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ESOL Level 1 Students Share Pictures and Paragraphs about Important People in their Lives

Her name is Ruta. She lives in Eritrea. She is tall and beautiful. She speaks Tigrinya. She likes music and fruit. In the morning, she wakes up, brushes her teeth and eats breakfast. She doesn't drive to the supermarket. She takes the bus. She buys fruits and vegetables two times a week. In the evening, she cooks dinner and cleans the house. She doesn't have a dog and a cat. I love my sister because she is kind and sweet.

Written by: Gdei Tesfamikael



Gdei's Sister

Her name is Erika. She lives in Portland. She is tall and intelligent. She speaks Portuguese, English and Spanish. She likes to travel and play with her son. In the morning, she wakes up, takes a shower and eats breakfast. She doesn't take the bus. She drives to the supermarket. She buys fruits and bread twice a week. In the evening, she cooks dinner and watches TV. She has a dog and a cat. I love my daughter because she is very caring.

Written by: Terezinha G. Simpson



Erika and her Son

His name is Ibrahim. He lives in Malaysia. He speaks Rohingya, Malay, and English. He is tall and handsome. He is single. He likes orange juice and learning. He doesn't like beer or wine. He wakes up at 7am, takes a shower, and eats breakfast. He walks to work. He takes the bus to the supermarket. In the evening, he watches TV and reads. I love my brother because he is nice.

Written by: Toyuba A. Gafar



Fernanda and her Nephew

His name is Matheus. He lives in Brazil. He is tall and handsome. He speaks Portuguese. He likes video games and hamburgers. In the morning, he wakes up, eats breakfast and goes to school. He doesn't take the bus. He walks to school. He loves broccoli and guava. In the afternoon, he does his homework and plays video games. He has a cute dog. I love my nephew because he is my godson, and he is very affectionate.

Written by: Fernanda Michelli

Her name is Victoria. She is short and pretty. She speaks Portuguese, Spanish and English. She likes chocolate, to watch movies and to study. In the morning, she gets up, takes a bath, and eats her healthy breakfast. She drives to work every day. She likes to eat healthy food and drink juices. She likes to make a light dinner. I love my wife very much because she is very affectionate and very understanding, and she is very intelligent.

Written by: Luis Vazquez



His name is Jean. He lives in Portland. He is handsome and he is not that tall. He speaks Creole and English. He likes to play soccer, and he watches movies. He wakes up in the morning, takes a shower and eats breakfast. He doesn't take the bus or train. He drives to work and to the supermarket. He likes to eat fruits and drinks juice four times a week. After he gets off work, he likes to watch TV and play with his daughter. He doesn't have a dog or cat. I love my husband very much because he is very nice and cool to us.

Written by: Michel Anese

Her name is Maria Jose. She is the most beautiful woman in the world. She speaks Portuguese. She likes movies and soap operas. In the morning, she wakes up, takes a shower, and eats breakfast. She doesn't go shopping. Her children go shopping for her. In the evening, she watches TV and knits. She has a dog. I love my mother because she is the most beautiful woman in the world.

Written by: Marli A. Santos



Marli and her Mom



Her name is Luisi. She lives in Beaverton, Oregon. She is short and beautiful. She speaks Spanish and Quechua. She likes cheese and chocolate. In the morning, she wakes up, takes a shower and eats breakfast. She doesn't take the bus. She goes to the supermarket. She buys fish, vegetables and fruit two times a week. In the evening, she watches TV. I love my wife because she is the boss.

Written by: Julio Escobar



His name is Leandro Jr. He lives in Brazil. He is seven years old. His birthday is on April 3rd. He is happy, very smart and fun. He speaks Portuguese. He studies English to travel to the USA. He likes to play soccer and watch soccer matches on TV. In the morning, he wakes up early to go to school. In the afternoon, he first does his homework, and later he plays video games. In the evening, he calls me. His favorite food is pizza. I love my nephew.

