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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- Kerem Tekiner - 7/4
- Hojeong Ahn - 7/13
- Vladislav Spiridonov - 7/17
- Reem Mohamed Nourin Yousef - 7/20
- Joe Johnson - 7/23
- Viktoriia Hoiuk - 7/26
- Qasim Ali - 7/27
- Minju Lee - 7/29
- Caroline Lubin - 7/29

IMPORTANT DATES

- July 4th/ 5th: Independence Day
- July 21st/ 24th: Unit 1 Exam

DID YOU KNOW?

- July is filled with celebrations of independence world wide: Canada, Rwanda, Somali, Hong Kong, Burundi, Algeria, France, Venezuela, Argentina, Canada, Belgium, Belarus, the Maldives, the Bahamas, and the U.S.A.
- The first American Independence celebration took place in Philadelphia on July 8, 1776
- Folklore (art, literature and stories passed down from earlier generations) connect people to their past. Some July examples include the following:

"If ant hills are high in July, the coming winter will be hard."

"Whatever July and August do not boil, September can not fry."

"Never trust a July sky."

In-Person Classes Starting September 1st!

We are very excited to announce that New York English Academy will be reopening for in-person classes on September 1st! All classes will be in-person from this date. In March of 2020 NYEA, like so many other schools and businesses, was suddenly forced to move all of its classes online. I am happy to say that all of us rose to that challenge, and NYEA has been offering high-quality online course work for more than a year. However, the challenges of online learning have become very familiar. Nothing can replace the value of face-to-face lessons. This is why we are so happy to be able to go back to in-person lessons, and to see some of you for the first time!

Student Spotlight: Veronica Kvaratskhelia

It all started in 2018, when I first came to America, specifically to New York. I am Veronica Kvaratskhelia from Georgia and I am 34 years old. During my life in Georgia, I worked in the Ministry of Internal Affairs and had a very responsible and at the same time, very busy work environment. I have been living in New York for three years now. About one year ago, I decided to study English to have more opportunities, more friends, a good job and most importantly, to achieve my goal, that is, to do what I love and why I came to this country.



I started looking for a school and some of my friends suggested NYEA school to me. I am very proud of my choice because I found myself in an unusual environment where I started learning English with people who put all their strength and energy, as well as all their creativity into each lesson. The learning process is diverse and at the same time creative where you are always involved and active. You get to know a lot of news, American history, a lot of cognitive videos, and you become a writer, a creator, and start living fully in New York from being at New York English Academy. This environment is created by teachers who have a strong sense of responsibility and above all, a high sense of respect for their students' countries and languages. I started learning English from the second level. I had an extraordinary teacher, Joe Johnson. He has made a great contribution to raising my knowledge, for which I thank him very much. Currently, I am at the third level and my teacher is David Knoll, a very creative, very sociable, and extraordinary teacher who is always ready to help us to simplify the language learning process. I have heard that the more languages you know, the more personal you are. When you learn a language, all the doors of the world open for you, and you become free and flexible. I wish all the students success as they achieve their goals!

STUDENT WRITING

July 14 is "National Picnic Month."

If you could plan the ideal picnic for your family, what would it look like?

When my family visits, we're going to have a picnic in Central Park. I think it is an amazing place for spending time with family. Since everyone in our family loves to cook, we will have delicious national foods and barbeque on the menu. Also, we would like to sing songs while playing the guitar. - Dilfuza, Turkmenistan/Russia

I would like to go to Beacon Park with my kids and friends on July 14. It has a playground and is a great place to see the wonderful Hudson River. I will prepare Gimbap (a Korean food similar to a Japanese sushi roll), fried chicken, and fruits for lunch. We will also play badminton. - Yunji, South Korea

I have plans with my family and friends on June 14th to go to the beach. In the morning, I will go to the store to buy things for the picnic, then go to the beach and spend time with my family and friends, have fun, play games, and dance.- Guirlene, Haiti

