



TransOcean

- My 6-month Experience in Britain

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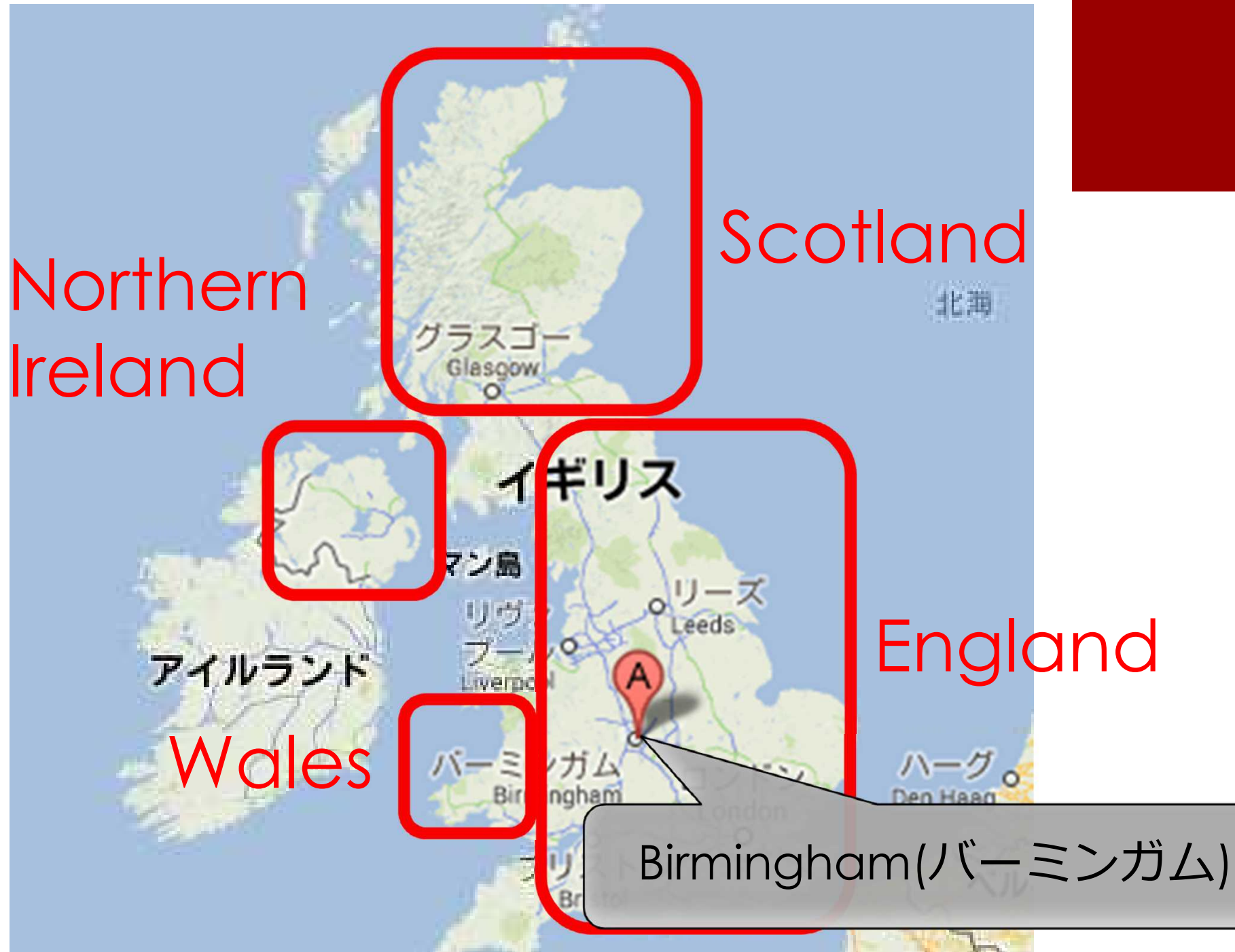


The U.K.

Thursday, 04/07/2013
I got 2 postcards from my best friends living in Germany and Hungary.
- United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

What is England like?

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Birmingham

- The 2nd Largest City in Britain

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How I had survived in the UK.