Written by: Luciana Lovato



Luciana's Nephew

Her name is Alannis. She lives in Portland. She is short and beautiful. She speaks Portuguese. She likes movies and video games. In the morning, she wakes up and eats breakfast. She doesn't take the bus. At night, she watches TV series. She has a dog and two cats. I love my daughter because she is sweet, fancy and cool.

Written by: Camila Martinez



Camila and her Daughter

ESOL Level 2 Students Write about Their Plans After the Pandemic

When the Covid-19 pandemic is over, I will take a trip to México with my family. First, we will visit the beach in Guadalajara. Next we will go swim with dolphins. Finally we will return to our house on a plane. I will be very happy when I can do it.

Written by: Jessica Gabriela Martínez Sánchez

When Covid-19 is over, I will take a trip to Germany with my wife in the summer. We will stay there for two weeks. We plan to visit popular places and after that we will go to Switzerland by train to visit my cousin. There we are going to the museum and other places. We will return home the second weekend.

Written by: Fardin Sediqi



Bavaria, Germany

My wife and I have a plan to travel in Europe for 3 weeks. We are very interested in learning about new cultures. We want to visit art museums and eat different foods. We will travel to Europe on an airplane. When we arrive in Europe we will travel by train. We want to see cathedrals in Spain and visit the Colosseum in Rome. I think it would be a great and beautiful experience to be there in Europe.

Written by: Danny Michel Aloma Gongora

When my school year finishes, I will take a vacation with my husband and my family. We really want to know Hawai. First, we will swim with the dolphins for a day. Next, we will fly to another island in Hawaii called Honolulu. Finally, we will be on the beach to take some family photos by the sea. I will be very happy, when I can take a vacation with all my family once again.

Written by: Paloma Valencia



La Catedral de Sal de Zipaquirá, Colombia

We want to make a trip with my family, at the end of the year. We want to go to Cartagena de India's, Colombia. It is a beautiful place with beaches, a hotel on the seashore, many restaurants, and seafood. It also has a lot of good concerts of troubadour music and vallenato with instrumentals.

Then we'll go to Medellin; it's a very big city with a metro and as well a metro cable, and the weather is hot. We like to eat traditional Colombian food, for example: Patacones and Bandeja Paisa. We will shop at malls. Colombian clothes are very good.

Bogota is a cold place. It's the capital of Colombia. It has transmilenio, which is like Trimet in Portland. It has a famous touristic place -- La Catedral de Sal, that is the first Wonder of the World in Colombia. The best part of the journey is that we will go as a family. We will enjoy the journey and be more united.

Written by: Priscila Cifuentes

Next summer, we are planning to take a family vacation. We will try to do things in the most natural way. First, we will go for a walk to the seashore. The next day, we will look for a place of entertainment for the children. To finish, we will buy some food to go to a park and eat there. Let's wait and we can do it soon.

Written by: Jose Figueroa

I want to go to Calgary, Canada. I haven't seen my brother for 14 years and my sister for 7 years. I miss them. I will fly in an airplane on vacation in the summer. I will go for one month. I will be happy to see my brother and sister.

Written by: Marifaa Mousa

When the Covid-19 is finished, I will take a trip to Mexico with my family. We love to go to the beach in Nayarit. First, we will relax for three days on the beach. Next, we will go to Guadalajara with my mother's family. I will be very happy when I can be with my family.

Written by: Filiberto Hernandez

Next summer, I will travel with my family to Florida to visit my aunt. First, we will see her children and their families because we miss them. Next, I will see my friends and my neighbors that I knew when I was living in Florida. We will go to the beach and feel happy with them. Finally, we will pack our baggage and go home.

Written by: Khulood Sabri



Level 3 students wrote guided poems. In a guided poem, students look at someone else's poem as an example. Then they use that poem as a guide to write their own original poems.

