

Students Write about Beginning Again



The drought arrives, the rain falls
but every morning the sun rises
Shining every day, creating a new beginning
with beautiful flowers and colors
Adorning and giving life to the cities
Giving each dawn the opportunity
to change
Or to do things right.
Gia Tejada, Peru

It is time to change, time to be reborn.
Away from home, fighting homesickness we
have the faith to start over.
Looking forward to the bright future, nothing
can stop us.
Allah is with us, watching what we do and
helping us to reach our dreams.
Life is amazing - it is what it should be.
Bandar Almarri, Saudi Arabia

New Beginnings: Fear and Excitement...Auriane Vales, France

To what extent are new beginnings beneficial to the development of a person? New beginnings automatically refer us to the notion of strangers, and so they have the dual characteristic of being able to arouse both fear and excitement. If the new experience in question is expected and hoped, it seems obviously beneficial; however, I think you learn more about yourself through fear and apprehension. In other words, the apprehension of a new experience helps us to grow and perhaps discover ourselves and be more autonomous. My entrance to a residential school in a big city in high school was probably the first real new beginning and the most beneficial for me.

New beginnings can be seen as an opportunity to erase or improve the past. It is truly a new chance to draw our future. In that way, new beginnings can be risk-taking; they can fail, in which case I think we can, despite it all, emerge grown. Or they can be a success too! So go ahead—don't miss out on an experience that can be decisive or unforgettable! Finally, the conclusion I can draw is that new beginnings should be seen as a chance, a new experience that is opened to you and may be beneficial or decisive for your future. And even if it's not, I think you will come out grown up and know more about yourself.

Letting Go of the Past

The beginning is always a right time. Starting any time to let go of the past and looking at the future to create a new adventure in your life. Starting over at 21 years old in this foreign country, where I can experience a new culture and language is the best choice I ever made. Moreover, the U.S. has given me a great deal of opportunity to find out who am I. However, the only thing that makes me regret is that I was afraid of this "new beginning" and wasted time looking at the future. Therefore, any moment I make a choice, I have to look ahead and take a step towards getting somewhere instead of staying in the same place. *Nguyet Pham, Vietnam*

First Step

We always want to start again.
We always want to change something.
But a new beginning means zero.
From zero to one is a hard process.
A new language plus a new environment
is equal to a challenging life.
We need some courage to get out of
the first step of our life.
This first step is the real turning point in our life.
Hoping we can all take this step,
to speed us on our way.
Mengxue Zhang, China

Each Day

Just like a flower that's blooming up,
Like a butterfly with new wings,
Just like the sky after a storm
And the tree acquiring new fruits
These are changes to inspire our way
The moment to look forward
Keep dreaming as a kid
Keep living every moment as if it was the last one
Because remember
Each day is an opportunity to be better
Each day is a new beginning
Andres Felipe Falla Rojas, Colombia

English Pronunciation Is Plentiful and Problematic

English is plentiful in pronunciation. There are various ways to pronounce a word even though the word has similar spellings. For example, "cow" and "grow". Both of these words have "ow", but their sound is totally different. Moreover, English pronunciation is distinct in different countries. In America, every "t" which goes before any vowels will be changed to "d"; consequently, a voiceless sound "t" becomes a voiced sound "d". In contrast, in England, it is clear to pronounce "t" and "d". I remember the first day I arrived in Denver, I wanted to ask for some water, I made the sound of "water" clearly with "t" as the British do; nevertheless, the American did not understand me because "water" is pronounced as "wader" in America, while "t" in the word "water" must be pronounced "t" clearly as a "voiceless sound" in England. Therefore, English pronunciation sometimes makes students who arrive in the United States on the first day confused with their pronunciation. Also, it takes foreign students more time to adapt and change their pronunciation, especially depending on where they live in the U.S. I am grateful I live in "standard" English Colorado.
Quoc Minh Bui, Viet Nam

A New Job, by Alhanouf Albalawy, Saudi Arabia: When I started my first job, I was feeling happy. I was interested because I liked to work in my major. I went to sleep early before my work day. I arranged my clothes and my books. I got up early, and I ate breakfast. I was very excited for this day. I went to work early. I arranged my office. I made my place perfumed until I could work comfortably. I made a cup of coffee and started working. I was very happy with this beautiful and enjoyable day.