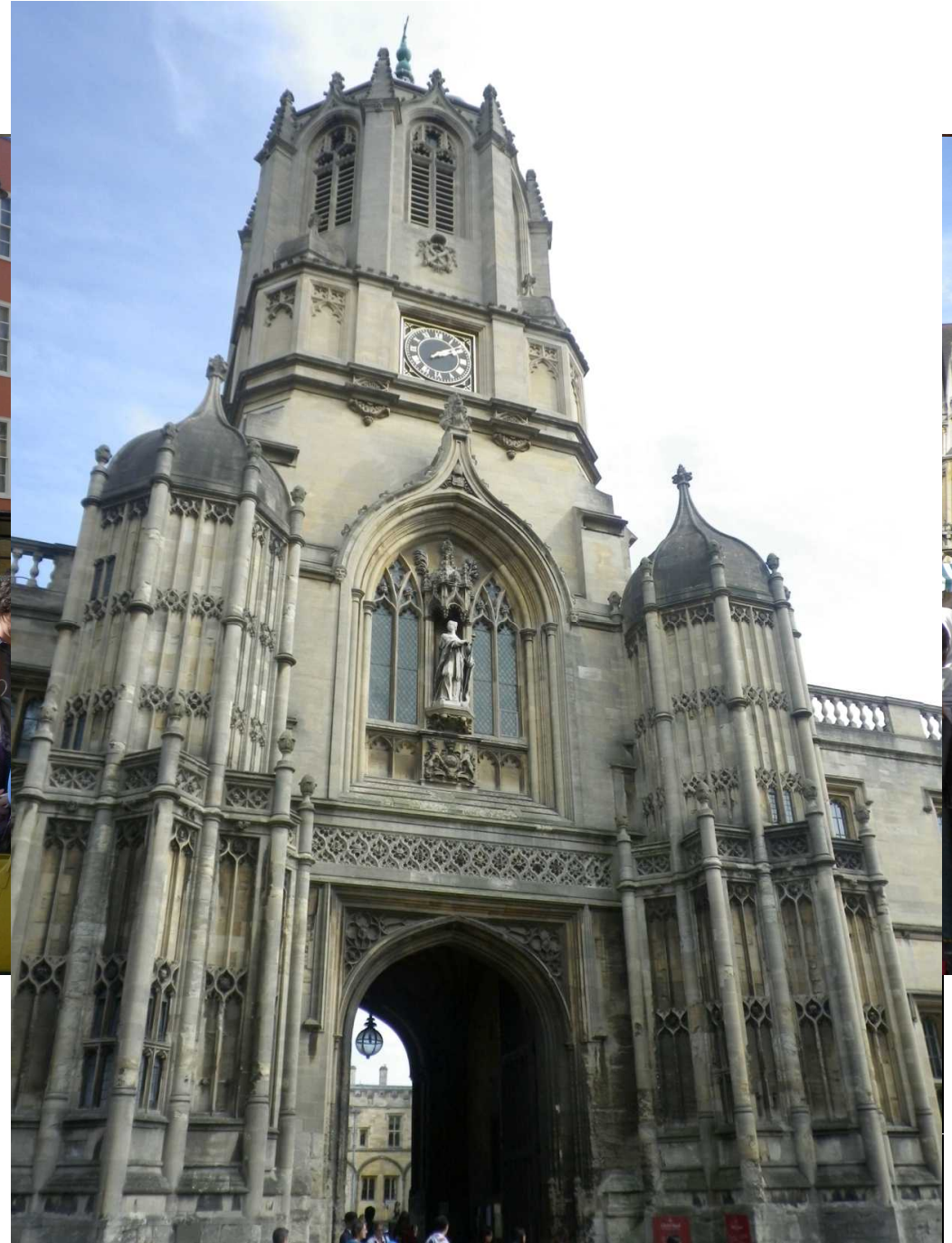
Some basic information

On Arrival

-In the middle of September

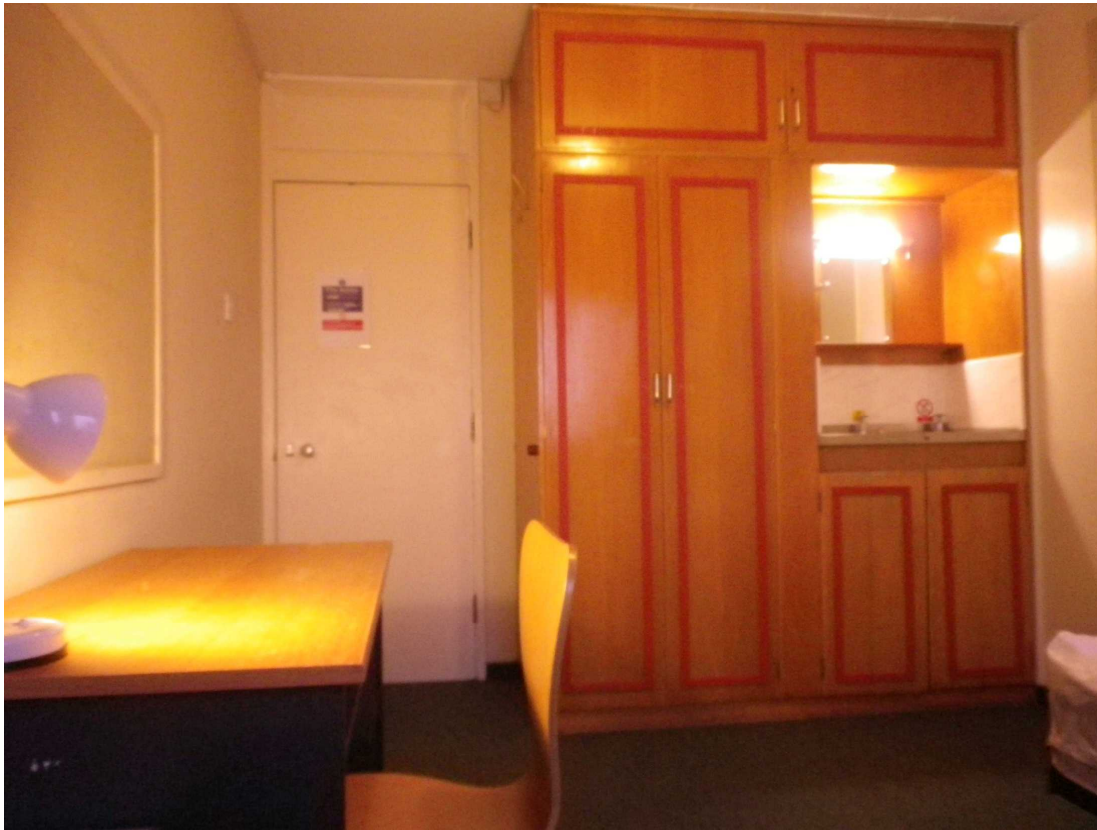
- Orientation
 - 1) Enrollment
 - 2) Campus tour
 - 3) Consultant
- Guided tour to city centre by Student Union
- Excursion to Oxford

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My room

- £99 per week (¥ 50,000/月?)