To My English Teacher and Classmates
How do I love you? Let me count the ways.
I love you because we can understand each other.
I love you as much as close childhood buddies.
I love you more than soap operas, shopping and delicious food.
I love you so much that I smile when I think of you.
Special Valentine's Day--Thank you all for bringing joy to my American life!

Written by: Jane Ma

To My Three Kids
How do I love you? Let me count the ways.
I love you more than the sun.
I love you as much as my life.
I love you because you make me happy.
I love you because you teach me to be happy in the face of everything.

Written by: Niki Li



These are my two daughters and my son. I love them very much, and they love each other. The picture on the right is my daughter helping my son stay dry in the rain

-Niki Li



To My Wife

How do I love you? Let me count the ways.

I love you because you are part of my heart.

I love you because you are a partner of my family.

I love you more than my eyes.

I love you because you are the most beautiful thing in my life.

I will love you until I die.

Written by: Dawood Alqara

Real Love !!!

How do I love you? Let me count the ways.

I love you Mother more than anything.

I love you as much as my children.

I love you so much that I can't imagine my life without you.

I love you because you are my Mother.

This poem is dedicated to my Mother who is my inspiration and strength to always fight for what is loved .

Written by: Karina Landra

To My Wonderful Mom

How do I love you? Let me count the ways.

I love you because you took good care of me.

I love you more than everyone.

I love you the way you are.

I love you forever.

I love you so much more than you know.

Written by: Napasorn (Joy) Pompang

To My Mother

How do I love you? Let me count the ways.

I love you because you are my first love.

I love you almost as much as I love my chocolate.

I love you because you are a source of tenderness.

I love you more than words can show.

You are the best woman in my life.

Written by: Layla Bouzidi

To My Lovely Mother

How do I love you? Let me count the ways.

I love you more than my life.

I love you as much as myself.

I love you so much that I can't eat without you.

I love you because you are my world.

Written by: Abdullahi Hassan

To My Little Boy

How do I love you? Let me count the ways.

I love you because you are in my life.

I love you because you give me strength.

I love you because you are a smart boy.

I love you because you are the best boy in the world.

You are the special boy.

EZAIL I love you.

Written by: Ghrar Hasan



To My Love

How do I love you? Let me count the ways.

I love you because you are the first love in my life.

I love you because you are the father of my children.

I love you because you are a good man and you are affectionate.

I love you more than any things.

I love you more than myself.

I love you because you are my life, my love, and I see how much you love me.

I love you and all the words are not enough to talk about what is inside me.

I hope we stay together until the end of life.

Written by: Muna Mohammad

To My Husband

How do I love you? Let me count the ways.

I love you because you always take care of me and my kids.

I love you because you usually help me prepare dinner.

I love you so much that I can't stop.

I love you because you are always with me whenever I feel bad.

I love you because you are my happiness.

Written by: Thi Bich Ngoc Chu



Muna Mohammad is a Level 3 ESOL student, and also a professional cook! She shared pictures of her delicious food with *The Ambassador*. Below is our interview with Muna, which took place in Winter of 2021.

Hi Muna, where are you from?

I'm from Syria.

Why are you learning English at PCC?

I am learning English to be able to talk to people here in the United States and because I want to work in the future.

How did you learn to cook?

At first I learned to cook Syrian food from my mother. When I got married, I used to search the internet to develop myself in cooking, and I was trying to learn cooking from around the world. Then it became my hobby to cook and in 2020 I took some online courses to improve even more.

Do you like to cook?

Yes, I do, because it is my favorite hobby, and in cooking and baking I find myself happy, especially when I see those around me happy to taste something I make.

What do you want to do in the future?

My husband and I want to open my own restaurant and know that God will make our place one of the most wonderful places.

Thank you, Muna!



