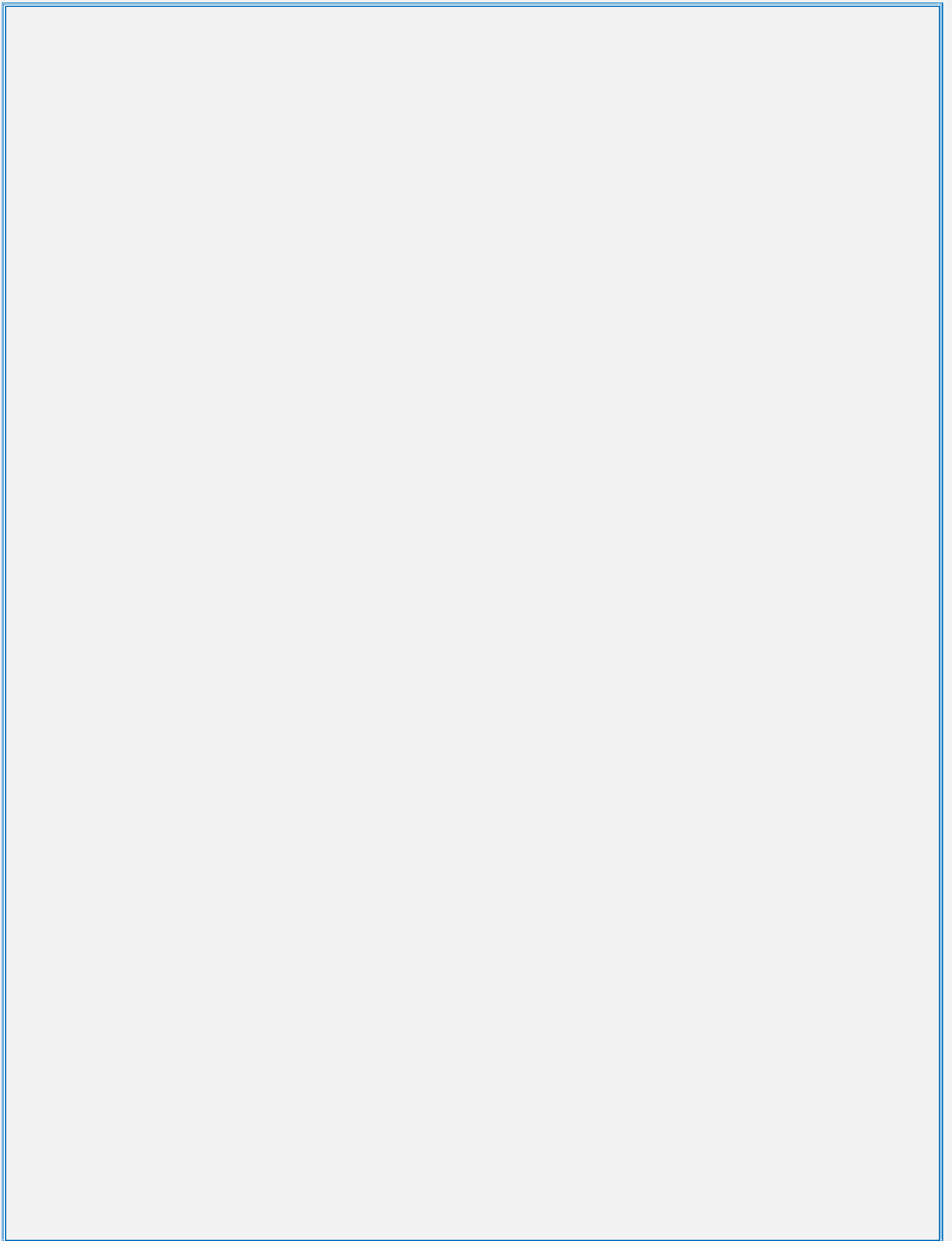
First, to the students who have shared their work in this magazine: We celebrate YOU, your hard work and your progress in learning English. Through all the challenges of the past several years, our students have shown amazing willingness to change and grow.

Second, we would like to shine a spotlight on ALL of the hard-working adult students who are studying to improve their English language skills. This magazine represents just a fraction of them.

Next, **THANK YOU** to the ESL instructors in our program for their dedication to our students and their help in gathering these writing samples: Dennis Bacigalupi, Florence BeGole, Helen Choy, Sandy Cutshall, Sarah Dwight-Gilroy, Sara Dykes, Aysen Gokcen, Michelle Hardcastle, Ruth Kirby, Sarah Krajewski, Anila Mittal, and Susan Silver.

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Introduction

This magazine features writing samples from students in the English as a Second Language (ESL) Program at Mountain View Los Altos (MVLA) Adult School in Mountain View, California. All of the levels we teach are represented: Beginning Literacy, Beginning Low and High; Intermediate Low and High; Advanced and Senior-Focused.

ESL teachers in our program submitted representative samples of students' writing and artwork. Some of what you see here are in-class assignments; some examples are out-of-class projects or essays. You will see writing that has been through a significant revision process beside other less polished examples of class work and general writing practice. While not every minor error is corrected, overall, these compositions demonstrate the writing progress of the English learners in our program.

We hope you enjoy it!



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Rafael is a student in the Beginning High ESL morning class

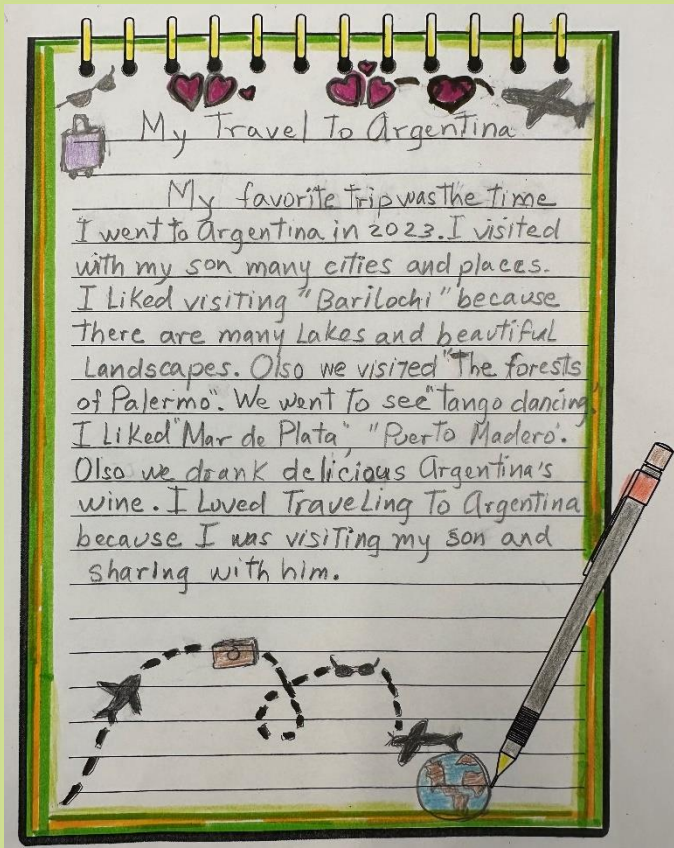


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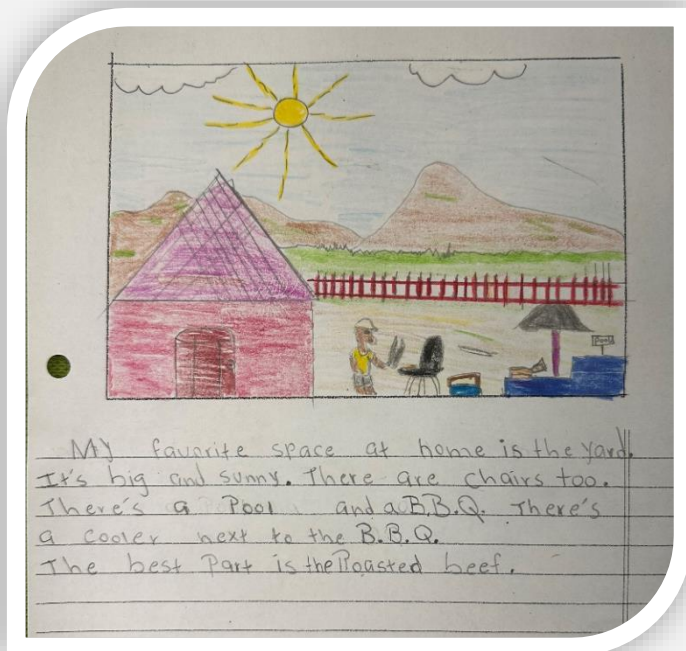
My life in the United States.

In my current job, I work in the kitchen area. My job consists of making pizzas, tacos, tortas, dishes, quesadillas, burritos, mulitas; everything from birria of beef, chicken, hoe, chorizo, chicken tripe, and the pastor. At the end of the work day, I dedicate clean up my area, I use knives, container, spoons, food tongs and plates to serve the food, I arrived in the U.S. a year ago and I have looked for a job but it has been difficult for me!

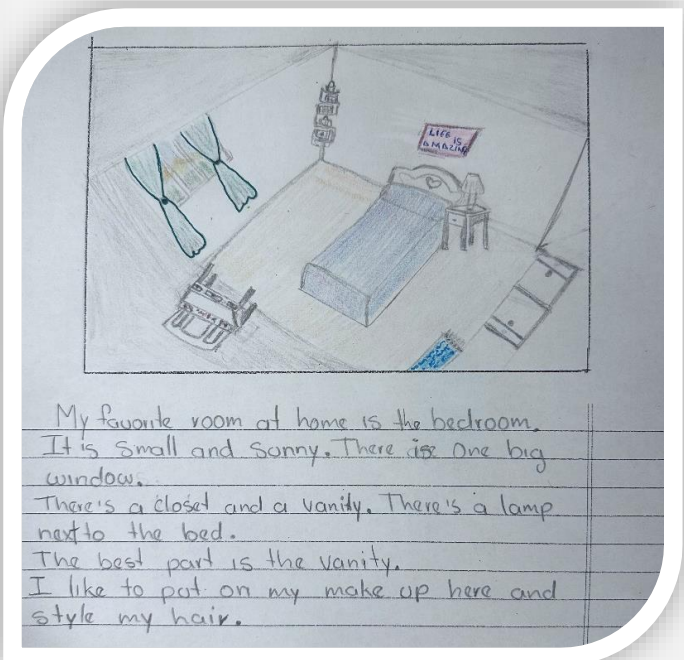
..., I live in a shelter in Sunnyvale. "Hope's Corner". Sometimes they give me food, I have saved more than 6000 dollars and I have also sent money to Mexico to support the economy. My goal is to learn English and find a good job. I am taking a solar energy course in solar panels on line. I am very happy in the United States and I have faith to continue to improve until I achieve my goals.



Amada is a student in the Intermediate Low ESL class in the morning



Saira is a student in the Beginning Low ESL evening class



Enner is a student in the Beginning Low ESL evening class

**Htet Myat is a student
in the Intermediate
High ESL class in the
evening**

I live in a neighborhood in Sunnyvale, next to Mountain View. There are a lot of things I like about it. For example, my neighbors are private and quiet. It is easy to go to restaurants, cinema, gym and grocery. In the morning, the view is amazing. And there're many chances to find a good job because the city is the middle of Silicon Valley.

There are also somethings I don't like about my neighborhood. For instance, the apartment is small space but expensive. The parking lot isn't too much. Sometimes, there's a lot of trash on the street, and it's so messy. I wish there were ice-skate ground or bowling to go to nearby. ~~By~~ But overall, I'm really happy in my neighborhood.