- Single room
- Heater available
- Shower and bathroom not equipped
- Wi-Fi access



Kitchen

- Shared with 6 students
- A cupboard for individuals
- 2 fridges and 1 freezer
- 2 ovens with 2 hobs on each
- Room for eat-in

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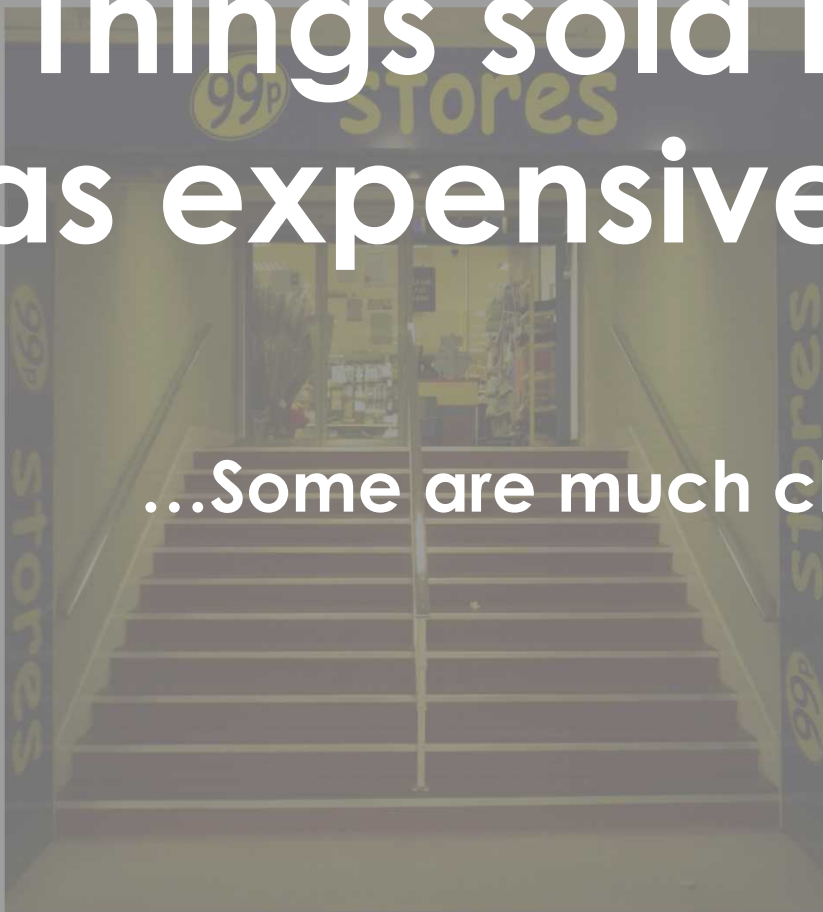
Supermarkets

Cheap vegetable, bread, pasta...