ESOL Level 5 Student Write about Superstitions around the World

In my country Turkey, some people believe in superstitions. Firstly, in my country people believe that if a pregnant woman looks at whatever, the child will look like that. For example, if you look at a beautiful girl, your girl will be beautiful or if you look at a handsome boy, your boy will be handsome. Secondly, they believe that when they see a black cat, some people will pull their hair. Also, in my country people believe that if a pregnant woman cuts her hair while she is pregnant, the child's life will be shorter. Finally, in my country people believe that blue glass protects from evil eyes and bad things. In my opinion, I believe the evil eye because some people may use it to jinx other people. Also, I don't make an effort to follow superstitions. I feel comfort and confidence.

Written by: Ozlem Sandalci



In my country, The Dominican Republic, we have a lot of beliefs. Much of that is due to the mixture of Taino, Spanish and African (three cultures that in their own way have many superstitions). There are many common superstitions that people usually believe. Let me tell you some of them. If it's raining and sunny at the same time, a witch is getting married. If a person plays cross-eyed, and at the same time a rooster crows, they can stay that way for the rest of their life. If you deny something to a pregnant woman, you will get a sty. It is very curious to see how superstitions change depending on the country. I personally do not believe in superstitions. I think that good luck or bad luck only depends on how hard you work to achieve what you want.

Written by: Johanny Astacio de Geronimo

I'm from South Korea and some people are still superstitious in our country. There are some common Korean superstitions. First, people believe that if you dream of pigs, you will be rich. In Korea, pigs are a symbol of wealth and fertility. So many Koreans buy lottery tickets after they had this dream. Second, people believe that if you eat seaweed soup on an important test day, you won't pass the test. Since seaweed is slippery, they think this may cause them to slip on the test. Third, people believe that if you shake your legs, you will shake off your good luck. So many parents discourage their children from shaking their legs. I'm not superstitious. I think some people want to reassure themselves that they could avoid bad luck and enjoy good fortune by believing superstitions. I believe that people can make their own luck and they are not limited by superstitions. Human beings are great and have special power

Written by: Grace Jeong

I'm a Chinese-Vietnamese person, so my cultures are most affected by China. Vietnamese people also know about superstitions from China, and they believe them as well. Most superstitions in Vietnam are influenced by China. In Vietnam, if you eat beans, you will pass the exam. Because the word for "beans" is a homonym for "pass". It is one of the common superstitions only in Vietnam. One superstition from China that the Vietnamese believe in is "Earth God", which is called "Ong Dia" in Vietnam. If people pray to "Earth God" when they lose something, you can find it. Then people will give fruits to say "thank you." Some superstitions I think are true such as "Earth God". Because my mother has done it several times, and she always found out the things she needed. However, some things are too superstitious, and I do not believe them.

Written by: Khanh Chau



Although some people think superstitions are weird or don't believe in that, when superstitions are part of the culture you feel them like they are something normal. People in my country are usually superstitious. The people in Guatemala have many superstitions, and one of the things we believe in is "The Evil Eye". In Guatemala we usually put a red bracelet on babies, which will protect them from the evil eye. Another superstition which the people believe in is that on full moon or eclipse days, pregnant women should put a clothespin on any of their clothes to prevent the baby from being born prematurely. And some Guatemalan families also use the method of placing a red string on the forehead of babies to remove hiccups. I believe in some superstitions because my family taught me when I was a child, but there are others I just use to joke with my friends.

Written by: Carolina Davila Solares



ESOL Level 6

Comparison Between Korean and American Elementary School System

“Mom, when can I go to school and meet friends?” These days many parents have heard this question from their kids since schools shut down due to Covid-19. Every child needs to go to school because it is a good place to study, meet friends and communicate with teachers. My kids and I have been living in the U.S.A since December 2018. Once we came here, my kids went to public school. Everyone in the world knows that a school is the best place where children can see and learn a lot. It is true that the elementary system is a place where we can communicate and grow together, but there are some differences between the elementary systems that I have come across while my child is studying in the American elementary school.

