

AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT'S FEAR



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I am from South Korea and an international student. My major is business. I came here to study English and invest. There are many international students at ASU.

Some international students can speak English very well. But the others have a problem having a conversation with Americans.

I want to tell you about the international students' fear because of these two reasons. First reason is if you understand the international student's fear, international students are easier to talk to.

Second reason is I heard that it's not only me but also

lots of international students have a similar problem. I want to encourage them. You are not the only person who is suffering from English.

International students leave their hometown to come to ASU. It is a very hard decision to leave our family and friends. Most of us want to improve our English skills as much as we make hard decisions. In my case, I knew my English skill was not good so I attended the ESL (English as Second Language) in ASU.

It was very helpful for me so I can get confidence to speak English. But when I meet Americans, I can not understand the conversation because of my lack of listening skill. ESL was very helpful but it is not enough to understand what you are saying.

Gradually, my confidence has decreased. When I went to the Herald to be a writer, I pretended to understand everything even if I could not understand. My body froze because of tension and I could not understand more and more. After that, I didn't ask what I couldn't understand. Until the end of the meeting, I could not do anything. I really wanted

to do something that I knew I could do but it was impossible.

One week later, I tried to say that I understood less than 50%. Thankfully, the Herald people were so kind so they told me again and again if I asked. Still I have a fear of writing this.

However, I plucked up some courage to write this for the Herald with people's help.

I know it might be hard to improve my English skill right now. But I have confidence that if I face my fear of listening and speaking English, gradually I can understand what you are saying.

So international students who have a fear of meeting Americans, let's try to face our fear. It will take some time. However, our way of trying to speak English more and participating in some clubs is right.

Keep your head up. And I want to tell you those who want to help international students that if you use more easy words and have more patience when having a conversation with us, it is a really good help for us. I am really glad to meet ASU students who are really kind. Thank you.

THIS WEEK'S POP PICK

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NBA 2K23



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NBA 2k23 is a basketball video game, based on the National Basketball Association. It was released on Sept. 8, 2022. Platforms such as: Xbox Series X and Series S, Playstation 4, Playstation 5, Xbox One, Nintendo Switch, etc.

For many years, the 2k franchise was lacking creative ideas for the game. For many users, it was the same game, year after year. This year, 2k finally stepped up their game with a new My Career mode.

My Career mode allows users to freely roam the locker rooms, press conference rooms, shoot arounds for pre-game, and much more. It feels like the user is actually inside the game. The realistic view it gives, makes many 2k fans happy and gives them something to look forward to.

The Jordan Challenges are also a mode to where you can play the iconic Michael Jordan moments, throughout his NBA career. Who would not want to play as the greatest player of all time in a video game? Maybe this will be the beginning for many more amazing NBA 2k installments.

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Q & A

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Jaden Berry is a senior at Arkansas State University who runs the infamous ranchgirlreviews account.

She has tried and rated many ranches while pursuing a music education degree as a full-time student.

Her account has created a space where fellow ranch lovers find new places to get their lovable dip.

Q: Why did you start ranchgirlreviews?

A: I started ranchgirlreviews back in January as kind of a joke for my friends. All of my friends and my family know that I love ranch and I would jokingly review ranches when we went out to eat.

Q: How do you rank the ranches?

A: The ranches are reviewed and ranked based on thickness, dipability and overall ranchness (or overall taste).

Q: What has been your favorite ranch?

A: My favorite ranches so far are Pastaria 49's Parmesan ranch and Uppercrust's ranch! Luckily, these are both local ranches and I recommend them to everyone.

Q: What will you do when you have tried all of the local ranches?

A: I travel a lot and I review ranches where I go. I will continue to do that after trying all of the NEA ranches and one day, hopefully, conquer the ranch world and try them all.

Q: What has been the worst ranch?

A: BJ's Brewhouse. I rated it a 1/10.

Q: Would you ever consider reviewing other sauces? If so, what sauces?

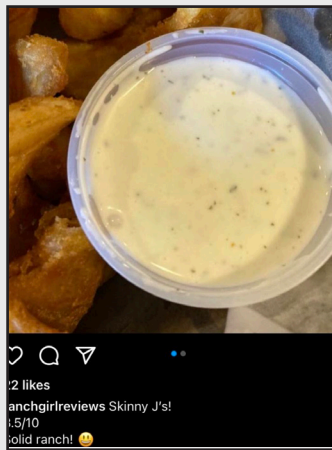
A: I love BBQ sauces and they are all so different from place to place. Maybe after I try every ranch I'll move on to BBQ sauce.

Q: What would you like people to get out of viewing ranchgirlreviews?

A: Mainly I want people to get some joy out of seeing my reviews. They make me laugh and I know it's silly so I hope it makes other people laugh.

Q: Is there anything else everyone should know about ranchgirlreviews?

A: I take requests! Honestly, people sending me their ranch review requests is my favorite part and I think it is so much fun. If you're reading this, go follow @ranchgirlreviews on Instagram and send me your favorite ranch so I can review it!



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HOROSCOPES

Aquarius

(Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

Don't be afraid of conflict this week as it may lead to positive experiences.

Pisces

(Feb. 19 - March 21)

Be wary of friends that do not have your best interests at heart. It may be time to branch out and find new friends.

Gemini

(May 21 - June 20)

If you find yourself in low spirits this week, take the time to count your blessings and see the good in your life.

Cancer

(June 21 - July 22)

You have been letting your insecurities get to you, take time to reflect on the part of you that makes you feel that way and learn to accept it.

Leo

(July 23 - Aug. 22)

You are afraid to make decisions but you need to decide on things to move forward. Figure out what's holding you back from your decisions and resolve it.

Virgo

(Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)

Keep an open mind this week as the solution to your problems requires a different perspective.

Libra

(Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)

With all of your hard work, people will come to respect you and all that you do for people.

Scorpio

(Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

You are letting your emotions cloud your judgment. It is time to face your reality and try to be realistic in your expectations.

Sagittarius

(Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

You are holding onto behaviors that will cause you to have stagnant growth in your life. Change your habits in order to see success.

Capricorn

(Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

You will have the drive to be successful this week and complete projects, but don't blame others if you feel you are not making a lot of progress.

Aries

(March 22 - April 19)

You may feel as if your hard work is getting you nowhere, but keep your faith no matter how hard it is. Your work will pay off soon.

Taurus

(April 20 - May 20)

You have been focusing too hard on searching for opportunities that you have been neglecting your relationships. Take time with friends and family this week.

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