Camping with my family

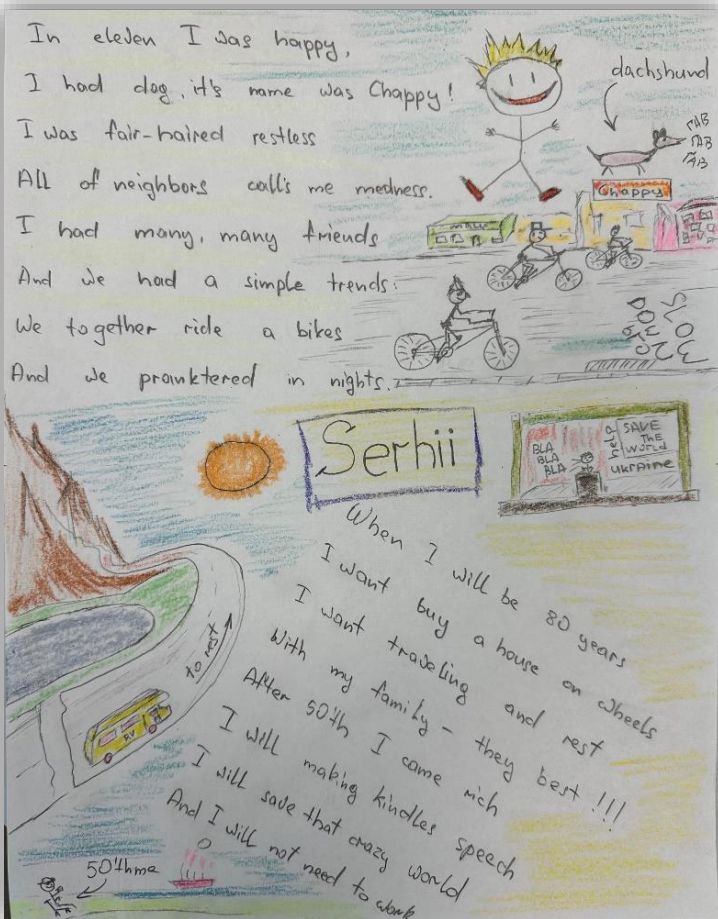
I went camping with my family at Potola Redwoods State Park. It was our first time. Camping in the nature was interesting. My husband and son were very happy.

Now, I find new point of camping.

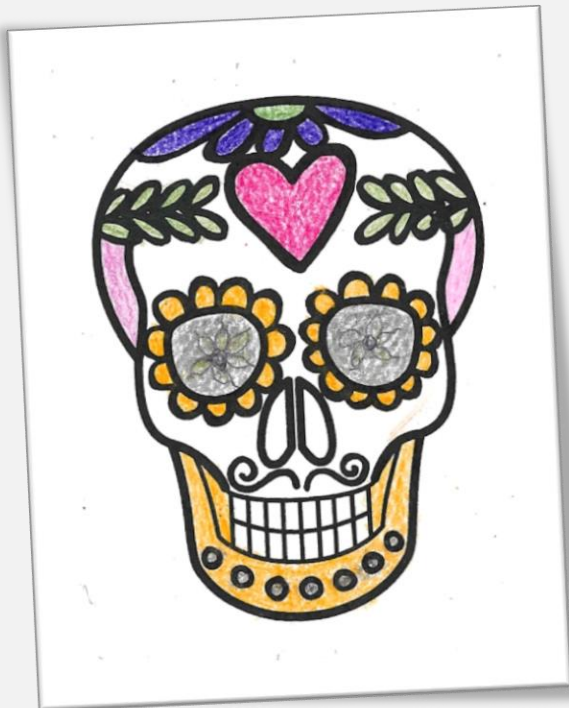
We will go camping next time.



**Jeonghee is a student in the Beginning High/
Intermediate Low ESL class in the afternoon**



Serhii is a student in the Advanced ESL evening class



Mary Carmen is a student in the Intermediate Low ESL evening class

DAY OF THE DEAD

DAY OF THE DEAD IT IS A TRADITION THAT IS CELEBRATED IN MEXICO ON NOVEMBER 1 AND 2.

BUT MANY PEOPLE BEGIN TO HONOR THEIR DEAD LOVED ONES ON OCTOBER 28.

PEOPLE MAKE OFFERINGS ON AN ALTAR AND MAKE DIFFERENT TYPES OF FOOD, FOR EXAMPLE; TAMALES, MOLE AND SWEET BREAD.

SOME FAMILIES HAVE BIG PARTIES WITH MUSIC AND EAT THE DIFFERENT MEALS.

THIS HOLIDAY IS SPECIAL TO ME BECAUSE IS A TRADITION FOR GENERATIONS AND IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT FOR AN FAMILY BECAUSE IT IS A WAY TO HONOR THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY



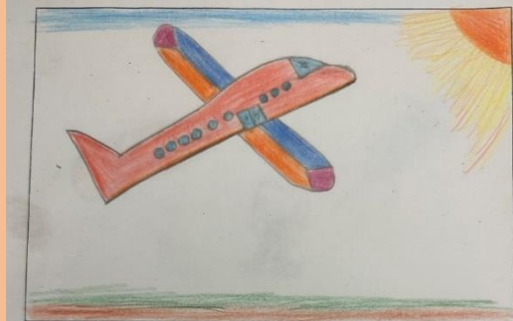
immigrant looking into America

Eduardo is a student in the Beginning Low ESL morning class

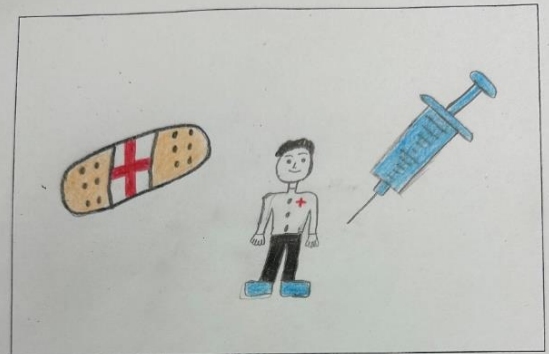
My first car was a tractor trailer. It was at 16 years. In my school was a lesson driving. Students learned theory. Practice was on the semi. We learned driving in two years. After that I got driver's license. I remember with fun my studies and how I drove the biggest car in my life.

Olena is in the Beginning High ESL evening class

**Irvin and Elvin are students in the
Beginning Literacy ESL class
in the evening**

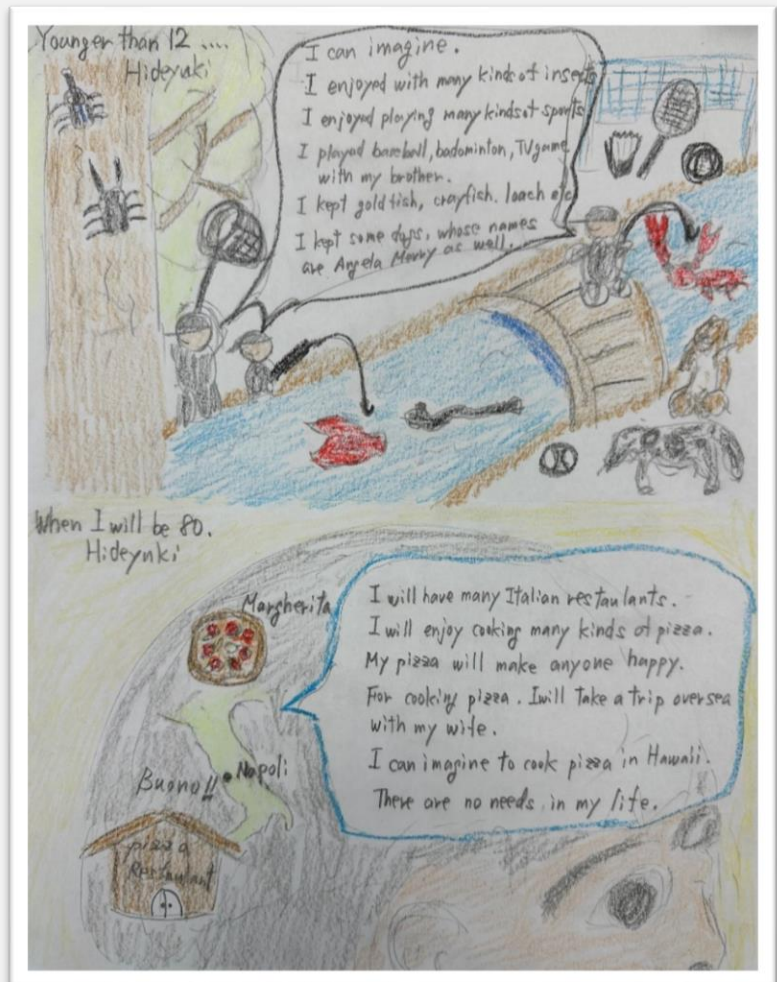


My name is Elvin
I am from Guatemala
I am a doing CarPenter
In the future I want to. Pilot

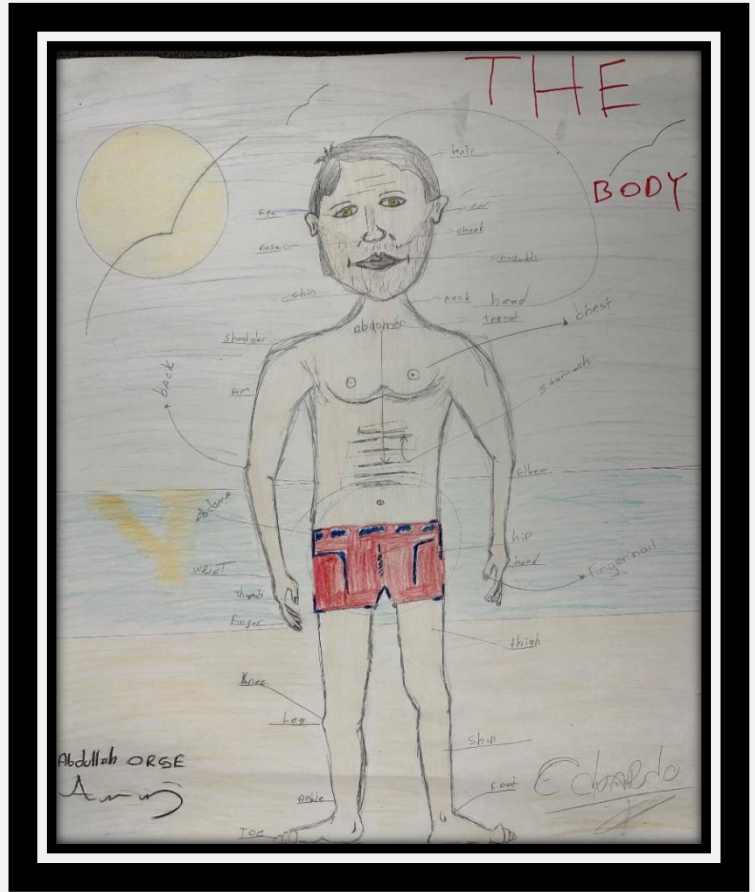


My name is Irvin
I am from El Salvador
I am a Sanitor want to
In the future I want to doctor

**Hideyaki is a student in
the Advanced ESL
class in the evening**



This poster was created by students in the Beginning Low ESL morning class



This beaded jewelry was created by Fereshteh, a student in the Advanced ESL class in the morning



1. What is he wearing?
 He is wearing a red shirt, a brown belt, black pants, black shoes, one black shirt, and brown socks.
 2. What does he look like?
 He is tall.
 He has brown hair.
 He is handsome.

- Charles

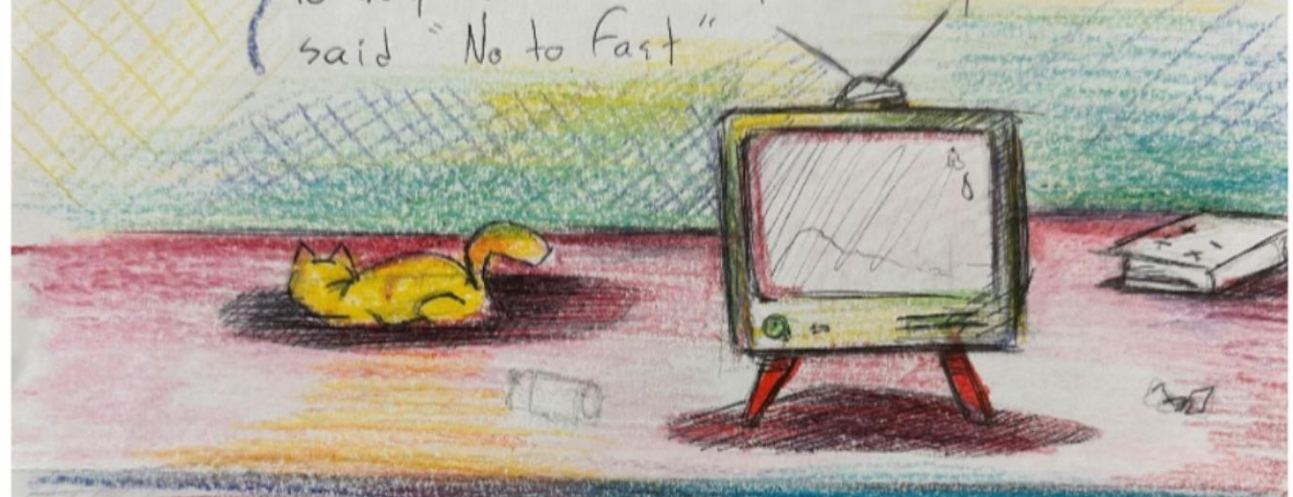
Charles and Xiu Lan are students in the Beginning ESL Senior class



1. What is he wearing?
 He is wearing a black shirt, a black jeans, and white shoes, and black socks.
 2. What does he look like?
 He has a beard and a micoche.
 He is middle aged.
 He has brown wavy hair.
 He is handsome.