The first difference is about school meals. Korean school meals are free for kindergarten to middle school students. Those students can eat without paying. Each city office has a budget and subsidizes the school. It is a kind of welfare. Whether or not parents' income is high, it is free. These days, some high school students have got school meals for free, and it will expand to the entire high school in a few years. A dietitian works at each school to prepare a meal table. They notify each parent through handouts or websites, and the cooks cook daily in a large kitchen. The main food is based on rice and soup, and different side dishes are served every day. Every Wednesday school meals are often served based on the children's favorite food. On the other hand, America does not serve free meals except to low income families. Kids need to bring a packed lunch or buy lunch at school. At first, my children wanted the packed lunch I made, so I packed the lunch everyday, but later, they wanted American meals, so they used to buy lunch at school. My child's school also served pizza, which is one of the most popular school meals, every Wednesday. What was surprising was that the pizza was delivered from Pizza Hut and there were only a few slices of vegetables. Since the main foods are different, I can't say which one is better, but I think the quantity and quality of meals is better in Korea.

The second difference I noticed is about the school bus. Public schools in Korea don't provide school buses. Kids go to school by their parents' car or walk by themselves. However, there is a way to use the school bus. Private schools and some rural schools provide school buses. Most private schools have to pay a certain amount every month. In contrast, U.S public schools provide free school buses to all students. Parents must register for the school bus before the start of the school year. Of course, my children also used the school bus when they had in-person school. When I went to the school in the morning, I saw yellow school buses standing in a row. What's impressive is that when the school bus stops, all cars driving in both lanes stop. Unlike school meals, I think this is a part of practice that Korea needs to learn from the US.

Another difference I noticed from my experience is about recess time. In my country, there is no recess time. Elementary school students have 40 minutes of class and 10 minutes of break. During the 10 minute break, children talk with friends or play on the playground. At this time, students are autonomous. Lunch breaks are provided for about an hour. After the students eat, they play a lot in the playground. However, the observing teacher does not remain on the playground. These days, the air is not good, so there are many cases where it is impossible to go outside to play. In contrast, there is enough recess time in America. It was one of my kids' favorite times because children can go out and do activities twice a day. At this time, the teachers

also supervise the playground. Although they are not with the students, children can safely enjoy the time under the observation of the teacher. Oregon is famous for being a place where it rains a lot in winter, but my children always go out and play at this time, even on rainy days. Also, it seems that this time is rarely disturbed by the fresh air of the four seasons.

The final difference is about parent-teacher conferences. In elementary schools in Korea, there are two times each semester to consult with a teacher. This seems to be the same in America, but school is not closed on the day. It's the same as setting up a schedule with the teacher before conference day, but the day in Korea is held after the classes. Schools in Korea are closed only on holidays and vacations, but are not closed on conference days or snowy days. On the other hand, American elementary schools close on the day. I was unfamiliar with a system that only consults without opening school.

In conclusion, a school must be a place where teachers can give good instruction to children and they can interact with friends. It is natural that the school system is different as the culture is different. That's why it is difficult to say which culture is better. What is clear is a system that is reflected in each culture, and it is a great pleasure to be able to experience both the elementary school system of Korea and the United States.

Written by: Eunhee You



Before and After Children

Many people would die to have children. Some people would pay thousands of dollars to have a child, whether that might be through adoption, surrogacy, and fostering. This is because children bring a sense of happiness, unconditional love, and companionship into a person's life. However, If you plan on having children there are things one should consider including expenses, freedom of time, and changes to their lifestyle habits. In all, these elements make life before and after children very different.

Before I had a child, I had a very busy schedule. I went to school 8 hours a day every week, worked for almost 12 hours every weekend, but I also still had the time and freedom to do the things I enjoyed most. After I had a child, I had to change those lifestyle habits and had to adapt to my child's needs. I no longer had the time to go to events, hang out with my friends, or even time to myself.

