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Lecture: Reading comprehension

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Text: Want to Study Abroad?

Before You Read

Planning to Study

A. Look at these reasons for studying abroad. Add your own ideas to the list.

- Experience life in a different country
- Make friends
- Go sightseeing
- Be able to speak English all day
- Get a better job
- Get ready to live abroad

B. Which of these reasons would you study abroad for? Discuss your answers with a partner.

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A. Look at the passage on the next page. Read only the title and the subheadings of the four main paragraphs. What ideas do you think will be in each paragraph?

Fill in the table below with your predictions.

Subheading Ideas	Idea
Why do it?	
Making the right choice	
Getting ready to go	
Once you are there	

B. Skim each of the four main paragraphs. Are any of the ideas in your table the same as the ideas in the passage?

**Reading Skill
Using
Subheadings to
Predict Content**
Sometimes passages are divided into paragraphs that have subheadings. We can use our knowledge of the topic and these subheadings to predict some of the ideas that may be in the passage

C. Now read the entire passage carefully. Then answer the questions.

Want to Study Abroad?



Choose TraveLingua!

Every year, thousands of students choose to study **abroad** for the summer- whether it's for six months, a year, or even longer. Many people find the **experience** of studying abroad very **exciting**, but also very scary. Let TraveLingua give you some advice.

Why do it?

Living in another country will help you learn a language and learn about another. You will see the world in a new way and learn more about yourself. Studying abroad is also training for the working world. Many companies want employees who speak a second language or who have experienced living or working in another country.

Making the right choice

To choose the right country or school, ask yourself these questions: For how long do I want to study abroad? Do I want to live with a host family¹, with roommates, or alone? How much can I afford to pay? If you aren't sure how to answer these questions, our experienced staff can help!

Getting ready to go

Based on our experience, it's best to get your passport and visa² early! Before you go, learn as much of the language as you can and read about the customs of your host country. Also, talk with people who have experience studying abroad. And call the school to **make sure** someone can meet you when you - get there. Make sure to bring some local money and a credit card.

Once you are there

Be curious and open to meeting new people and having new experiences. Don't expect to always be **comfortable**. After the first few weeks, it's usual to feel a little homesick³. You'll **miss** your family and friends. Remember that it takes time to get used to a new place with new customs. Talk to your new friends and write about your feelings. Try to keep in touch with the people back home. TraveLingua helps you get started on your journey by doing all this, and more. Choose us as your travel partner, and we'll be sure to get you where you want to go!

¹ **host family** is a family that students live with while they're abroad.

² **visa** is the paper or stamp in your passport that lets you enter and stay in another country.

³ If you feel **homesick**, you miss your home, family, and friends while traveling.

Reading Comprehension

Check Your Understanding

A. Choose the correct answers for the following questions.

- 1 Travelingua is a company that helps students _____.
 - a. get into a school,
 - b. meet people abroad
 - c. prepare to go abroad
- 2 The advertisement does, NOT ask you to think about _____.
 - a. who to live with
 - b. how much you can pay
 - c. what the food is like
- 3 The advertisement suggests that you take with you.
 - a. a credit card
 - b. extra pencils
 - c. books
- 4 Many students will feel after a few weeks.
 - a. afraid
 - b. Happy
 - c. Homesick

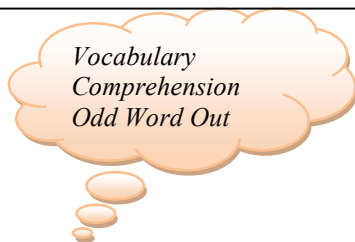
B. What should a new student do before leaving? Number the steps from 1-4.

- a ___ Talk to your new friends and write about your feelings.
- b ___ Phone the school, to ask for someone to meet you.
- c ___ Get your visa.
- d ___ Decide where you want to go and for how long you want to study abroad.



C. Discuss the following questions with a partner.

1. What kinds of people might use Travelingua?
2. What advice can you add to the *Getting ready to go* and *Once you are there* sections of the advertisement?



A. For each group of words, circle the word that does not belong. The words in blue are from the passage.

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|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1 traditions | culture | kitchen |
| 2 experience | knowledge | competition |
| 3 homesick | comfortable | relaxed |
| 4 exciting | interesting | funny |
| 5 sick | great | excellent |
| 6 opinion | abroad | overseas |
| 7 make sure | work | check |
| 8 dislike | hate | miss |

B. Complete the sentences with the words in blue from A.

1. The _____ here is very different. In my country, it's polite to leave some food on your plate.
2. Please _____ to switch off the lights when you leave the room.
3. I really _____ my family. I'm going to call them tonight.
4. This chair is so _____ that I'm falling asleep in it!

A. Look at how some compound words are made.

Some join two nouns together to form one word:

[room + mate = roommate]

Some put two nouns together to talk about a single thing:

[air + conditioner = air conditioner]

Others join adjectives and nouns together to make one word

or a hyphenated word:

[home + sick = homesick / man + made = man-made]

B. Match a word from the box with the nouns and adjectives listed below to form compound words.

Sick/ book/ time/ credit/ pass / water

1. card
2. Part-.....
3. fountain
4. Note.....
5.word
6. Home.....

C. Complete the sentences with the compound words from B.

1. 'Excuse me; can I pay for this with my.....?
2. I'm very thirsty: Where is the nearest..... ?
3. The first time I went abroad, I got..... after only one week.
4. He works..... at the school cafe so he can earn extra money.
5. You shouldn't share your computer..... with anyone.
6. Can I have some paper to write on? I left my.....at home.

**Vocabulary Skill
Compound
Words**

Compound words are formed by putting two words together to form a new word-for example, *man-made*. Sometimes compound words are hyphenated. Sometime they are not.

What do you think?

🚩 Can you think of advantages and disadvantages of studying abroad?