- Xiu Lan

When I was a child and arrived
I enjoyed watching my favorite cartoons
with my cat. After that, I always tried
to buy some snack, but my mom
said "No to Fast"



I'm 80, I would like to
enjoy everyday as if it were the
last. I'm just going to need my
freedom and blue sky. This is going to
be my moment cause nothing ever
last forever. I'm going to feel the
wind in my hair, and see the blue,
the blue sky, good bye blue sky

will

Will is a student in the Advanced ESL evening class

**Z.Z. is a student in the
Beginning High ESL
morning class**

My School

My name is z. z. I'm from China. I live in Mountain View. I am a student at MVL Adult School Beginning High Level. I study English here. ESL classes are free at this school. The school has a very good learning environment. The classroom is clean and bright, the teaching equipment is complete, and the teacher is rich in teaching experience. There are more than 20 students in our class; from China, Japan, Vietnam, Mexico, Turkey, Russia, Nepal and other countries. Although we can't speak each other's languages, we care about each other and treat each other sincerely. We greet each other in simple English every morning. We learn English together and share our dreams together. Our goal is to learn English well at school. I'm glad to have a class here.



My Dog

This is my dog. Her name is Pocky. She is four months old. She has a pair of big eyes and a pair of big ears and long hair. She is very cute. We all like Pocky very much. We hope Pocky is very happy at home.

POCKY

**W.H.T. is a student
in the Beginning
High/Intermediate
Low ESL afternoon
class**

Cultures and traditions of my Contry

I am M.S, I am from Mexico in Mexico I enjoyed learning about the Cultures, traditions, dance, typical food and artisan relics of each state of my Contry. I also liked helping my mother in her grocery store and my father in the fields where we fed our animals, When I finished my studies I said I would come to this Country. now I live in the state of California in the evenings I work in a restaurant I am a busser, my job is to help the waiters to pack food, Clean tables, Serve coffee or tea put bread on and oil on the tables and some other things that a waiter or client may need. In the morning I take my childrens to school, near there I go to the MVLA Adult School where I study English. I want to improve my English and to have my own restaurant.

M.S.F. is a student in the Beginning High ESL morning class

Affordable Housing

Finding affordable housing is the most difficult for extremely low-income renters. They can't afford new housing because the cost of housing is too expensive and rents are too high. These renters have household incomes of less than 30% of the national average and they spend more than 50% of their income on housing. Besides, there are not enough affordable housing units that low-income renters can afford.

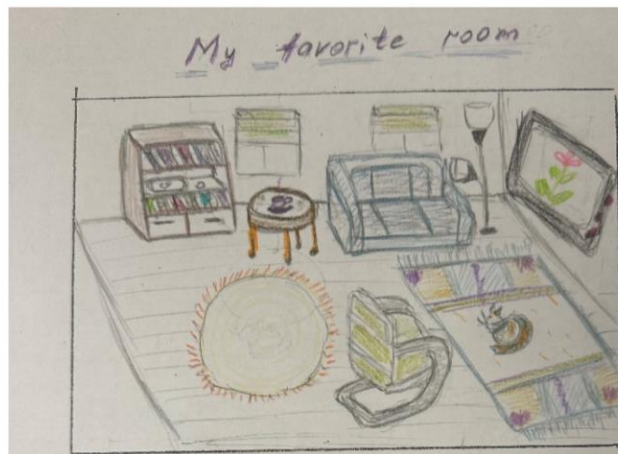
What is the solution? Housing subsidies from the government can help to build new affordable housing. They can also provide rental assistance. Besides, city administration can revitalize buildings, to build modular construction and multifamily housing. It makes the cost of housing cheaper for low-income renters.

These solutions will save taxpayer dollars and create stability. They will reduce the number of homeless people and generate thousands of jobs. Low-income renters will get better health insurance, their children will study in better schools.

Affordable housing is a big problem in the USA, especially in CA where the cost of housing is too expensive. Voters can vote for the political candidates that support housing subsidies to solve this problem. Only through the joint work of voters, residents and government can we change the lives of low-income renters.

Elena is a student in the Advanced ESL morning class

Larysa is a student in the Beginning Low ESL morning class



My favorite room at home is the living room. It's large and sunny. There are four windows. There's a sofa and a coffee table. There's a bookcase next to coffee table. There's a floor lamp to the left of the sofa. There's a large TV on the wall. The best part is the armchair in front of the TV. I like to read books and watch TV in it. I relax in the armchair with my cat.

L.M. is a student in the Beginning High /Intermediate Low ESL afternoon class

My life

My name is LM. I arrived at this Country 3 years ago with my husband and my future baby. I was looking for a better education for my son and me and a better job for my husband.

Twenty years ago, I was separated from my mother. During that time I did not talk with my mother, but now I'm happy to have my family together. I'm grateful of this Country for all the help and support.



L.L.Z

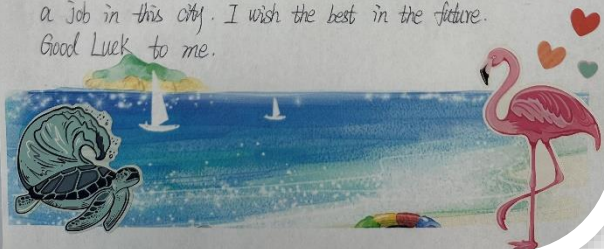


Myself

Last October, I got into Alison's ESL class at Mountain View-Los Altos Adult School. I was happy and nervous. I was happy because I could study a new language. I was nervous because I didn't understand what people said. I couldn't make complete sentences.

At present, I'm still learning English. I can make basic and easy sentences and understand better. I can read short sentences.

In the future, I want to continue to study English. I hope I can be fluent in English and then I can find a job in this city. I wish the best in the future. Good Luck to me.



L.L.Z. is a student in the Beginning High/Intermediate Low ESL afternoon class



Will is a student in the Advanced ESL evening class



My name is Erika.

I am from México.

I am a restaurant.

In the future I want to stylist.



My name is Hernando.

I am from Colombia.

I am going construction.

In the future I want to have my company.

Erika and Hernando are students in the Beginning Literacy ESL evening class

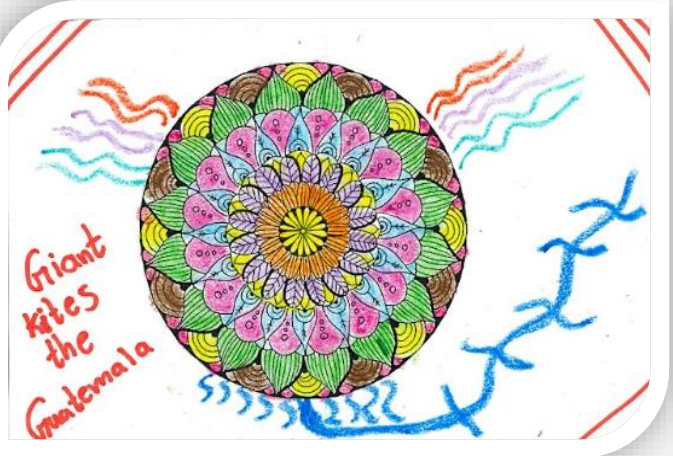
Day of the dead

The celebration day of the dead in Guatemala is november of every years in the city Acateango. The celebration is november 02 in the city Sumfango sacatepquez the people make and fly giant kites. The people need dife rent paper for make kites beautiful.

My mother usually adorns their loved ones with flowers and candles too. Every people cook food traditional the Guatemala, and too eat pumpkin with sugar cane and friambre this is food traditrapal.

This holiday is important because remember a loved ones.

Name: Walkiria



Walkiria is a student in the Intermediate Low ESL evening class

Healthy Living

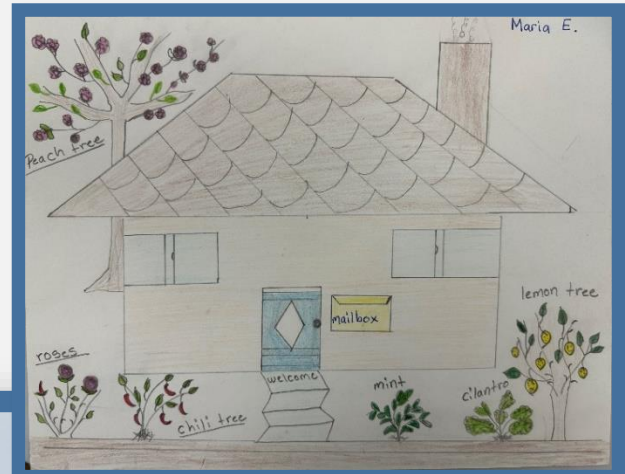
Health is important to me because of a healthy body, happy life. Before, I didn't care about my health. I slept very little every day, ate bad food and didn't exercise. This made me feel tired, heavy and sick. But now, I want to be healthy, so I eat good food every day and exercise twice a week. This makes me feel better. In the future, I want to be able to exercise four times a week. And I will keep being healthy and want to help my family be healthy, too.

YL.



Yun-Hsuan is a student in the Beginning High/Intermediate Low ESL class in the afternoon

Maria is a student in the Beginning High/Intermediate Low ESL class in the afternoon



My house

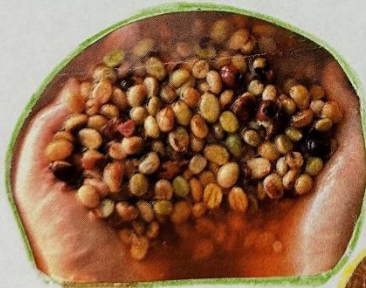
My house is my favorite place. It is small, but very cozy. It has a small yard in the back, and a beautiful peach tree. Across from it is my little garden. I have some roses, chili trees, cilantro, mint, Parsley and a beautiful lemon tree. My house has two rooms, one bathroom and a garage. I love my house because it welcomes my children and me.

The Production of Coffee

In my town San Juan Cabeza del Río located in the Southern Sierra the state of the Oaxaca, South West of the Mexican territory. The people here harvest coffee. The coffee is harvested from December to February.

First the coffee is cut, carefully trying not to damage the trees. Then it is pulped, so that only the coffee bean remains. It is left to ferment for two days, only the coffee grain. On the third day it washes perfectly well.

Finally it is dried for approximately two days, in garden in the sun.



Cynthia P.

A Wonderful Vacation

In October of last year my family and I went to Santa Cruz Beach. We visited the tourist park. We went to the mechanicals game, we got on the roller coaster, then we went to see the seals that were on the pier in the restaurant area. We had such a good time with the seals. It was something incredibly wonderful. The seals were so funny and adorable.

We had an excellent afternoon. We also saw turtles on the beach and many dogs that were walking with their families.

The food was really delicious but my favorite food was the lobster with shrimp. I took such a good picture of the sunset.

The beach is really beautiful at sunset. It was such a relaxing day with my family.

I have many beautiful pictures from this trip.

My wonderful vacation.

In 2016, I with my family went to Italy. We visited nice cities: Milan, Venice and Babione. Milane is a beautiful city for shoppers and for architecture lovers. We also spend time on the beaches in Babione.

We also visited some restaurants. Italian cuisine is very tasty.