Before my child I also saved most of my money, and with the leftover money I had, I used to use it to buy myself coffee, a lot of clothes, and the most popular shoes. In contrast, after having children I had to set a budget. Having children was very expensive. I had to buy diapers, formula, clothes, furniture, and toys. Then when my eldest daughter was all grown up, I had to pay for her private school fees, tutoring, uniforms, and school supplies. To pay these expenses, I had to work two jobs at the airport and in caretaking.

In conclusion, life before children and after children are different. Life before children can be a bit enjoyable for some people and a nightmare for others. In my experience having children is a blessing and provides happiness. This is why the good outweighs the bad. Having children was the most important thing to me, and had been a goal of mine since my early 20s. When I had my daughter Adna on August 6, 2003, it was a life changing moment for me. I fell in love with her the moment I laid my eyes on her. My other goal was to raise Adna right. I did not worry about how to provide for her because I knew I had to work for her, even if that meant a double job. I didn't even think about losing my freedom or time either. In the end, she brought so much love, joy, and excitement into my life.

Written by: Hawokin Hirsi



Hawokin Hirsi

Ethiopian Wedding Ceremony in Countryside and in the City

Have you ever seen a wedding with 1,000 people in attendance? That is how it is in the countryside of Ethiopia. The wedding ceremony in Ethiopia is different from place to place and culture, but wedding ceremonies in Ethiopia are very different between the city and countryside although both are interesting.

First, when it comes to the music at a wedding ceremony, in the countryside it is influenced by folk music. That means singing by a group of people, not professional musicians, by using traditional musical instruments known as “kebero”(a Drum)and Krar (6 string lyre). Everyone dances together. On the other hand, weddings in the city have music selected by the groom and bride and they also pay for a band or DJ. At the wedding ceremony, guests dance in groups, families or friends.



Another difference is the food. In the countryside most of the dishes are spicy and largely made up of meats. There are no other options. They slaughter 5-10 ox to feed more than 1,000 guests. Beef is raw and eaten with injera (soft bread). At the ceremony there is a big coffee ceremony instead of cake cutting or dessert after main dishes. The drink is a homemade drink called tej (brewed honey wine). On the contrary, in the city wedding food is very varied. The meat is mostly cooked and mixed with vegetables. The food is always a buffet with three courses including side dishes and dessert. The cake cutting is one of the best parts of food at the ceremony. The drinks are beverages and different types of alcohol which are manufactured in factories and not homemade.

In the countryside there are no invitation cards or phone calls made to invite guests to the wedding. The groom and bride are not responsible for that. Instead, families and friends can invite anyone they want to be a part of the wedding. There is no limitation of guests at the wedding. The number of people at a wedding can be more than 1000 at times, and the wedding takes place in an open farm land. In the city, the number of guests are limited and invitation cards must be sent out. The invitations responsibility is between two families or on who the couple decides on who to invite. Most of the wedding events are at hotels or in wedding halls.

The dress code in the countryside is different from weddings in the city. In the countryside, couples wear kaba (traditional attires). The bridesmaids also wear habesha libs, which are traditional handmade clothes. Brides spend hours getting braids and getting bridal henna. Also, all women guests wear netlla, which

is white cloth made from cotton and men wear gabi, which is handmade traditional cloth. However, in the city wedding a groom wears a tuxedo, a bride wears a veil and a bride wears makeup and dressed hair from a beauty salon. The guests at the wedding wear different types of occasional dresses. There is no dress code but there is an unwritten rule that says guests should come dressed as their best.

In my opinion, both ceremonies are enjoyable. Both wedding ceremonies have something to offer. But some might prefer a wedding with fewer people while others enjoy having a large gathering. Meat lovers and organic eaters would love the countryside wedding for the food. Kids love weddings in the city because of the sweets like desserts and candy. For me I enjoy both wedding ceremonies because you enjoy the tradition of the countryside ceremonies and in the city wedding ceremony I enjoy the food variety and desert.

