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## Story Of Living In Canada

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"Look at the sky!". That was the first word I said arriving in Canada. During the long time sitting in a small seat of the plane, I couldn't help but imagine what Canada would be like. Since then, I have found many surprising things for 2 months of living here.

As soon as getting out from The Toronto Airport, I was totally attracted by the blue-blue sky, which was gray in Korea. Yet, the beautiful environment of Canada is the No.1 shock for me. I'm certain that Canadians have to appreciate their nature. For me, even smelly skunks are adorable because I had no idea what skunks look like before being in Canada.

As the environment, Canadian's culture also impressed me. I think it is really funny that "Vancouver" is also called "Hongcouver". When I first came to London, I was really surprised that there were so many people who came from different countries. I actually could see all 3 colors. As an Asian, I feel grateful that no one treats me as an alien. Even, some Canadians are so kind that they help strangers like me from head to foot, which I think is adorable.

Because I am a newcomer here, I have a lot of 'do-not-know' things. When it comes to happen, I always just go out to catch anybody and ask, but people always do their best to answer my question, even though I can't

understand them well. So, I want to send praise to people living here for those reasons.

Similar to the culture, canadian lifestyle is also an exciting point for me. On saturdays, I always looking forward to go garage sales. Garage sale is the most useful and healthy way to save my allowance. I also started not to care about people's age as much I had in Korea.

But sometimes I forget to leave tips, which riles waitress. Even though I try to adjust and act adequately, I make mistakes. However, people, culture and the environment always forgive and wipe out my immaturity.

For me, living in canada is just like that. I can say it is like a baby surrounded by love. All the things I've experienced in canada were sweet and joyful, even though it might have been hard because I am young and a newcomer who fight against English to survive. If all the events I will meet in the future are easy or amiable like what I've had before, I think I can handle them well. Now, I feel comfortable being here surrounded by the warm care of others.