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Undoubtedly, studying abroad includes a certain amount of difficulties, which, alas, will have to be faced. Most likely, you will not be able to avoid them, but it is quite possible to cope with them.

Now I am not in London, the capital of Great Britain. But being a pragmatic alarmist, I can roughly imagine what difficulties I might face in an unfamiliar country, which I have never been to.

The first one is the language barrier. Even though I have been learning English since I was six years old, I am sure that I will probably have difficulties during face-to-face communication or misunderstand some figures of speech.

The truth is that it takes practice to overcome this challenge. You should not let the fear of being ridiculed by speaking not so fluent keep you away from interacting with locals. After all, it is not a shame to not know something, but not to want and not try to find it out is. Language is an integral part of a new, unfamiliar culture. And only by constantly communicating, even with mistakes, you will be able to learn the culture of the country, its history, customs, and traditions. Observe the locals, try to imitate their speech. This will certainly help to become akin to the language, to feel its rhythm and all its charm.

It would be useful to download language apps and browse translation sites. For instance, I find the Context Reverse site very helpful. It contains not only right but also examples of use.

Secondly, currency differences are also a huge everyday challenge. It takes time to get used to the new currency and new cost of living. Before arriving in the country, you need to get acquainted with the exchange rate. You should create some mental quick conversion system to orient yourself how much you can spend on certain things, comparing them in your mind with your past purchases in your home country. This will help you to spend money wisely. My friend, who has been studying in the UK for the third year now, advises watching culinary videos of local YouTubers to spend less on cooking - they often suggest where you can buy cheaper products.

Also, you need to deal with the fluctuations of exchange rates. You can always use an online Google currency converter.

Thirdly, after some time spent in a non-native environment, you involuntarily begin to miss home. But it is completely ok! The first thing you should do is to stay active and don't allow yourself to feel bored. You should be engaged in interesting activities like meeting new people, exploring the sights.

Moreover, you should remember that your family and friends will always be there for you - you can always text and call your loved ones.

Also, media of fellow citizens, like Instagram pages and online magazines with useful tips help to cope with homesickness. Subscribing to them will make you feel supported and surrounded by your own culture.