Written by: Momina Kefene

ESOL Level 8

The Students in Zoom Classes

Many people all over the world have been experiencing Zoom classes for nearly one year because of the Covid-19 pandemic. A large number of individuals say that Zoom classes are the most interesting. The fun of these classes can come from lively teaching methods of teachers, sharing life stories, or even respecting each other. Students often have different manners with their professors in this learning environment. Depending on their behavior, students could fall into three categories : the enthusiastic students, the messy students, and the distracting students.

The first group is the enthusiastic students. These students are always eager to go to class and demonstrate their interest in their lessons. For example, these learners often join Zoom meetings on time or even five or fifteen minutes in advance. Their purpose is to ask questions about homework, the last lessons that are unclear for them, or what the new knowledge will be on that day. When class starts, these individuals always focus on the lessons from the beginning to the end of class. Making meaningful questions is necessary for these students to make sure that they obviously understand everything. When professors have inquiries or activities in class, these people often take part in discussion enthusiastically and try to find out the best answers. This group are perfectionists who drive themselves to excel in studying. Getting a low mark is

unacceptable for them. For this reason, it's important to prepare for the quizzes carefully. If these learners get grades that are not very high, then finding out the mistakes and learning from them are the best way to get a higher grade for the next tests. Homework is always done and sent on time. People in this group are often curious about their new lessons, so reading them before class is helpful. This makes them feel more confident and understand the new lessons easier compared to other students. On the whole, this is a group of active individuals in studying, and these students often get adoration from others and teachers as well.

The next category of students is the messy students. This group can also be called the careless students. People belonging to this type are not often concerned about their appearance and action while in class. For example, these learners join Zoom meetings while still brushing their teeth. These individuals prefer lying on the couch with pajamas, or sitting down on the chairs and wearing blankets rather than putting on decent clothes while learning. Sometimes, these individuals do something which is very strange or weird to other people, but it is normal for them. For example, combing hair, putting on makeup, or eating food happens in class on a daily basis. Moreover, these students even yawn with an open wide mouth and don't use their hands to cover them. When these learners fall asleep during Zoom classes, everybody can hear their snoring. Even worse, this group does these things without turning off their cameras. This type of student tends to be absent-minded people. Sometimes, these individuals are late for class because of oversleeping or forgetting that they have a class on that day. In general, this group are careless students while taking online classes.

Finally, the last category of students is the distracting students. This group always wants to draw attention from others in many different methods. For example, these individuals can make noises, such as listening to music, making a phone call, or talking to members in their family without muting. These students sometimes send private messages to ask personal questions or even tease others, and this makes everyone feel uncomfortable. Turning on or off the camera repeatedly or laughing out in class are also common ways to disturb other people. This type of student tends to disrespect professors. For instance, these learners often interrupt their teachers with meaningless questions. When professors ask these students some questions, these learners even turn off their cameras and refuse to answer. It's impossible to have a long attention span for these learners, and sitting on the chair to focus on lessons is terrible. Having a break in the middle of class is really important to them. This group even considers this learning is in their house, not in the true classroom, so

they can do anything. On the whole, people belonging to this category often annoy other students.

In conclusion, students can be divided into three categories: the enthusiastic students, the messy students, and the distracting students. It is necessary for students to help create the perfect learning environment online. One of the most important things is always to respect professors and other individuals. People should maintain this perspective to help themselves and professors have meaningful classes.

Written by: Linh Truong



Illustration by: Norah Alqara



Classified Shoppers

With economic development, many people are getting rich and living a better life. With this reason, they are used to spending more money and time on shopping. With that, we can observe the different kinds of shoppers throughout the consumer market. Therefore, depending on their shopping behavior, shoppers can be classified into three categories: practical shoppers, impulsive shoppers, and brand loyalty shoppers.