'99p Stores' and 'Poundland' have everything!!

Things sold in Britain are not as expensive as you expect!!

...Some are much cheaper than those in Japan.



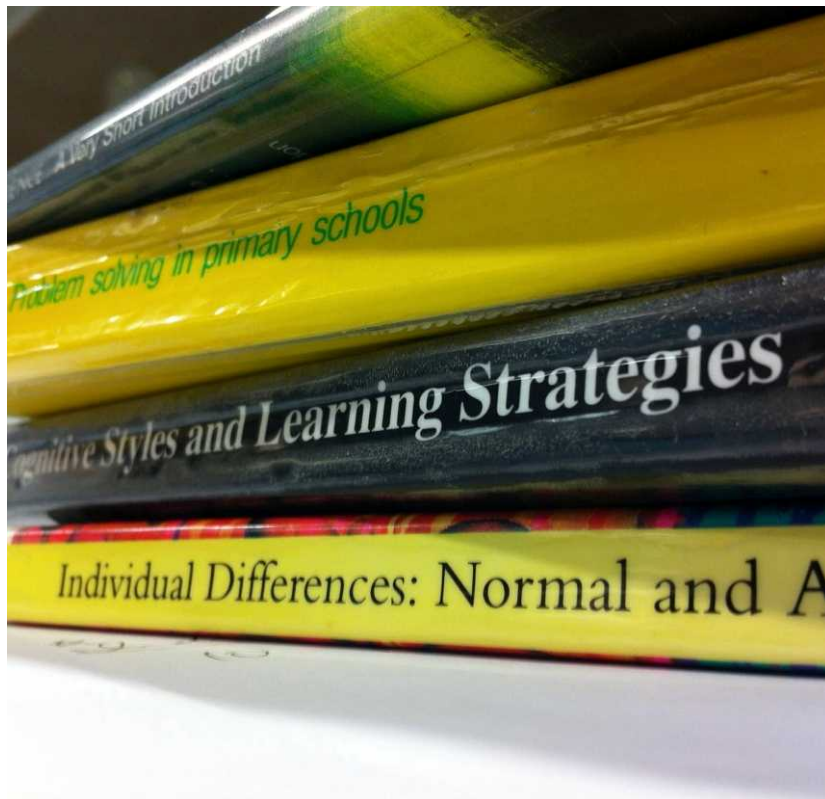
99p Stores



Sainsbury's

Winter semester going on

Modules



- 4 modules throughout the semester
- 1) English for Speakers of Other Languages
- 2) Culture And Identity in Modern Britain
- 3) Creative Writing
- 4) Learning Process

