

In August this year, Nozomi from 2-3 English course did a homestay in Seattle, USA, for one month. Here is her story about her experiences.

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"I stayed in Seattle for one month. I went to school for three weeks. I went to two schools. I met students from different countries, but most of the students were Chinese. This is because, in China, they go to foreign countries, because it is seen as a symbol of the wealthy. Everyday I communicated in English. It was very difficult. At first, I was very anxious, but then I adapted to life in America.

My host family was very kind. My host family had another homestay student from Indonesia. I was surprised, that there were no vending machines in America. I was VERY surprised! Also, they can ride on the bus with their dogs.

In America, everything is big! Especially, hamburgers are so big. Also icecream and cookies are very sweet.

This is Pike Place Market entrance. I went there on July 20th. There were many people.



This is the first "Starbucks" store. It is always crowded, because it is a very famous place, so people come to buy rare tumblers and coffee beans. Here, the clerks speak Japanese, Chinese, French, and many other languages.



This is the "Smith Tower". It was the first skyscraper built in Seattle. The elevator is very old. If we go there, we can see a very beautiful view from the top of the Smith Tower. For example, Saifko Field (baseball), the Space Needle, and a lake.



This is Mount Reinya. Sometimes, people say this mountain is called the "ghost mountain" because Seattle often has rainy days, and we can only see the mountain on sunny days.



This is the Space Needle. I did not go there, but I saw it. All the tickets were sold out when I went.



This is the gum wall. This is a very famous place. People chew up the gum from all over the world, and sometimes people leave their business cards! I think it's kind of art, but kind of gross. It has quite a bad smell!



I could see this view ever day, because from the neighbourhood where I stayed, I could go there in three minutes on foot".

