

## My Life



I used to live in Romania but now I live in Barcelona, Spain. I have lived here for seven years now, so I am used to the lifestyle. Life is more hectic here than in Romania. I had to get used to eating lots of seafood. In Romania I used to eat fish only once or twice a year. It took me a while to get used to having lunch late - the first months in Barcelona I used to be hungry all the time! I also had to get used to a different mentality. People in Barcelona are more laid-back and spend time outdoors with their friends. Now I am used to meeting up with friends after dinner, which often happens after 10 o'clock at night. The thing I can't get used to is the coffee. In Romania I used to drink a lot of coffee but it was much less strong. Now I always add extra water to my coffee to be able to drink it.

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## David's Trip to Paris



I had never seen such beautiful sights before I visited Paris in 2012. I had saved money for 5 years before I booked my trip to Paris. I was very excited! Before my trip to Paris, I had never been out of the United States.

When I went to Paris, I spent many days touring the city. The city was big. Sometimes I got lost and asked for directions. I asked for directions in French. That was easy because I had studied French for 2 years before I visited Paris.

By the time I left Paris, I had toured many beautiful places. The Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame Cathedral, and Luxembourg Gardens were just a few of the places I saw. Before I visited Paris, I had only seen those places on television.

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## Dane and Emily Dancers



Last night, Dane and Emily danced in a competition. They danced a salsa dance. They had practiced for 6 months before they danced in the competition. They were very good.

Dane and Emily's friends were in the audience. Before that night, they had never seen Dane and Emily dance. In fact, Dane and Emily had never danced in front of anyone before the competition.

After everyone had danced, the judges announced the winners. Dane and Emily won! They were the best dancers in the competition. Emily said she had never practiced so hard before! She was glad they had practiced a lot.

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