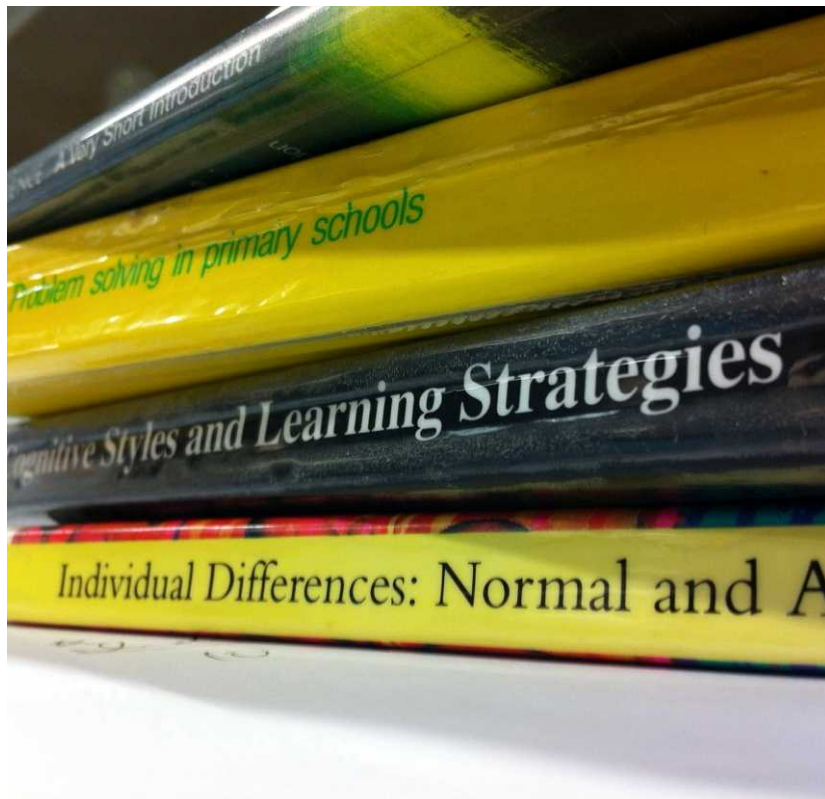
My Schedule

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	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.
			9:10~10:20 'Learning Process' (Lecture)	10:20~11:30 'English for Speakers of Other Languages'	
		11:30~13:50 'Identity and Culture in Modern Britain'	10:20~11:30 'Learning Process' (Seminar)	11:30~12:40 'Creative Writing' (Lecture)	
			12:00~ 'Language Café'	15:00~16:10 'Creative Writing' (Seminar)	15:00~16:10 'English for Speakers of Other Languages'

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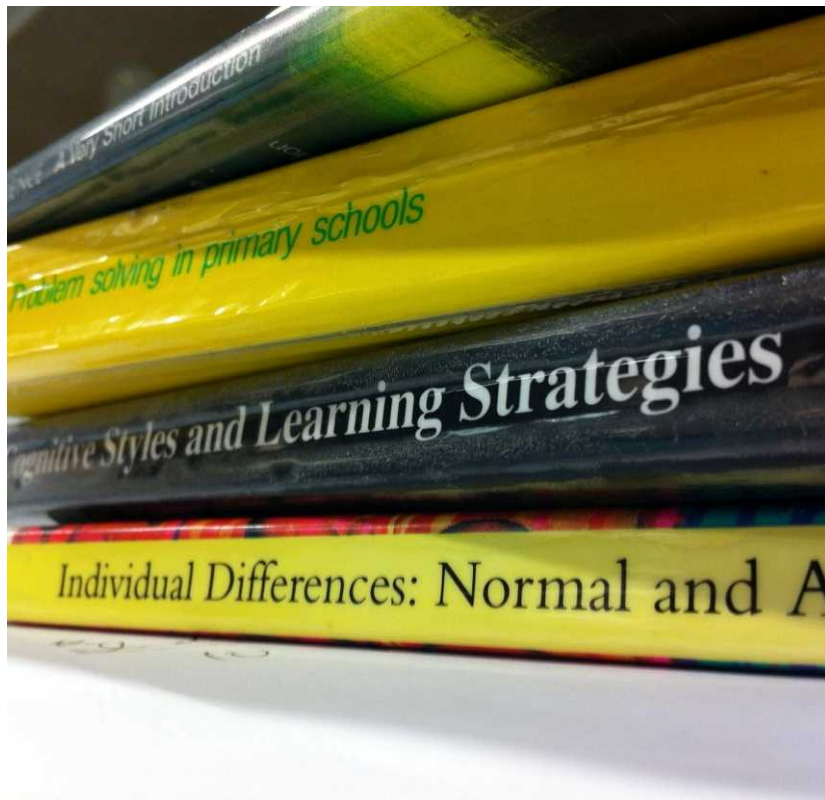
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Every module requires us to be prepared before each class.

e.g.)

- Reading through 20 pages of thesis in a week and bring my own opinion
- Create a work to show it to the others in Creative Writing class

Assignments – Creative Writing

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A Cake Outside.

Who ate the half of my
round, about, circle cake
that was in the night sky,
that I put aside for my tea break?
I don't want to wait for
half a month before
I can get another
from my mother.
I was looking for them everywhere.
I couldn't find them anywhere.
But when I went out and sighed,
I shouted, 'finally I found them outside!!'

There are lots of pieces of the cake
scattered all over the sky.

Takayuki Nagamine

This is a kind of poetry called 'Just 14' which is formed of 14 lines. In this poetry, every word that is coming at the end of each line has rhymes. This was made with inspired by a half-moon seen from the kitchen in hall of residence Newman. The half part of the moon was so bright that looked gold, while the other half were absolutely black and dark but visible even in the dark night, which is regarded as the part eaten by somebody. The main character may be a boy who is really hungry, but now he has to wait for half a month until he gets the full moon. In addition, this poetry contains some of the very English things, for example, the word 'roundabout' and the phrase 'my tea break.'