I was so excited when I saw Venice.

There is a beautiful castle there.

Also the city has unique channels around the it.

Italy is a very beautiful country!

It was such a wonderful vacation.

I have so many wonderful memories of my family trip.

**Johanna, Viktor and
Christine are students in
the Intermediate High
class in the evening**

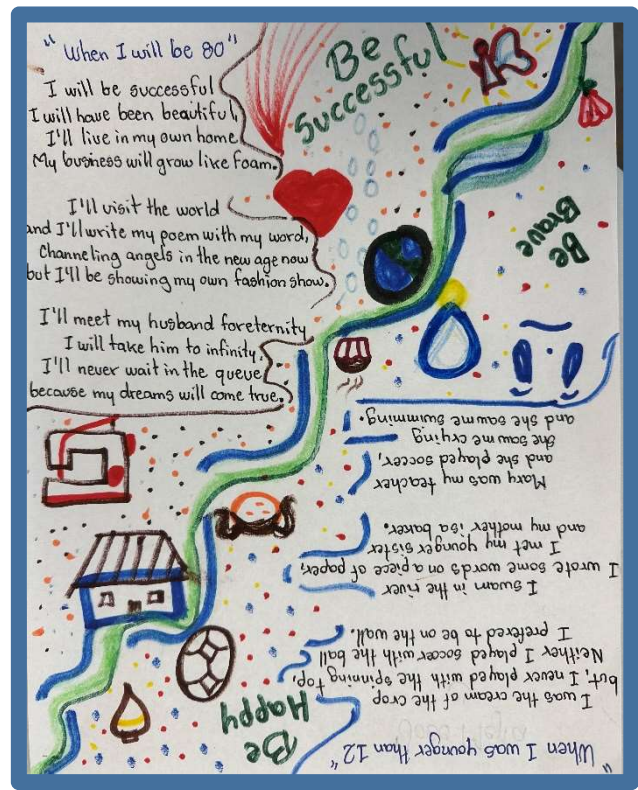
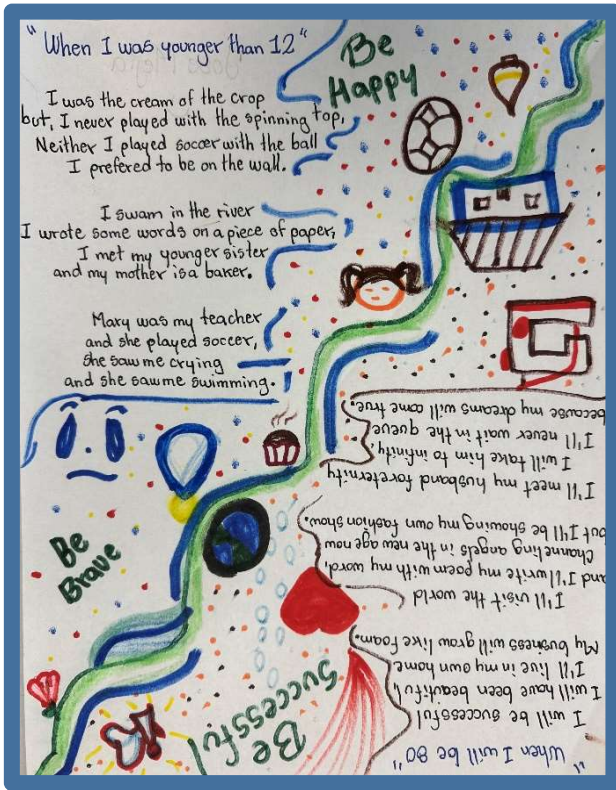


A wonderful vacation

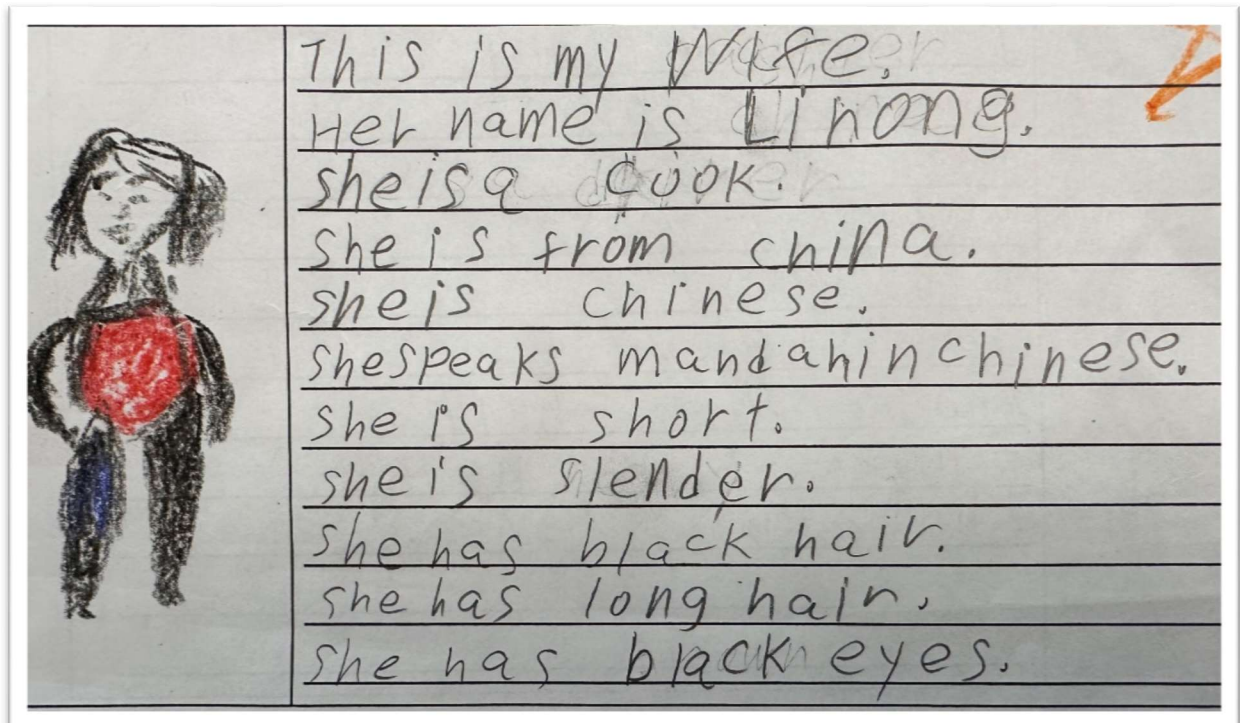
In 2023, my family went to San Francisco. We visited our best friends, Michelle family. They live with their dog, Meimei, in the neighborhood of Sunset on the northeast side of the Golden Gate Bridge. We spent two nights with them.

We had such a good time in San Francisco! I was so excited when I saw the Golden Gate Bridge. I was so disappointed that I didn't go walking on the bridge. We didn't have long time to vacation. There were so many things to see in San Francisco. The food was so delicious. My favorite food was cantonese. I took such a good picture of buildings.

San Francisco is so beautiful. It was so relaxing. I have so many good memories of San Francisco.



Jose is a student in the Advanced ESL evening class



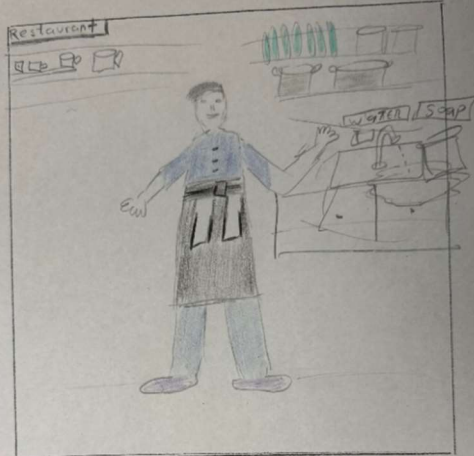
Chun Xue is a Beginning Literacy ESL student in the morning class

My classmate



Hello, his name is Daniel, I
He is From Mexico.
He has four brothers,
and also has two sisters.
Daniel has no children.
He is tall.
His hair is black,
His eyes are brown,
He exercises in his free time.

**Blanca is a student in the
Beginning Low ESL morning class**



My name is Jaime
I am from Colombia.
I live in Mountain view California NO
I speak Spanish and English.
I work in the afternoon and the night
I am a dishwasher at a restaurant
I study English in the morning.

**Jaime is a student in the Beginning
Low ESL morning class**

An Important Place from My Childhood

Xiangjiang River, which is wide, deep and sometimes rapid, is in my hometown. The water flows fast; it is the longest river in my hometown. There are many ships, boats and ferries that travel along the river everyday.

When I was a child, in the hot summer, I always swam in the river which was dangerous. Because I had to figure out how to avoid the whirlpools under the calm surface and waves stirred up by the passing ships. These experiences exercised my ability to solve problems in times of danger and difficulty, and made me brave and strong.

I really miss the river which has accompanied me throughout my childhood and adolescence.

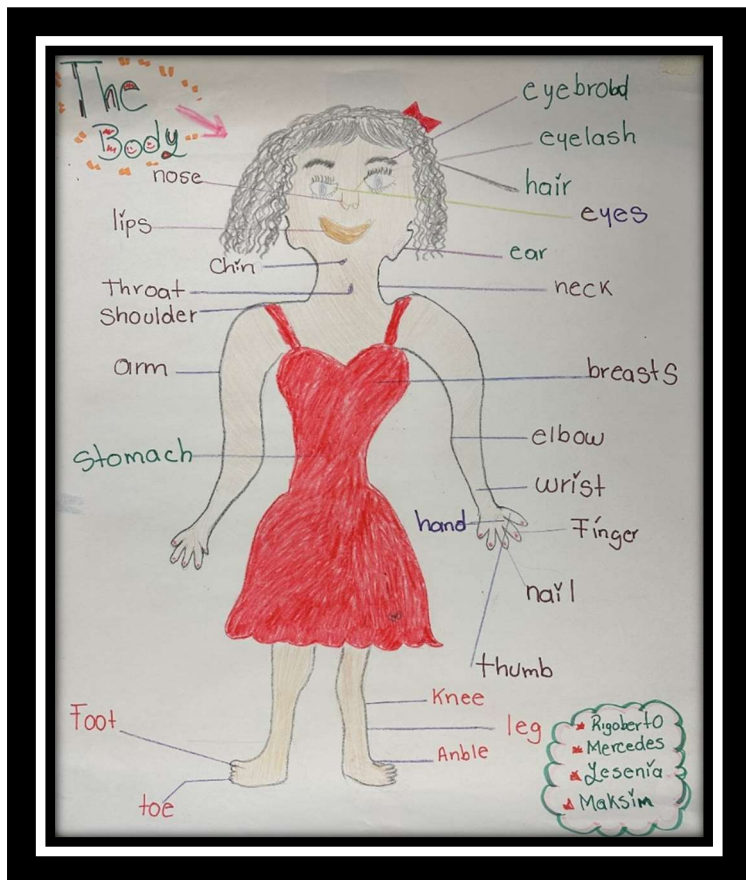
**Y.Z. is a student in the
Advanced ESL morning class**



My trip to Spain

My favorite trip was the time I went to Barcelona, Spain in 2014. I went there with my husband, we got married in 2014. This trip was our honeymoon :) ♥♥♥♥ we saw many interesting places, museums, theater and beautiful old buildings. Also there was a beautiful and clean ocean. We visited old buildings. They were named: Sagrada Familia, Park Guell, Casa Mila and famous big sports Stadium. We ate a lot of different, delicious food, desserts, and drinks. We loved traveling to Spain, because we felt very excited and energized.

Gunel is a student in the Intermediate Low ESL morning class



This poster was created by students in the Beginning Low ESL evening class

My clothes



At home I wear a green sweater,
a blue jeans, and white sneakers.
When I go to work, I wear a red shirt,
black jeans, and black shoes.
At school I wear a black T-shirt,
blue jeans, and black sneakers.

**Fernando is a student in the
Beginning Low ESL morning class**




**Crocheted roses and lilies by
Martha, a student in the
Advanced ESL evening class**

Advantages in Taking an ESL Class in America

There are many advantages in taking different levels of English as a second language. Besides improving ^{classes} English speaking, writing and comprehension skills, you also learn about other cultures. This is done by interacting with other students from different parts of the world. In addition, you will learn customs used in different cultures as well as learning about others' traditional values and differences. Most of all, we all learn about rules and regulations in which we need to follow while living in the U.S.A. All and all, by taking ESL classes, we all become more informative about many different beliefs. In this way, we all can make a difference in building up our bright future in the U.S.A.