The ideal picnic for my family is to go to the Belgrad Forest, one of the most beautiful forests in Turkey. Cooking meat on the barbecue and roasting peppers are indispensable for our picnics. Swinging in a hammock after dinner and talking with the family is one of my favorite activities.- Akif, Turkey

My ideal picnic is going to Governors Island. I would bring Tacos, chips and soda. As activities, I would suggest to my family riding a bicycle to go around the island and looking at installed art works. These are some reasons to support my view. Governors Island is open to the public during summer. Because of the pandemic, the term of opening the island last year was limited. Unfortunately, I could not take my family there even though I had a plan. That is why if there is a chance, I would like to make it happen. Governors Island is accessible and is not far from Manhattan. We could enjoy fresh green lawns and good views. Therefore, Governors Island is a perfect place for going on a picnic as for us. - Chie, Japan

I like to have a picnic with my family or friends. July is best month to spend time outside in parks, mountains or on the beach. Definitely I will go on a picnic with my friends to the beach on Coney Island and we will make our signature sandwiches with caviar and drink American cider. We will buy some cherries, because they are very seasonal and it is right time to eat them. After the lunch we are planning to have a ride on jet-ski. Right after jet-skis we would like to have a sun bath. By the end of the afternoon my friends and I will have a bicycle ride back home. - Ekaterina, Russia

If I had a picnic with my family and friends I would go to the mountains. I would prepare a lot of BBQ, fruit, and beer. We would put up a tent and watch the sunset. - Haojie, China

Every 2 weeks, my children, some friends, and I go to the Seven Lakes in upstate New York. We eat barbecue chicken and kebabs. I drink white wine, but the others drink whisky or arak. Usually, I prepare a tomato and cucumber salad. Then we climb the mountain, swim, or play volleyball. We spend more than six lovely and amazing hours.- Abdullah, Syria

My ideal picnic would include fruit and 'Kimbob' which is a common picnic food in Korea. It would be at Central Park. We would play badminton.- Minju, South Korea

On July 16, 1969, Apollo 11 lifted off for its voyage to the moon.

Do you think we will ever live on the moon? Why or why not?

Would you like to live there? Should we continue to explore living on the moon?

I think the moon is inhabitable for humans; therefore, we cannot live there for long. I would love to visit the moon because as a kid I read about the first man who visited the moon and it was inspiring. In my opinion, the quest for knowledge about the moon should continue because there is a lot to learn from the universe in order to sustain Earth. - Itopa, Nigeria

I believe that someday we will be able to live on the moon. But, unfortunately, as far as I know, the atmosphere on the moon is not similar to that of the earth, so living there "outside" special buildings will not work. The moon is not adaptable for life "without a spacesuit." Therefore, humanity will have to build settlements on the moon, inside where the level of oxygen and pressure will be maintained. Therefore, I would not want to live on the moon. I want to enjoy nature and feel it without wearing any attire. In this regard, it seems to me that Mars is much more favorable for life. As far as I know, there are mountains and bodies of water and a very similar atmosphere to the Earth's atmosphere. But in any case, I believe that it is necessary to continue exploring life on the moon. This knowledge gives an amazing breakthrough to humanity both on earth and in space. These studies help us get a little closer to space! - Vladislav, Russia

A century ago, a man rewrote history by being the first human to walk on the moon. Apollo 11, maneuvered by Neil Armstrong, was the crown of knowledge of many years of research that opened doors to many questions: Will humans ever live on the moon? Do we need to keep trying to explore the moon? One thing for sure is soon enough planet earth will be very difficult to live on due to all the atrocities done by humans. Pollution, climate change and many other facts are the consequences to that. So, it is fairly normal for humans to try and explore another planet and adapt there. That being said, it will be very hard to live on the moon due to many reasons but the most important of them all is trouble breathing. It is well known that in order to breathe there, human being need a special mask to do so. On the other hand, with science evolving every single day, it is very possible that we will discover a solution to this problem, and eventually, we will be able maybe one day to live on the moon. - Medoune, Senegal