The night had not only the beautiful moon, but also so many brilliant stars all over the sky that I had never seen in my life. It is seen as the scattered pieces of cake that come off from the cake that is the moon. Furthermore, I tried to make it look like a work seen in a children book since most children

Coupe 28/1/13 10:32

削除: ake

may like having cake and may have the innocent view towards everything in this world, especially beautiful things like the stars and the moon, and I would like them to imagine them from this poetry.

It can be a starry poem because of the descriptions of the star, but as this has more focus on the moon basically, I hope you can taste it with imagining the gold, brilliant, and beautiful moon.

The history of the technique called 'Just 14' can go back to the one called 'sonnet,' which has to follow a strict rhyme scheme and specific structure. It can be divided into 2 ways of writing; the Italian way and the English way. The Italian way, which is known as Petrarchan sonnet consists of two parts, the octave and sestet. The former is typically a b b a a b b a, while the latter can be flexible and can be both c d c d c and c d e c d e. The English way introduced by T.Wyatt in the 16th century became famous when William Shakespeare accomplished it, whose way of writing sonnets is the best-known as the English way which is a b a b c d c d e f e f g g. (Britannica, 2009)

Based on these traditional ways, Just 14 was introduced as a modern sonnet in 2005. Although not all poetry of Just 14 has as strict rules of rhymes and metres as sonnets, it is now widely accepted by people. (fourteen magazine, 2005)

I think a different title for the poem would help the reader to grasp your intended meaning. I like the idea of the moon as a half-eaten cake and the stars as scattered crumbs!

Assignments – Creative Writing

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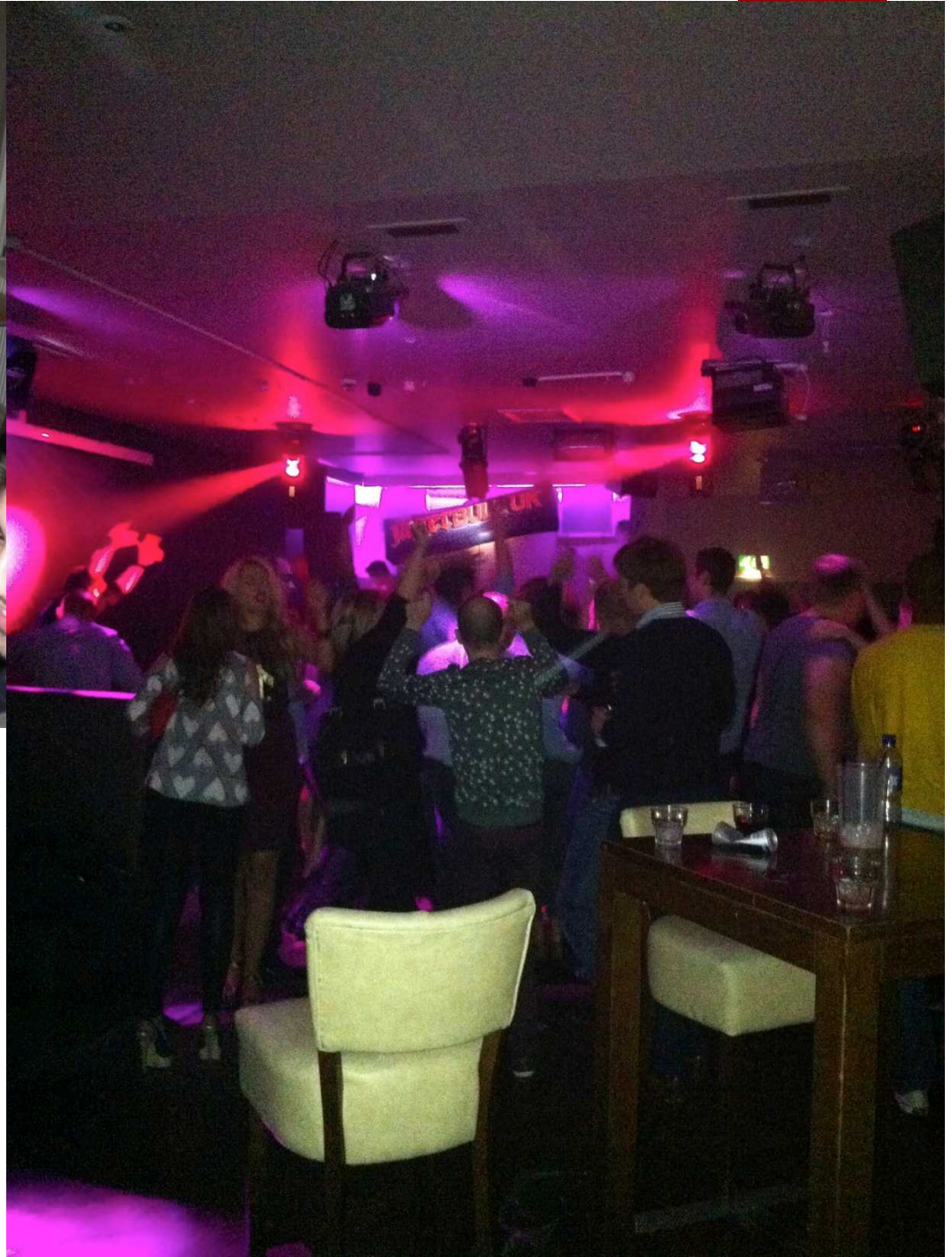
EN405 Feedback Form (See descriptors of criteria on moodle)					
Criteria	First	2:1	2:2	3 rd / Pass	Fail
ability to demonstrate a developing control of some of the formal elements of prose and poetry		√			
ability to analyse and discuss techniques in poetry and prose		√			
ability to engage productively in the various stages of the writing process demonstrating in particular an ability to reflect constructively on your own development as a writer		√			
ability to produce well written and presented work and materials		√			
Overall Grade					64
Strengths Your creative writing is very original with many lovely lines and beautiful images. You made good use of a range of different techniques. Your commentaries pay very good attention to aspects of form (e.g. the rules of certain texts). It's also interesting to read about sources of inspiration.					
Targets /Advice At times you need to make your intended meanings a little more accessible to the reader. Do keep experimenting with your writing – you are a talented writer!					