**Mehrdad is a student in the
Intermediate High/
Advanced Low class in the
afternoon**

**Jose is a student in
the Beginning Literacy
ESL morning class**




This is me.
My name is Jose.
I am a cook.
I am from Mexico.
I am Mexican.
I speak Spanish.
I am medium height.
I am heavy.
I have brown eyes.
I have short hair.
I have a beard.
I have a mustache.

**Shi Bin is a
student in the
Beginning
Literacy
ESL morning
class**



This is me.
My name is Shi Bin.
I am a retired.
I am from China.
I speak Chinese.
I am medium height.
I am slender.
I have short hair.
I have black hair.
I have black eyes.
I am Chinese.



This is me.
My name is Yesica.
I am a cook.
I am from Colombia.
I am Colombian.
I speak Spanish.
I am tall.
I am slender.
I have curly hair.
I have brown hair.
I have long hair.
I have brown eyes.

**Yesica is a student
in the Beginning
Literacy
ESL morning class**

On December 12, 2022, I came to the MVLAAE Adult School for the first time to take an English class, and I was very excited. But due to hearing problems, I basically couldn't understand, so I was at a loss.

Now, nearly half a year has passed, and because Teacher Helen teaches enthusiastically and interestingly every day which deeply attracts the students, this makes me feel like learning again. Her classes are in various forms - from pronunciation to grammar, from follow-up to mutual questioning. What Teacher Helen teaches is very practical knowledge such as writing letters, blogging, checking Google, evacuating from earthquakes and fires, California traffic knowledge, how to make an emergency call, and how to deal with the traffic police. I feel the preciousness of these learning opportunities.

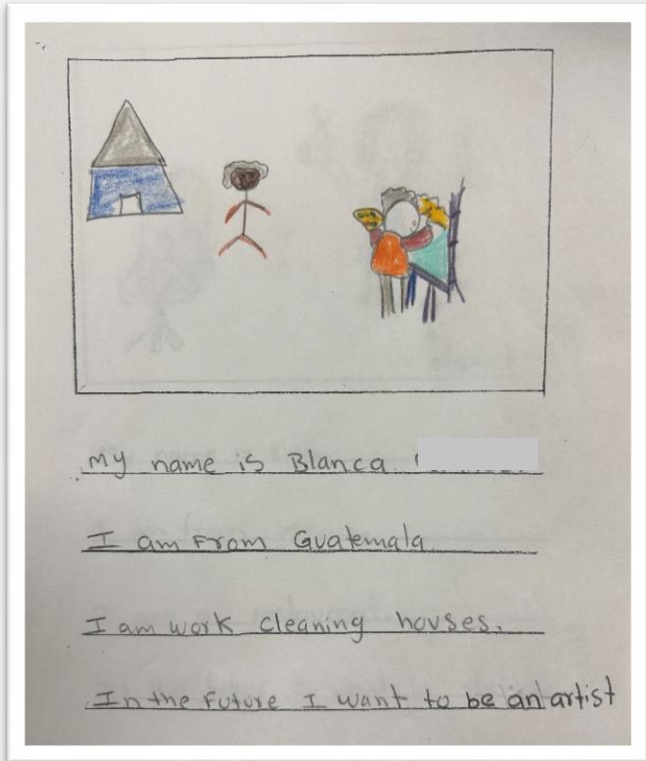
Because of the language barrier that I feel is in the United States, I can no longer contribute to society, but instead, I cause a lot of trouble for young people, so I feel deeply guilty and often think that if I improve my English, I can make more contributions to society. How wonderful! I hope to continue my studies, integrate into the local society, be an independent person without relying on others, be a useful person, and be a person who has the ability to help others.

I often think that this should be the common wish for most of the students. Thank you, Teacher Helen, for your hard work. Thank you very much.

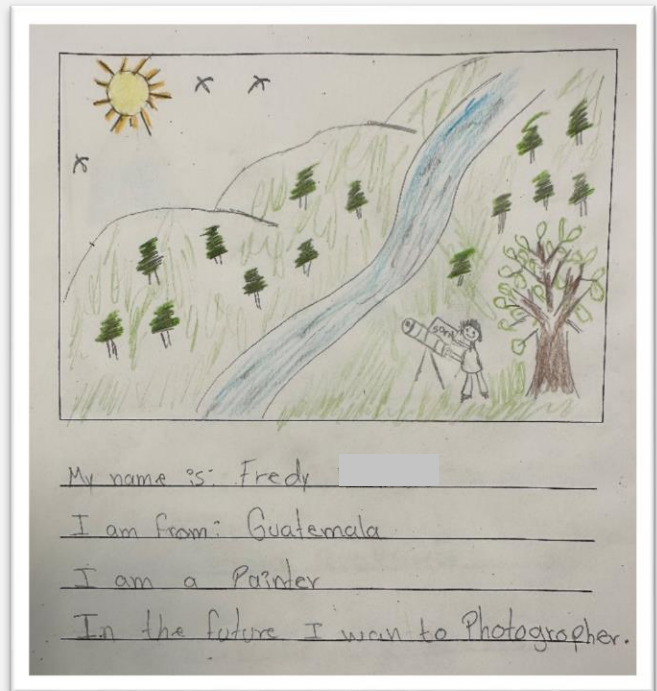
Guojin Z.

Guojin is a student in the Intermediate High ESL morning class

Fredy is a student in the Beginning Literacy ESL evening class



Blanca is a student in the Beginning Literacy ESL evening class



what is she wearing?
she is wearing a grey color blouse and wearing pants, ears, blue and shoes white

what does she look like?
she is tall and thin, she is young and beautiful. She has blond, straight hair, she is happy

Felicitas



what is he wearing?
He is wearing a white shirt, green shorts, a red bag and a pair of grey shoes.

what does he look like?
He has a grey mustache and grey short hair. He is tall and very strong. He is an old man.

- Digan 2017/2018



what is she wearing?
she is wearing black sweater, blue jeans, black gloves, scarf, glasses, earrings

what does he look like?
she is dark and thin, she is young and beautiful, she has long black straight hair, she is happy

Zofia



What is he wearing?
He is wearing a black suit, a white sweater and black shoes.

what does he look like?
He has a beard and a mustache. He is ~~is~~ young and tall. He has short and black hair.

- Huimin

Felicitas, Digan, Zofia and Huimin are students in the Beginning ESL Senior class

Driving in the Heavy Rain

I remember a bad weather experience that happened a long time ago. I can never forget that day because I was very scared. When my husband and I were going to Kyoto for fun on a summer vacation, the weather suddenly changed to heavy rain. It was raining so strongly that we couldn't see in front of us. We were on the highway, so we couldn't stop the car. We kept on driving carefully until we arrived at the hotel. Fortunately, the weather got better after we arrived. It's important to check the weather when you travel to places where you have never been before to have a safe drive.

Baku K.

Baku is a student
in the
Intermediate High
ESL morning
class

Mardi Gras & Carnival

BARRANQUILLA CARNIVAL

In Colombia the barranquilla carnival is celebrated usually in the month of february; People make costumed parades and many dances through all the streets. The people drink a lot of alcohol and party in the streets with full music, the celebration does not stop.

In Colombia it is a very important celebration that highlights the culture of the caribbean region and is also a tourist attraction.



MARIMONDA

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Carnival of Brazil

In Brazil carnival is a big cultural party and each region have your festival.

Carnival is annual festival is celebrated in the last week of February in every country. The more famous is the festival of Rio de Janeiro, because is the biggest in the world.

There has on big parades and many carnivals blocs, the blocs perform in the streets, where there are many concerts and peoples wear costumes and mask.

have too big parades happens in Sambodromo is a space where concerts with Samba School.

Sandra and Tairine are students in the Intermediate Low class in the evening

More Affordable Housing, Less Homelessness

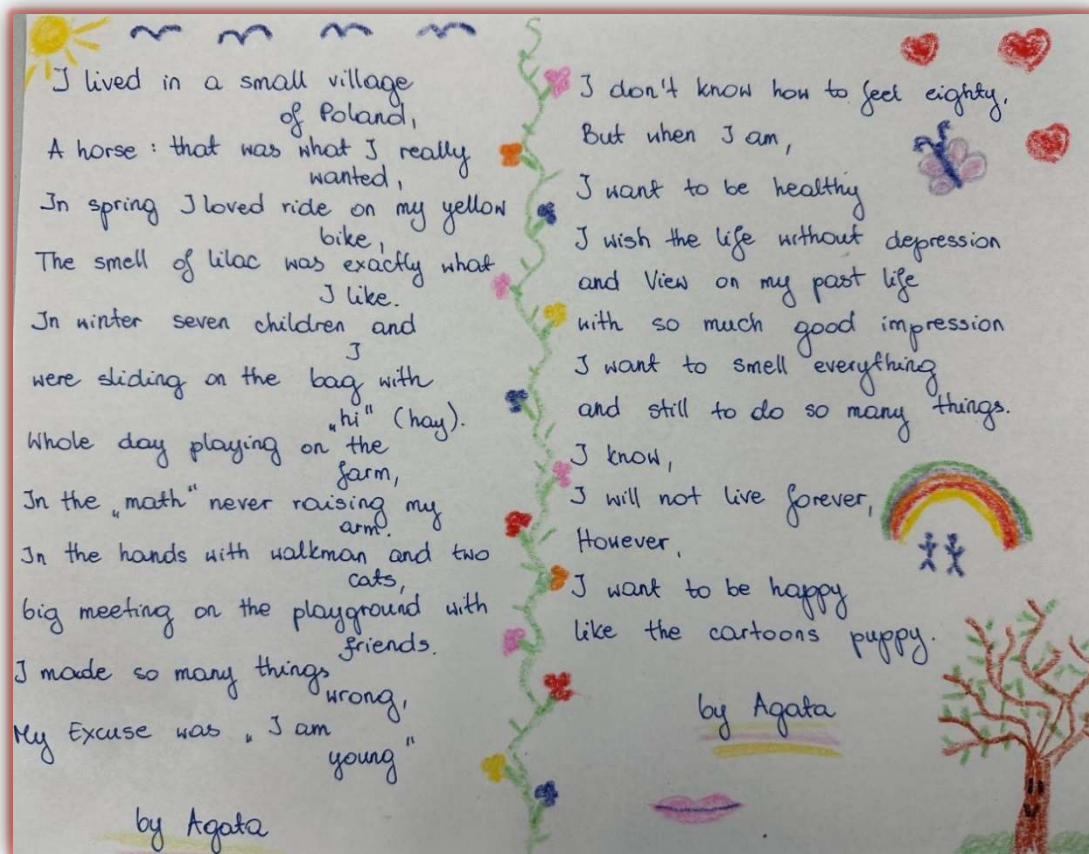
Affordable housing is one big problem for families with extremely low income. Another problem is not enough affordable housing units. The rent is too high, and the supply is too low.

The solution for this big problem is to help the renters to pay rent, give housing subsidies, and build affordable housing in the excess land in the religious organization. Another solution is lowering the limit on how much landlords can raise rents each year.

This is a good idea because affordable housing prevents homelessness. Many people in California are homeless because the rent is too high, and they don't have enough money to pay the rent. If these people have these resources less homeless. When families have a safe and affordable place to live, health and well being improve.

It is time to take action. The residents need to write an email to the city council or governor for protection of existing renters and homeowners and build more affordable houses to prevent high rent increases and homelessness. Affordable housing is important to the development of the human being.

Y.O. is a student in the Advanced ESL morning class



Agata is a student in the Advanced ESL evening class

Driving.

I learned to drive at eleven years with my uncle. He had a chevrolet pickup, 1973 manual with seven velocitys he didn't teach me, he only said to watch what I do, if you want to learn to drive. One day he turned off the truck, and he asked me if I wanted to drive. I answered "you did not teach me anything." He asked me "can you do it or not?" I answered, "I can do it!". And this moment I begin to drive, with errors but I learned to do it well. I can say "thank you uncle" because I learned very well.