Moving to the US, by Abdulmalik Alghamdi, Saudi Arabia: When I decided to leave my family and move to the US to study for an LLM, I wanted to start something new and learn something exciting—something I've never done before. By the time I arrived here in Denver, Colorado, I knew that my decision was great. I've grown a lot since then and learned a lot.

Summer in Denver and Riyadh, by Abdulaziz, Saudi Arabia: There are many differences between summer in Denver and Riyadh. First, the most important and biggest difference is the temperature. While the highest temperature in Riyadh is 125 degrees Fahrenheit, in Denver it is around 100 degrees. Second, the difference is not only in temperature but also climate; the atmosphere in Riyadh is completely different from Denver. For example, in the summer, hot winds blow over Riyadh and sometimes carry dust, while in Denver, the atmosphere is clean and dry. In addition, people in Riyadh go for a walk and shop at night because it is cooler. In contrast, in Denver, people are out and about all day. As for getting together, people in Riyadh go to a Chalet afternoon. It is a two-room, large lounge and also has a backyard. Sometimes it has a swimming pool and a soccer field. The family meets over the weekend and do activities, while in Denver families meet in the park and have a barbecue and activities such as Frisbee and volley ball. In conclusion, there is a lot of difference, but the summer is beautiful in each city.

Summer in Denver and Seoul, by Hyesun Kim, South Korea: Summer is a hot, active season and the season of vacation. These elements are the same throughout the world. In contrast, summer has different elements, too. I want to compare summer in Denver with Seoul. First, the climate is different. In Denver, it is very hot in the daytime but cool at night. Denver is dry and you don't sweat. In Seoul, it is very hot in the daytime with the phenomenon of tropical weather. Seoul is humid and the rainy season lasts about one month. Second, the food is different. In Denver, in my experience, there is no special food in summer. At least, people eat ice cream or snow cones. In Seoul, there is special summer food. One dish is *Samgyetang*. Inside a young chicken, you put ginseng, glutinous rice, garlic, jujube, and you boil it for a long time. After eating it, people sweat a lot and become healthy. The last is vacation. In Denver, summer vacation is 3 months for students. They travel and play. However, summer vacation is only a month and a half in Seoul. There is no vacation for high school sophomores and seniors because they have to come to school to study for the SAT. Summer is an exciting and enjoyable season, but these two cities have some differences. It is true that summer is a more pleasant season than winter.

Summer in Brazil, by Grazielle Drumond, Brazil: Summer is the season of warm weather and joy in Brazil. For many people, there are many reasons why Brazil is considered one of the best countries to spend summer in. First, generally, the weather is hot with comfortable humidity in much of the country. The average temperature is around 88.7 F and the humidity is 78%. Second, there are many amazing beaches in Brazil. The sun is strong, the sand is white and the sea water is very inviting for a swim. The three most beautiful beaches in Brazil, in my opinion, are Ipanema Beach, located at the south region of Rio de Janeiro, which has the most beautiful sunset in Rio. The water is always nice and there are always a lot of tourists there from all over the world. Sancho Beach in Fernando de Noronha, can be accessed only by trail. The water is very strong blue and, if you're lucky, you might spot some dolphins there. Caraiva beach also cannot be accessed by car. It is located in a fisherman village in the State of Bahia. The village has many nice restaurants and all the streets are made of beach sand, so it nice to walk without shoes there. There is also a spot where the river meets the sea and we can swim in sweet water. The beaches represent vacations, parties, festivals, people talking, smiling, singing, dancing and exposing beautiful bodies. In summer, we have several festivals and the most popular holiday, Carnival. In conclusion summer is a great season for you to enjoy heat and joy for it is life and stimulating.