In my free time...

International students are no longer students at the weekends...

After uni or on Saturday nights

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Lots of places to visit!!

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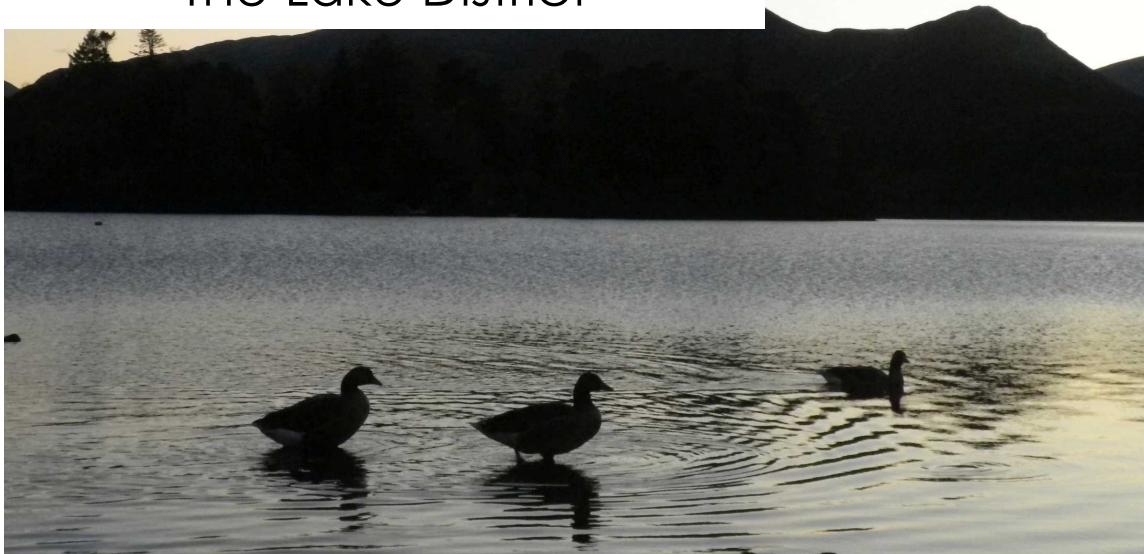
Stratford-Upon-Avon



London



The Lake District



Cheap Transportations

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Megabus



Birmingham ~ London
(3 hours)

£1 (¥ 150)

National Express



Birmingham ~ Edinburgh
(7 hours)

£15 (¥ 2,200)

Cheap and safe way of travelling!

What was it like to be living amongst Brits?

