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My experience writing in English is full of ups and downs and until now, centered on the fact that I'm a foreigner. Sometimes I see improvements in my use of words, sometimes I feel a huge lack of words preventing me from communicating my deepest feelings or ideas in the best way.

At the beginning of the classes, my biggest challenge was to understand the assignments. As a requirement to get in the college I had to take an English proficiency test and of course, I've passed, but to understand a task to be done is needed more than just read or listen to some instructions. For coming from a completely different education system after many years, sometimes I struggled to fully understand what was being asked.

To organize my thoughts and ideas is not so simple yet, because sometimes it just does not make sense, and not only because of translation but because of culture. However, even though this is a challenge, is not necessarily bad, is a kind of privilege. This opens a whole new range of possibilities and because of my intercultural experience, I can expand my repertory of ideas.

My experience in class would be much better but not because of my classmates or the teacher, but because I'm not comfortable speaking in English in an academic environment. Even though I had a great grade on my proficiency test, there are times when I feel like nobody can

understand me or that I cannot understand anyone and this is something that I'm working on to get over as soon as possible, but I think I need some more time.

The main improvement I see in my writing is the ability to develop an argument or idea, instead of using just a few words and make it straight or shallow. I could see this not only in this course but in others that require a lot of writing. Of course that because of the challenges that I've mentioned before, I have to deal with a lot of phases to get here, but it's worth it. I feel that I have a lot to learn but I've grown up a lot and this is only the beginning.