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My name is Mayu Shibayama. I am currently on my third year in the faculty of law of Waseda University. I have studied abroad in Canada for a year on my 2nd year here. The local area where I did an exchange is not a city but countryside. It is called Newfoundland. You can find great nature, nature, and nature. Since I was born in Tokyo and grew up in Tokyo, which is very big, busy, and motivational city, I was struggling to adapt myself into the slow life there at first. They do not have any public transportation except for public bus. They usually use a car to get somewhere. It was inconvenient for me. However, having went on a hike with my friends, walking to downtown, and going for a short walk between the classes, I got to be a walking person and found many attractive places that I would not notice if I used bus and train. People there is very nice and kind, and I had fulfilling experience there.

I usually spend my time watching movie, playing tennis, watching anime. I have been playing tennis for more than 10 years. I started playing at the age of 7 because of my father who used to be a tennis coach. Until I graduate high school, I had been really into tennis, playing for competition. Now, I am in tennis student society (サークル) playing for fun. It is great to expand my community through tennis. I am pretty sure that tennis is my favorite sports. Running is also my hobby. I would love to try on marathon someday but before doing that, I really need to do more workout and get more stamina for sure. I like watching basketball game as well. I have watched an NBA game when I went on a trip in Toronto, which is unforgettable memory.

The biggest reason why I decided to take this course is that I just want an opportunity to talk with someone in English. The experience in Canada definitely improved my English level but I am now in Japan, where I do not have to speak English. I cannot get to have any opportunity to speak English if I do not try. I am thinking that this class would help me keep my English at decent level. Also, I hope I can make friends in this class.

My goal I want to achieve through this class is to become more fluent English and reach the level where I do not need to think before speak. The specific number of TOEFL score that I want to get in the future is 100, because my current score as of 2022 is 95. I was nearly close to 100 so I hope I can reach the score. I also have another specific goal to get a high score on TOEIC (maybe higher than 900). The next time I take is the mid of this month, which is coming pretty soon. Hopefully, I get the grade of A+, but this class is going to be a bit challenging for me. I will do my best.

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