

THEME 1 STUDYING ABROAD READING SKILL (UPLIFT)

A. Read the text and complete the chart

My name is Defne, and I am from Türkiye. I have a chemistry degree from Ankara University. My home town, Ankara, is the capital of Türkiye and is in the central part of the country. I have got a sister. Her name is Elif, and she is an exchange student in Germany.

I am a student at an English language school in Oxford. I really like the multicultural environment here. All my classmates are from different countries, and they all have different occupations. It is a great opportunity to learn about different cultures.

Let me introduce my classmates to you. The first person in the photo is me. The young man next to me is Nico, from Greece. He is a professional photographer. Nico is my best friend because we have got a lot of things in common. The young woman in the middle is Adriana. She is a graphic designer from Brazil. The one in the orange T-shirt is Heidi. She is a Norwegian architect. Rayaan is the young Indian man with a black turban. He is a software engineer. The woman next to him is Farah. She is from Iran, and she is a dentist.

I advise you to join a study abroad programme if you enjoy learning new languages. Studying abroad has many benefits, like discovering yourself, making friends from all over the world, and learning about different cultures.

Name	Country	Nationality	Occupation
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Defne

Elif

Nico

Adriana

Heidi

Rayaan

Farah

B. Read the text again and answer the following questions.

1 What does Defne do?

2 How is the school environment in Oxford?

3 Who is Defne's best friend? Why?

4 What are the benefits of studying abroad?

C. Read the text again and write the things Stephen wants to know.

Dear Aslı,

I am a student at Marble High School in London. I am fourteen years old and in the 9th grade. Next month, I am coming to your school as an exchange student. I know a lot about your school and city, but I am confused. I will be happy if you answer my questions.

Firstly, I know the season is autumn, and the weather is cold in your city, but people are still wearing T-shirts in the photos on the websites. I will stay there for at least six months, so please tell me what clothes to bring. Secondly, I am interested in drama and music. There are some studies about them on your website. I wonder when I can join them. Are these classes in the school programme? Thirdly, please tell me if lunch is free for the students or not. Can you also tell me the lunchtime duration? Finally, there is not any information about social activities. I want to know the activities you do after school and at weekends. Are there any cinemas, theatres, or other social activities in your city? Thanks for your help.

See you soon,

Stephen