The first category of shoppers' behavior is practical shoppers. People in this category make a clear shopping list before buying. They know exactly what they need. They don't spend too much time on physical stores or online shopping. They are also flawless planners who do tasks effectively and on time. They often say they don't waste their time on shopping because time is money. They are confident of doing the perfect way to manage time and money.

By contrast, the second category of shoppers' behavior is impulsive shoppers. People in this category buy something usually without hesitation and thoughtfulness. They love spending money and enjoy the shopping environment. Each of the merchandise is attractive to them. No one can persuade shoppers to stop buying until they feel totally satisfied in shopping because their eyes are bright, and their heart is passionate at the moment of shopping. They are also sort of enthusiastic shoppers who love to spend their time on shopping and never feel tired on this way. However, sometimes they feel regretful or guilty after shopping because they spend too much money on unnecessary things that they don't need anymore.

The last category of shoppers' behavior is brand loyalty shopper. As the name suggests brand loyalty

shoppers are shoppers who particularly love a certain brand. They are loyal to certain brands which are too unique to be replaced. They are also sort of hunters who are ready to chase a certain special kind of prey (brand). They are focused and persistent. When they find the attentive merchandise of the brand, they will buy it immediately without any hesitation. They act their loyalty to the brand which they love.

In conclusion, each category of shopper has acted an important role in the consumer market. Therefore, in order to fulfill different kinds of shoppers, business research and design various merchandise to satisfy their customer. With that, people will gain more than one choice to purchase, such as the appropriate price, the relatively good quality, and various brands. People do not have to limit their choices on shopping. Thanks to each one of shoppers, the economy continues to grow constantly as well.

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Movie Endings Types

The end of the movie is the most important part of the whole movie. An effective ending seals the audience's satisfaction with the movie, and it could leave them thinking and talking about the movie for a while after they have watched it. Some movies even start with the ending, which is an effective way to hook the audience and have their attention. It adds an immediate mystery that makes the audience want to know more about the story of the movie. Movie endings can take several different forms, such as an obvious or clear ending, a confusing ending, and a twist ending.

The first category is the clear ending movies, which can have either an obvious happy ending or an obvious sad ending. Movie endings are more satisfying when there is a resolution for the main character because they make the conflict of the movie. A happy ending is the most satisfying end, like how it ends in the fairy tails when they say: "And they lived happily ever after". An example is the movie "The Next Three Days" where the main character saves his wife from prison in the last scene and they lived happily together. Also, there is a sad ending which ends in a tragic scene. These movies are depressing. The audience might not want to see them for a second time like "The Fault in Our Stars" where one of the main characters died by the end of the movie.

The second type is the confusing ending when the events start to take an unexpected turn by the end of the movie. Not all directors want to make their films to have a simple and clear ending. Some directors like to leave their last scene ambiguous, in order to keep viewers thinking of what really just happened. One example is the movie “Inception”, where the last scene is not clear whether it’s a reality or a dream. These types of movies make the audience argue with each other about the ending because it is not clear to them even if they watch the movie again. The directors want to make their audience interpret the ending on their own.

Finally, there is the movie that has a twist ending which is designed to surprise the audience. The best way to end a movie is when something suddenly happens that the viewer never sees coming. Some movies might show foreshadowing in the middle of the movie that relates to the end. Other movies would have a very surprising ending without a foreshadowing. An example of a twist end movie is “Gone Girl”, when the main character “Amy” has changed her whole plans by the end of the movie. These types of movies are considered unforgettable movies for the audience.

The ending forms audiences’ final impression of what they have watched. Whether it’s an obviously happy or sad ending, a confusing ending, or a twist ending. A good ending would provide a resolution to the story of the movie that leaves the audience satisfied with the whole movie. Also, a good ending will be remembered by the audience and they will talk about it for a while, especially when the director wants to add a surprising or thrilling scene in the end to make the audience more interested and excited about the movie. Therefore, movie ending can make or break the audience’ impression about the movie they just watched.

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