New Beginnings by Level Five

New beginning: a chance to choose a better path

Evolution in new technology helps people to tackle issues that they have had in the past.

(Fahad Almaarik, Saudi Arabia)

Work gives you money; happiness gives you joy. (Roy Aznar, México)

Bad is detrimental to you. Get rid of all unfavorable aspects in your life, and you will be able to start new adventures and break through your limits. (Viesturs Lacis, Latvia)

Experiences come with changes (Roy Aznar, México)

Genius only means hard work all one's life.(Qiuyin Lu, China)

Inspiration is one step toward new beginnings. (Fahad Almaarik, Saudi Arabia)

New life, having a new member of your family is the most beautiful miracle. (Rashed Labban, Saudi Arabia)

Nought is the level you arrive at when you have to look for a new beginning. (Basil Alsharari, Saudi Arabia)

Ideas lead to success. (Sarah Hani, Saudi Arabia)

New relationships will change your life. It helps you to have more new friends, more new experiences and more new things. (Long Hien Tran "Peter", Vietnam)

Gigi Hadid is not the best example for you. Don't even look at her. Trust me. (Viesturs Lacis, Latvia)

Success doesn't come without hard work; even talented people need to work harder to refine their talent. (Basil Alsharari, Saudi Arabia)



First Semesters, Faris Alarfaj, Saudi Arabia: The first day of each semester in my college, I felt something strange. It was like a compound of some feelings. I felt happy and excited to see my friends, and at the same time, I felt afraid of difficult subjects that I had to take and also I felt confused by some new teachers. I really loved those feelings since each one played an important role in my performance along the term—like the afraid feeling makes me able to study for a long time at night. At other times, it encourages me to study hard. However, my friends helped me to think clearly and to be optimistic whatever I did. I

really loved that day, and I'm waiting for it from this moment.

Making My Own School Lunches, Urara Nakamura, Japan: I have started making school lunch since I came to America. I like to make food, but I relied on my mother making food when I was in Japan because my school in Japan was busy and classes finished late. But now, school finishes early, so I can make food. I thought that at first, I wanted to be able to make simple cooking. I made fried rice and vegetables while watching the recipe. It was good! Especially, I like rice, so I was happy to make it well. Next, I made various kinds of pasta. Pasta carbonara is difficult to make and now, I can't make it well enough to convince myself. Unlike carbonara, pasta Neapolitan was good. Neapolitan is pasta mixed with tomato sauce and fried vegetables. I will do better, and I will try to make difficult food. My goal is to be able to make well-balanced food.

Are You a Good Friend? Sandra Lobato, Mexico: A lot of people claim themselves to be the greatest friend you will ever meet, but is that true? And if it is, how could they know that? Most people think that a good friend is a person that you can hang out with and go to parties with, but is that truly a good friend? I think *no*. A good friend is the person you can trust, the person you feel comfortable talking about your problems with. This person will help you grow in your life. But the most important things about a good friendship are to be honest and respect each other—that is everything. Nowadays, we live in a world where respect and honesty are being lost. And that is sad because, for me, these are the basis of a long friendship. In Mexico, we say that the true friends we have can be counted on one hand. That's true. A good friend is the person who stays with you no matter your problems and defects. In conclusion, when you meet a person for the first time, try to offer them a sincere friendship.

Making Dreams Come True, Diana Gomez, Colombia: All people have great qualities, but sometimes, we do not see them. For example, my friend Salome is serious and responsible. Always, I can count on her to do a good job, be on time, and keep my secrets. One day, Salome was drawing in front of all the schoolmates and the teacher. She absolutely loves to draw, and when she is drawing, she feels inspired and calm, too. The teacher said that when she's 21 years old, she can enter an artists' contest, so she is working to make her dreams come true and waiting for an opportunity to enter the contest. Pay attention because Salome will be famous one day!



International Dinner, Spring's 40th anniversary