One day I drove on the freeway. When I looked in the mirror, a car followed me, I decided to change the lane and the car again followed me. I changed the lane one more time and the car followed me. I decided to change the lane one more time and the car followed me. I thought in this moment that the car wasn't a police because this car didn't turn on the siren and lights. I continued to drive when I went off the highway, I think at Alumrock, 3 police cars said pull over. I pulled over and 2 police cars were beside me, The police in back turned on the light, and pointed it at the mirror to obscure my vision. The police car said, "Put your hands out the window". The officer approached me and asked, "Do you have license, registration and car papers?" I said yes. The officer went back to her car, and checked. The officer come back to me and told me, "Everything is OK, you can go."

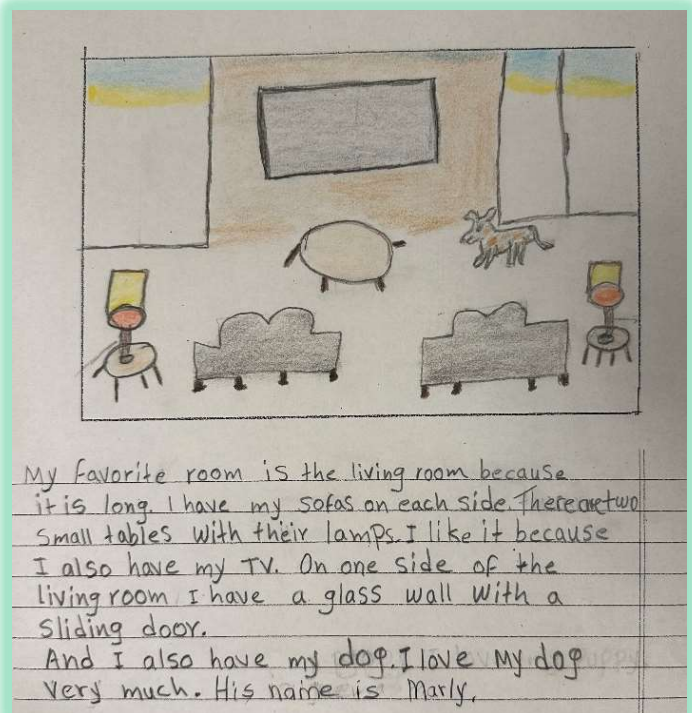
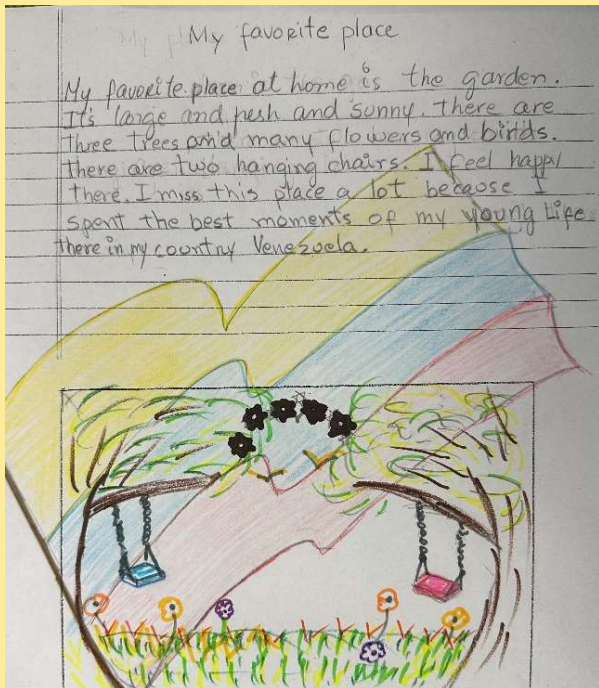
Snowy Weather

In the winter of the year before last, a little snow was predicted for the next few days. I went to work as usual and stayed in my office until it started to snow. The snow wasn't that strong but the transportation system was affected. I knew urban transport was vulnerable to snow. However, it exceeded my expectations. When I finished work early and left my office, train services were delayed and some roads were closed due to cars sliding on the roadway, so going home was difficult. I finally could get home after commuting four times longer than usual. As a result, I felt extremely tired. What I learned from this is that telework is a valid option when unusual weather is forecast even if it's not so severe.

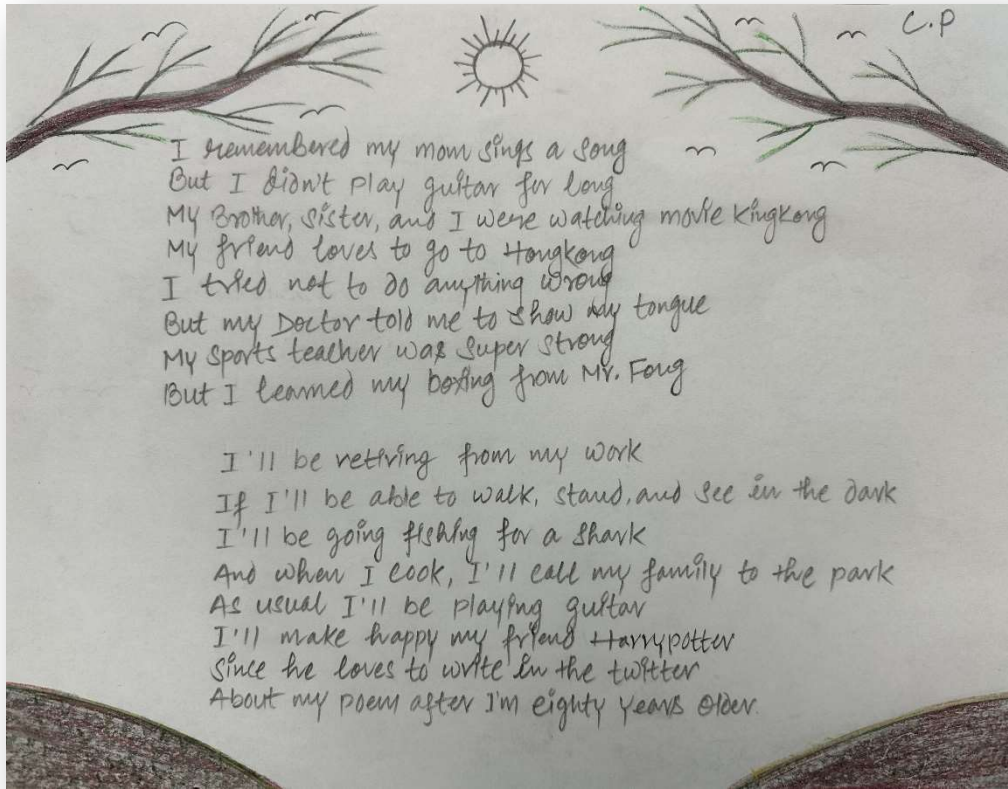
Yoko A.

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Maida is a student in the Beginning Low ESL morning class

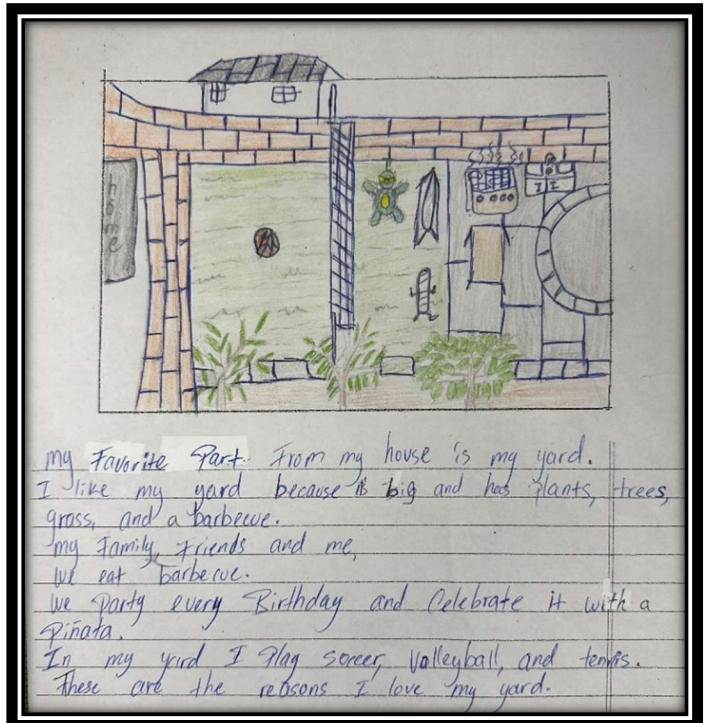


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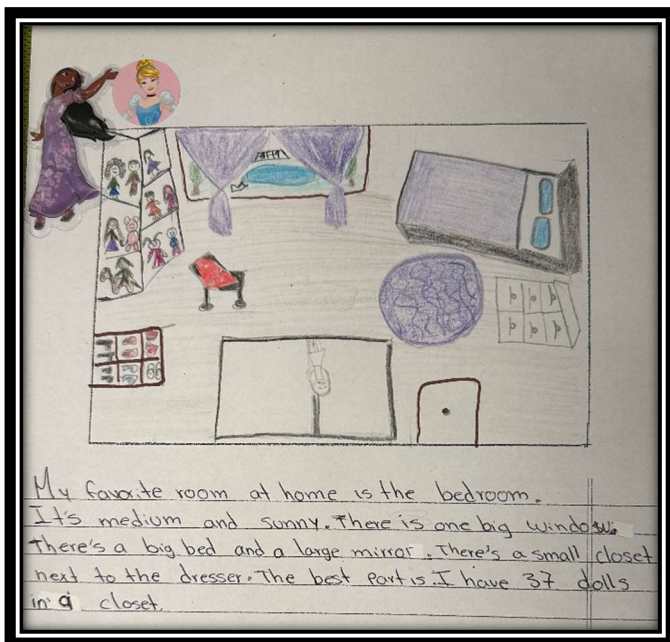


C.P. is a student in the Advanced ESL evening class

Yesenia is a student in the Beginning Low ESL evening class



Wilson is a student in the Beginning Low ESL evening class



A Big Storm

I remember a bad weather experience that happened in early January. My mother, my husband, and I visited Lake Tahoe at that time. I had heard that there was going to be a lot of snow, so we prepared for heavy snow. Fortunately the weather was fine and we were able to leave there without incident. After we left Lake Tahoe, the weather began to rain heavily with high winds. We couldn't see in front of us. Even though we could see just the tail lights, some other drivers kept going fast. But we kept on driving slowly until we arrived at our house because we didn't know that there was a big storm in the San Francisco Bay Area. From this experience, I learned that it's very important to check the weather forecast every day.

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the stuffed Bummy,
In English class the teacher gave us a
stuffed Bummy to learn English grammar,
noun, adjective, verb.
It's very useful and simple learn English.



This is my daughter.
Her name is wa.
she is a teacher.
she is from China.
she is chinese.
she speaks mandarin chinese.
she is tall.
she is slender.
she has black
she has long hair.
she has black eyes.

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**Han Zhi is a student
in the Beginning
Literacy ESL
morning class**

**Rhonald is a student
in the Beginning
High ESL evening
class**

I have 1 year and 10 months in California.
I lived in Sunnyvale 1 year. I liked this
city, but saw Mountain View (the
shoreline lake) It is beautiful for read,
see, speak, think, for this I went to
live in Mountain View. I love Mountain
View and California. California is very
expensive but the life is very good.



**Tungaa is a student in
the Beginning High/
Intermediate Low ESL
afternoon class**



My son's name is Daniel
He is tall and average weight.
He is a good person.
He is very smart.
He wears glasses and has short brown hair.
He is friendly.
He is hard-working.

Eliana is a student in the Intermediate ESL Senior class



My son. He is 25 years old.
His name is LEE. He lives in San Francisco.
He is a student. He has a large beard. He is beautiful. He always listens to music. He is friendly but sometimes stressed. He plays guitar and likes rock music.

