

A study trip to the UK

Listen to Ella talking about some of the most memorable moments from a study trip to the UK.

Before listening

Do the preparation task first. Then listen to the audio and do the exercises.

Preparation task

Match the definitions (a–f) with the vocabulary (1–6).

Vocabulary

1. to explore
2. a host family
3. extracurricular
4. to bake
5. to encourage
6. to keep in touch

Definition

- a. to persuade someone to do something
- b. to go around a new area to learn about it
- c. to cook in an oven
- d. not part of the course a student does at school
- e. to continue to communicate with someone
- f. a family that looks after foreign students when they come to the UK to study

Tasks

Task 1

Are the sentences true or false?

	Answer	
1. Ella spent Christmas with her family.	True	False
2. She spent a week in New York.	True	False
3. She enjoyed her Christmas holiday.	True	False
4. Ella and her flatmates shared a kitchen but had private bedrooms and bathrooms.	True	False
5. She enjoyed her free time in the UK.	True	False
6. She is still in contact with the friends she made in the UK.	True	False

Task 2

Put the words and phrases in order to make sentences.

1. about two hours It to York. to get took me
2. treated member. me like They a family
3. They all the interesting culture of their region. took to see out me
4. a Chinese school. I in the chance to teach had
5. other students with a few I lived During my from different countries. studies,
6. We flat together. a shared

Discussion

Have you ever studied abroad?

Transcript

I want to talk about my life in *(the)* UK. I went to study in the UK a few years ago. The most exciting experience is that I went to a host family for my Christmas holiday in December. I went there alone ... on a train. It took me about one or two hours to get there, to York, and then I stayed there for one week. This was the first time that I spent time with a UK family, which I learned a lot from them. They treat *(treated)* me like a family member, they took me out to eat, to play and to see all the different interesting culture of their region. On Christmas Day, they even bought me some presents to celebrate the Christmas *(celebrate Christmas)*.

When I went back to Oxford, which was the place that I stayed for that year, I had the chance to teach in a Chinese school every Sunday. The kids are *(were)* about 14 years old and I taught them Chinese. They were very cute but they all speak *(spoke)* in English. I spent lots of time to encourage *(encouraging)* them to speak in Cantonese.

During my study *(studies)* in the UK, I lived with *(a)* few other students from different countries. They are very nice and we used to cook on our own, just like a big family. Every day we will go to ... every day we went to supermarkets to buy food and drinks and desserts. We cooked every day. I was not a good cook – normally I just put everything into *(the)* oven. And I've tried *(I tried)* to bake a cake before but failed and they all laughed at me. And every time when I bake *(d)* a cake, they never taste *(d)* it. We share *(d)* a flat together – we share *(d)* kitchen, bathrooms but we do *(did)* have our own sink and bedroom. The life *(Life)* in the UK is quite relaxing besides study because you can explore more and do different activities at school or even some other extracurricular activities.

After I come *(came)* back *(to)* Hong Kong, I still keep in touch with all my friends in the UK, from different countries like Italy, Malaysia, Japan, UK and other countries. Sometimes we even send email *(s)* to each other, sometimes they may come to Hong Kong to visit and we will meet each other again.

I really enjoy *(enjoyed)* the time in the UK. I hope you will also have the chance to explore more in other different countries in the future.

Answers

Preparation task

1. b
2. f
3. d
4. c
5. a
6. e

Task 1

1. False
2. False
3. True
4. False
5. True
6. True

Task 2

1. It took me about two hours to get to York.
2. They treated me like a family member.
3. They took me out to see all the interesting culture of their region.
4. I had the chance to teach in a Chinese school.
5. During my studies, I lived with a few other students from different countries.
6. We shared a flat together.