Languages? Friends?

1) Language

- British English

e.g.)

Do you have a pen? → Have you got a pen?

午後6時10分: (AmE) Six ten (BrE) Ten past six

- Strong accents

Birmingham: Brummie

Manchester: Manc

2) Friends

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Erasmus students coming from...

- Germany



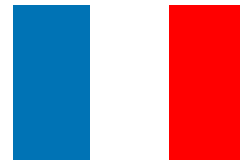
- Spain



- Italy



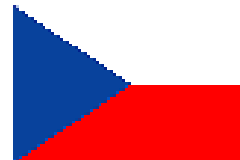
- France



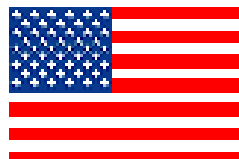
- Hungary



- Czech Republic



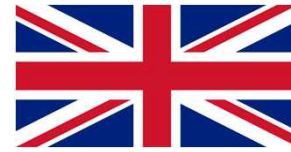
- The U.S.



- Korea







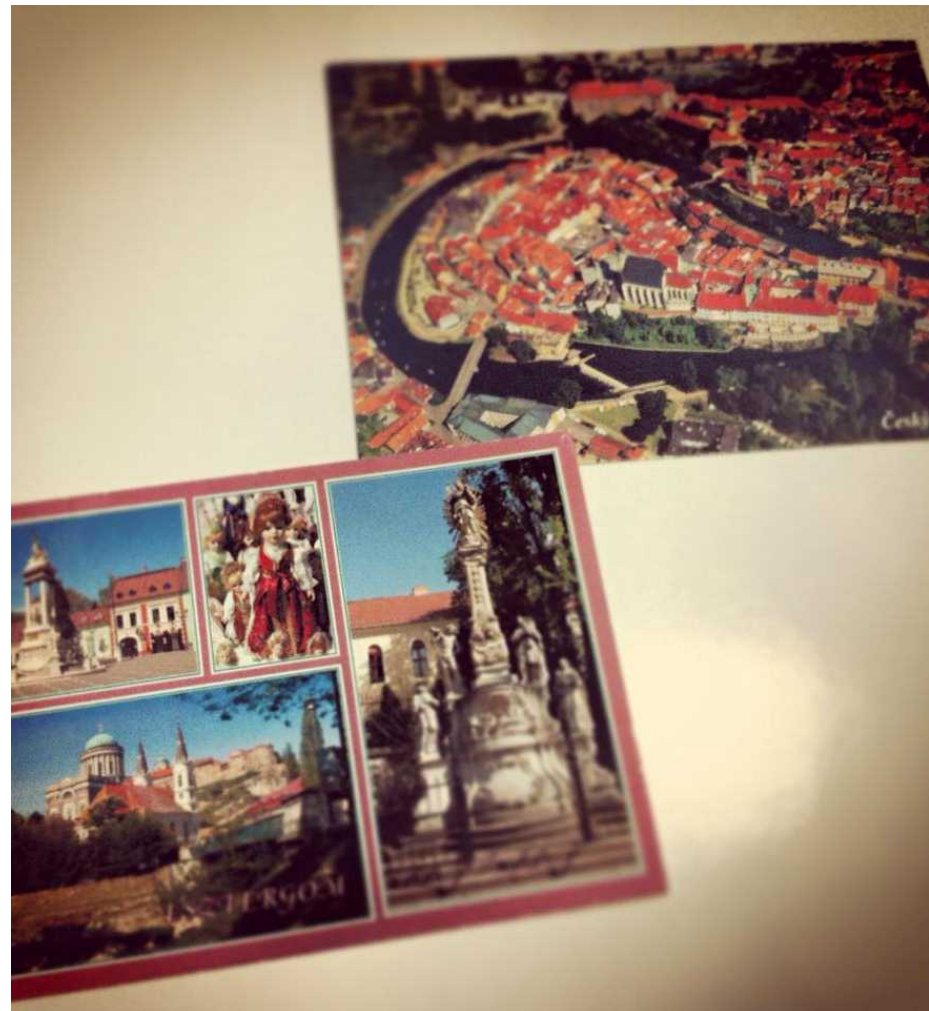
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They did help us
improve our English
and get used to
the Brummie life.



Studying abroad enables you to...

- Have different perspectives towards your surroundings
- Connect yourself with all over the world
- Improve your English according to your efforts
- Realise how wonderful it is to have friends



Get Yourself Transocean!

The World Awaits You!

Thank you for your attention!