Gulsina is a student in the Intermediate ESL Senior class



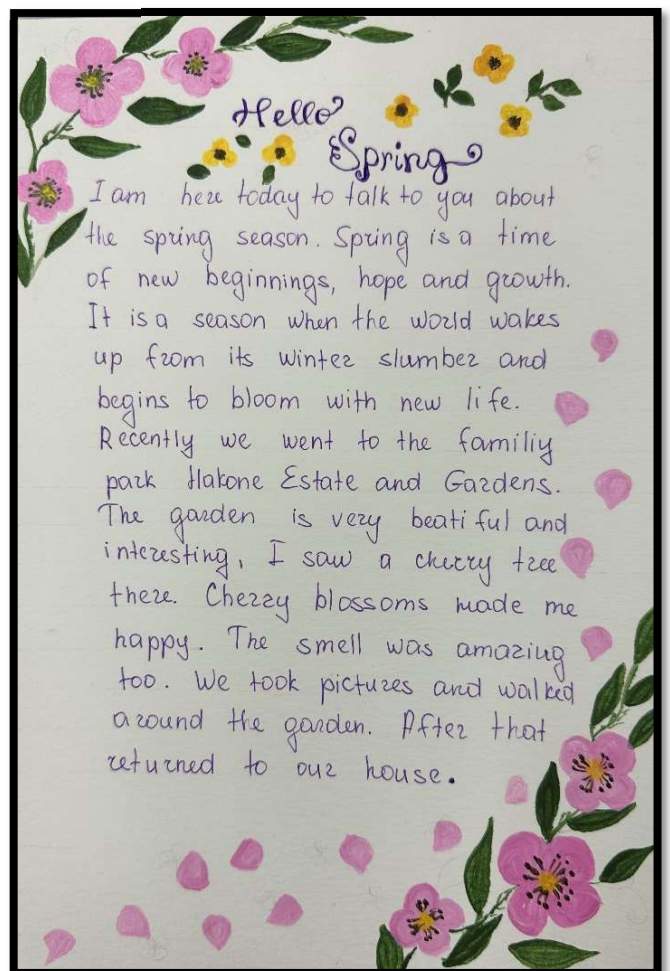
This is my daughter
her name is Canna
She is a translator at Facebook
(5 languages)
She is average height and weight.
She has hazel eyes
She is like talkative.
She lives in Los Altos

Luda is a student in the Intermediate ESL Senior class


I study English at MVLA Adult school
 I am A.L. I am from China. I live in Mountain View. I am studying English at Mountain View Los Altos Adult school. I am in Beginning High Level. My teacher is Aysen. she is an experienced and a responsible teacher.
 I enjoy my Est. class very much.
 My teacher often teaches us the grammar first and then always asks us to practice in class, in pairs or in groups, understand the rules and features of grammar. we also practice listening and speaking. Everytime we learn a new unit, she puts us into pairs to ask and answer questions to each other so that we can get more help and progress.
 I am very happy to study English at this school. Now I can make simple sentences, go shopping at the mall, make appointments with my family doctor. My next goal is to continue to learn English well and I will learn to drive and get a driver's license.
 Thank's a lot to my best teacher!
 Thank's a lot to my MVLA Adult school!

A.L. is a student in the Beginning High ESL morning class

Dilfuza is a student in the Intermediate High ESL evening class



Angelica is a student in the Intermediate Low ESL evening class

 Love Around the World

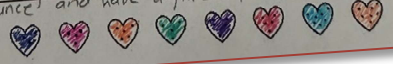
In Colombia, Love and Friendship Day is celebrated on September 16. People buy roses, cards, chocolates, music and other kinds of gifts.

People eat special dinners in different restaurants.

This holiday is special to me because do I get together with my friends to celebrate and give us gifts.

This holiday is important because all friends play secret friend.

The game consist of putting the names of the friends on a piece of paper and each one draws the name of the ones we are going to play. We sweeten them until the day before the date of the party. On the day of the party we decorate the room with hearts, sweets and flowers. We eat candies and some snacks then we dance and have a glass of wine to toast.



My hometown is Kharkiv.



Kharkiv is one of the largest cities in Ukraine. It is also called the "First Capital" during the Soviet times.

Kharkiv is a beautiful city. It is located in the North-east of Ukraine. In the center of the city there is a beautiful park named after Taras Shevchenko. Next to the park is the Freedom Square, the largest square in Europe. Kharkiv is also a major scientific college town. It has many research and famous university.

Our city is also a industrial center. It produces aircraft, turbines, tractors, televisions, bicycle. There is a war going on now, and many factories are closed, but in time everything will work out. Russian bombed the city. Many houses, schools and factories were destroyed. Many civilians and children died.

The town is reborn. Residents are returning to the city. Everything destroyed will be restored. Children will go school. Factories will work. The Ukrainian people will definitely win.

O.M.

O.M. is a student in the Beginning High ESL morning class

Life in Mountain View CA.

Hello my name is Minda. I was born in Michoacan Mexico. I am 22 years old. I have been living here for 7 months. I like my city now. I started working at Compass Group. I like my job. I'm front of house. I am the person in front serving the food and providing the best possible service, always smiling. The change of country has been a very big problem and I always try to be positive. What I have learned from this country is that there are many opportunities for growth.

Minda is a student in the Intermediate High ESL evening class

"It's better to try than to say I would have tried"

**Theu is a student in the
Beginning ESL Senior class**

My name is THEU

I am from Vietnam.
Mountain

I live in Mountain View now

I am seventy years old.


I am short

I am average weight

My weight is sixty kilograms.

I have black eyes and black hair.

My hair is short.



THEU

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Love Around the World

In El Salvador Valentine's Day is celebrated on February 14. People buy gifts for their friends and loved ones. They buy cards, flowers and chocolate. At the school the students play a game called secret friend where they exchange gifts and it is a really nice day because they have fun with their friends. This holiday is special to me because I can spend time with the people I love, and it is very important because I can tell the people that I love them so much.

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Mauricio is a student in the Intermediate Low ESL evening class

I recently arrived in the United States with a dream to improve my quality of life. I currently work in the kitchen. I would like to learn this beautiful language and understand its culture and the things it has to offer me...


DMG is a student in the Beginning High ESL evening class

A Friendly Man in the Back of My Memory

A few years ago, right before the start of Covid-19, my family and I went to Half Moon Bay to buy Dungeness crabs. That day was Christmas Eve. We were curious about the live Dungeness crabs. We decided to go there to see them. When we arrived there, it was almost noon. We wanted to have lunch there first, but there was a long line in front of the restaurant. I stood in that line with my grandson and we waited for our turn. Then, a strange man came to us and asked, "Hello, today is Christmas Eve. What do you plan to do for today's dinner?" But I only smiled at him. We didn't know each other. He wanted to show and give us some live crabs. After our family joined us, he took us to his boat. When we arrived at the seashore, there was his boat. When we saw inside his boat, there were many live Dungeness crabs. He had caught them early that morning. We were surprised to see them before he picked up three big crabs from his boat. When I held them, the three crabs were very heavy. Before he gave them to me, he told me again that today was Christmas Eve and you'll cook a big dinner with them. I was really pleased to have those crabs. I wanted to pay him for them, but he didn't want to receive any money. He just said, "If you have something, whether it's goods or foods, you just enjoy donating or sharing them with others." My family and I were extremely moved by his thoughtfulness and his warm words. The following year, we couldn't return there because of Covid-19. Last year we went there, but we didn't see him anywhere. I wish I could see him again someday in the future.

Ock Jin J.

Ock Jin is a student in the Intermediate High ESL morning class



My name is Erick.


I am from Mexico.

I live in Sunnyvale, California now.

I speak Spanish and English.

I work in a flowers shop
I study English in the evening.

Erick and Osmar are students in the Beginning Low ESL class in the evening



My name is Osmar

I am from Guatemala

I live in Redwood City, Ca.

I speak Spanish and English

I work in the day time
I study English in the evening.
I am an arborist and fireman.

My Trip to Cartagena.

My favorite trip was the time I went to Cartagena in 2013. I went with my grandmother Maria. We ate shrimp and many different kinds of fish. We also saw different fish when we were swimming. I wrote my name in the sand. I forgot the keys in the beach.

I want to go to Paris because I want see the Torre Eiffel and I take many photos.

Fernanda I

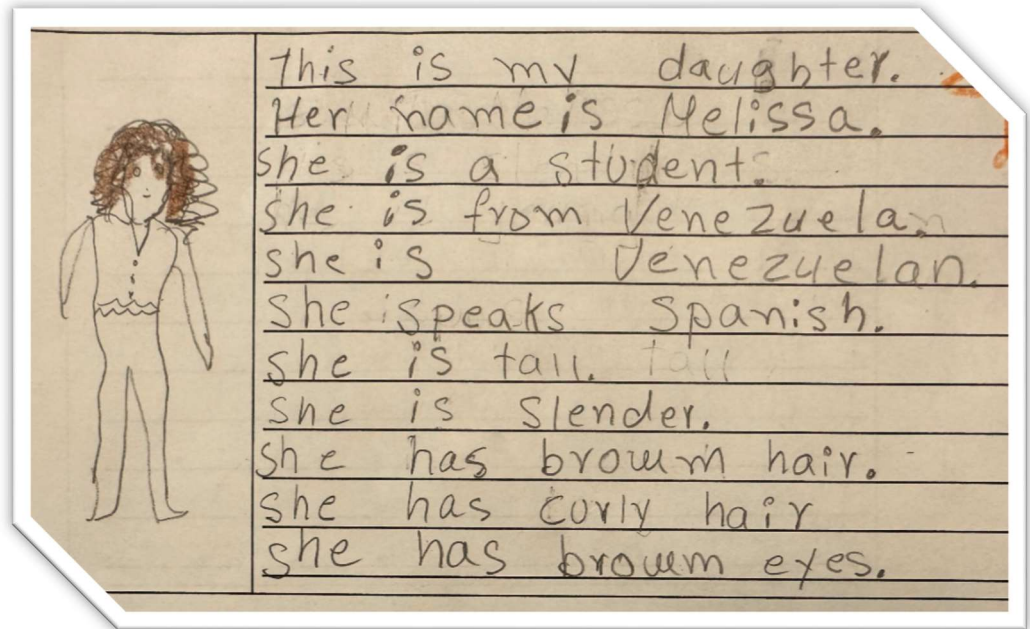
My travel in France.

My favorite trip was the time I went to Paris, France, five years ago. I went with my daughter. We saw beautiful cities in France. This country has a warm sea and good beaches. There are beautiful buildings, cafes, restaurants and Louvre Museum. We were in the cities of Nice, Cannes and others. I loved traveling to France because it is beautiful country with good museums, culture, history.

Tatiana

Fernanda and Tatiana are students in the Intermediate Low ESL morning class

Maura is a student in the Beginning Literacy ESL morning class



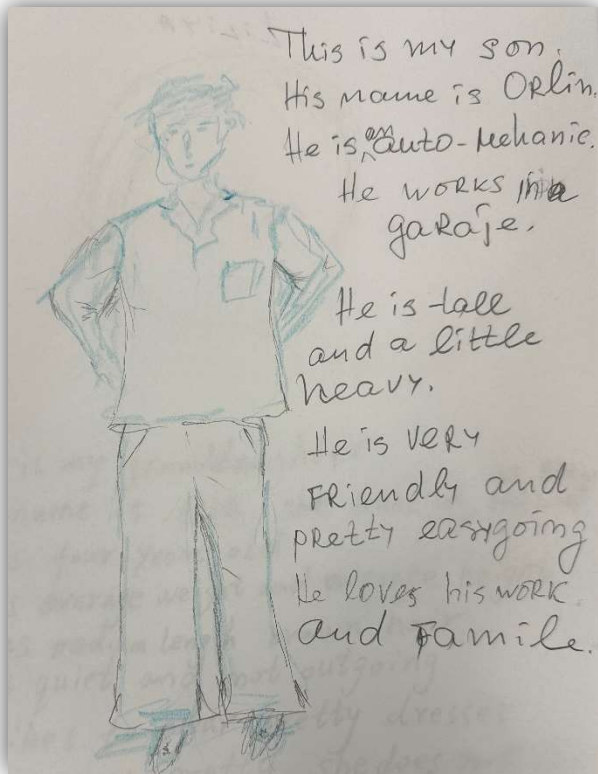
Give People a Place to Call Home

Many people have been having a hard time finding a place to live. The statistics show us that there are 220,000 unit shortfall affordable housing. And according to these statistics 25% of the people spend more than 50% of their income paying for housing. One of the reasons for this problem is because of very expensive land, other reasons is that the price of rent is very high and many people can't pay for this. Other hand, buying housing is expensive and paying the loan is a problem, because the income isn't compatible with the mortgage. This is a big problem.

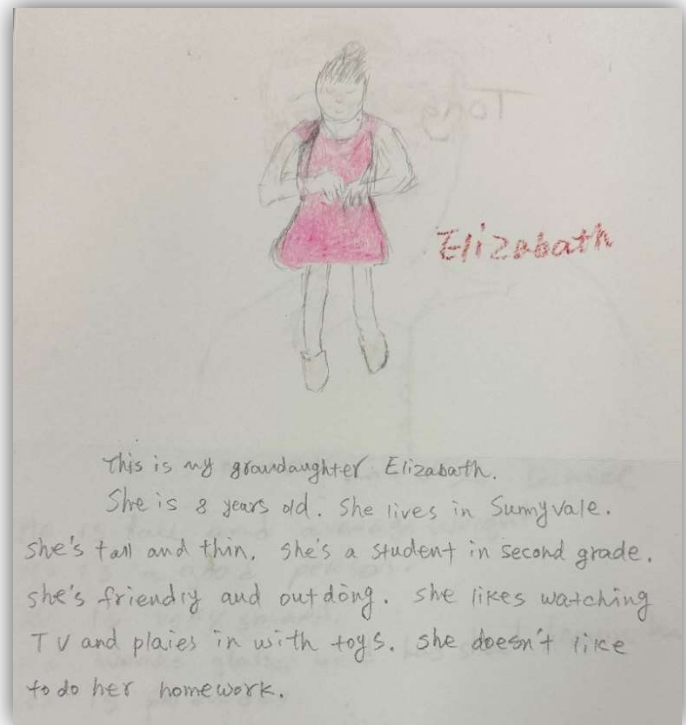
For those problems we can see many suggestions for solutions. One idea is that the government helps these people with payments. The government could subsidize housing. I believe that the government should build housing and sell to people with low income. And these people can't sell this housing for a long period of time.

There are many solutions for these problems, but if the government doesn't commit, this problem will continue for a long time. I believe that people should be aware of these problems and pay attention to the next election and vote for people who are committed to solve this problem. This is one important way to solve this problem. Because the government needs to help people with low income to have a place to call home.

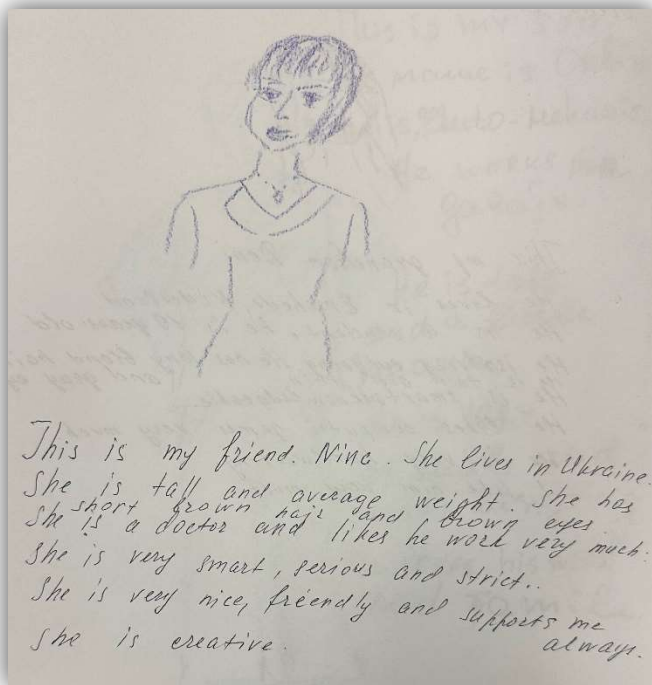
Delma is in the Advanced ESL class in the morning



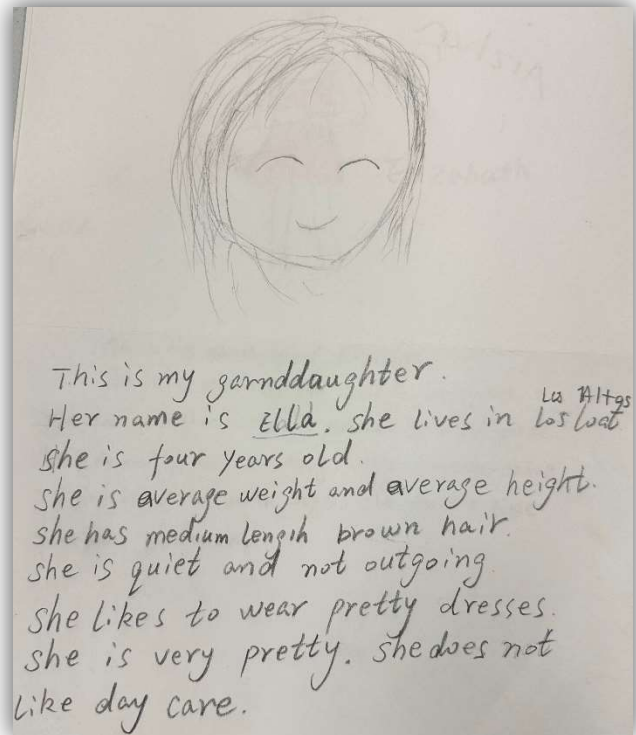
Liliya is a student in the Intermediate ESL Senior class



Tong is a student in the Intermediate ESL Senior class



Olena is a student in the Intermediate ESL Senior class



Aizhen is a student in the Intermediate ESL Senior class

Teacher Helen

My name is Jiayan Z. I come from China. I study English at the MVLA Adult School. What kind of a teacher is Teacher Helen? Let me tell you.

1. She loves her work very much

She has incorporated love into her class. Therefore, her class not only has a rigorous style and passionate narration but also a humorous approach. She answers each student's questions carefully. As a result, we feel respected and confident and are encouraged to improve our English. She teaches subject that are closely related to life such as vehicle driving, illegal treatment and how to apply for a job. We are improving our English by learning how to survive in the United States. She has never missed an

important international festival. She is a messenger of cultural exchanges between different countries.

2. She loves her students very much

She gives every student an equal opportunity to participate in the class. She solemnly greets the arrival of every student. This makes everyone feel their importance. She is good at sharing happiness and is willing to help you release the stress and pain in life. Therefore, it gives me the courage and strength to keep learning.

I wish God will grant her a long and healthy life in the days to come. I hope that in her life she has not only a job, students and pets but also poetry and vastness.

Jiayan is in the Intermediate High/Advanced Low ESL class in the afternoon

① (Xiue)
What are you wearing? (at home)

I am wearing a purple sweater, a black blouse, black pants, a white pair of socks and a black pair of shoes.

What do you look like?

I am short, neither fat nor thin.

I have brown eyes and black, straight, short hair.

I am 74 years old.

I am friendly.

Xiue is a student in the Beginning ESL Senior class

② What is he wearing? (Dingan at home)
He is wearing a black shirt, a black vest, blue jeans and black shoes.

He also wears a pair of silver glasses.

What does he look like?

He is medium build and thin.

He has a beard and moustache, high nose, brown eyes, gray and thinning short hair.

He is friendly and always smiles.

Although he is 76 years old, he still looks handsome.

In my country, I can to drive well
It is a small place, my city. In my city,
we don't have a traffic light so, it is easy
to drive because there are few cars
and few people, now I am in U.S. and
I want to drive a car but I am afraid,
But I want to do it, It's necessary for
going to jobs for obtaining job.
I need someone that wants to teach me
some time also I need obtain value
before I buy a car and I come to
english class in my car.

Ivan Ernesto is a Beginning High ESL student in the evening class

Heartwarming Place

When I was a child, I loved to visit my grandparents' house. They lived in the countryside, and there was a seashore nearby. They raised a lot of fruits, vegetables and animals. My grandmother liked to plant many kinds of flowers, so every season I could see various flowers around the house. In the front yard, she also planted some vegetables such as cucumbers, tomatoes, green onions, lettuces etc. There was a big persimmon tree and a jujube tree in the backyard which had lots of persimmons and jujubes every fall.

I loved to stay there with my parents so much. The food which my grandmother made was really delicious and delicate. Whenever she prepared the meal, she asked me to pick some vegetables up in the front yard. I liked this kind of chore. And their house was the place where I could meet my cousins and spend time with them during the vacation. We spent the night talking and laughing together. I can not forget these sort of memories at that place.

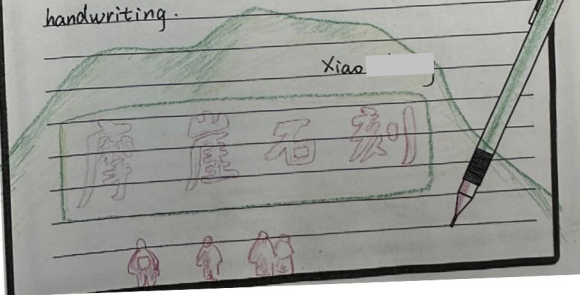
M.K. is an Advanced ESL student in the morning class

My Trip to ShanDong

My favorite trip was the time I went to ShanDong in 2020. I went there with four friends. We all like handwriting in ancient stones.

We walked and climbed on the hill. It is so tiring, but it is very valuable. Because these examples of handwriting were written by ancient people a long long time ago.

I loved traveling to ShanDong because we learned a lot of information about handwriting.



My trip to Turkey

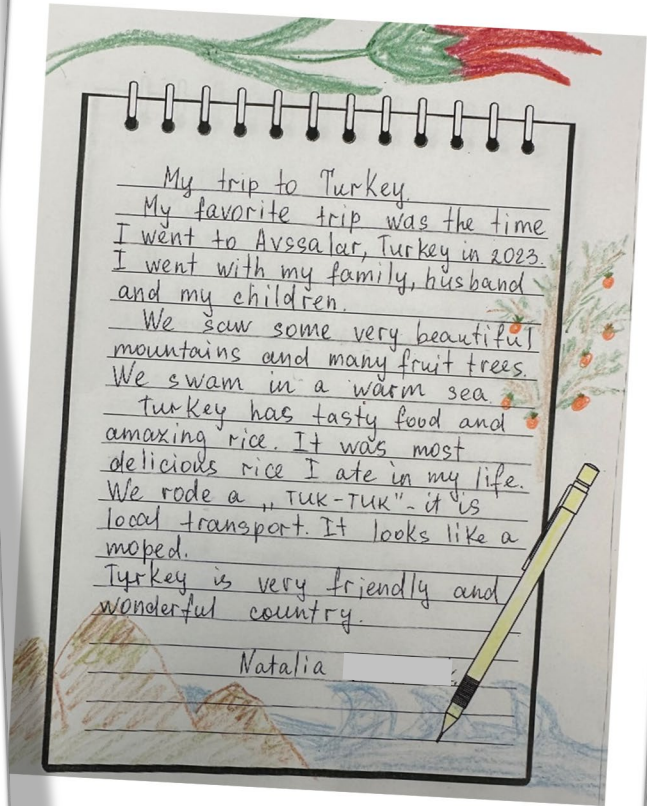
My favorite trip was the time I went to Avssalar, Turkey in 2023. I went with my family, husband and my children.

We saw some very beautiful mountains and many fruit trees. We swam in a warm sea.

Turkey has tasty food and amazing rice. It was most delicious rice I ate in my life. We rode a "tuk-tuk" - it is local transport. It looks like a moped.

Turkey is very friendly and wonderful country.

Natalia



Xiao and Natalia are students in the Intermediate Low ESL morning class



what does she look like?
she is tall and thin,
she is young and beautiful,
she has long, brown, straight hair.

what is she wearing?
she is wearing a brown sweater, a gray shirt, a brown belt, green jeans, and black boots, and red glasses, two necklaces.



What is he wearing?
He is wearing a white shirt, a brown belt, a green hat, and blue jeans.
He is old.
He is working.
He has a mustache.



she is wearing a ^{red} sweater and a pink shirt and blue jeans
she is wearing red shoes
she is tall and thin
she has long brown wavy hair
she is young and beautiful,
she is wearing red gloves
she has a silver bands
she is wearing brown socks

hansa_Pei Li

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