



The SPY Team



VALENTINE'S DAY

IELI SPY

IELI Hunter college

On Wednesday, February 13th, the Hunter College International English Language Institute celebrated its first ever Valentine's Day Pot Luck event. More than 23 countries were represented among the 120 students who attended. Dozens of home-cooked and store-bought treats covered lined our table from fresh fruit and cheese, to Turkish lentils and Italian pasta. Our festive room confirmed what everyone already knew. The IELI loves ❤️ you!



By Sutthavee Buaklee

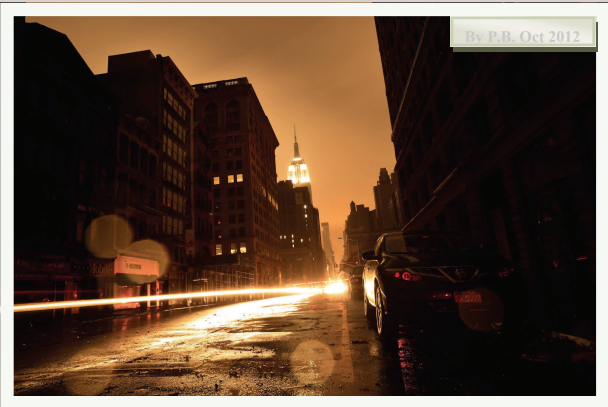
My teacher and brother: Patrick Bouklee

- Graduated from Columbia University
- He works 2 jobs at the same time Programmer, Owner of the Thai restaurant in NYC called Galanga.
- He has been in the United States for almost 15 years



Photography With my Brother

NO ELECTRICITY IN NYC



By P.B. Oct 2012

I'm Sutthavee Buaklee From Thailand. I have been in Hunter since level 4. Now, I'm taking level 8. As you known, in October 29th, there was a storm called Sandy, which hit the eastern part of the city. The Wikipedia website described this storm "In some places winds left 70% of residents without electricity, blew roofs off

buildings, killed one, and caused about \$100 million (2012 USD) in damage, but My brother and I didn't feel anything even though our home is located downtown, which was affected, too. We drove around the city and took a lot of pictures. The picture you see was taken around 8:00 P.M. My brother said that that was a very great experience because this was the first time that Manhattan had had no electricity for almost a week. He also said If Sandy had not hit the city, he would not have been able to shoot photos of the city in the dark.

CENTRAL PARK AFTER SANDY



My brother and I went to Central Park after the hurricane had left. We were so surprised that water in the river had changed to green by the storm. The picture was taken around 2-3 P.M.

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THE SPICY FOOD

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Everything changed when I came to New York. I am a person who not always wants to try the other food from other countries. The first week I was excited to try many foods such as Korean food, Turkish food, Indian food and also American food.

After five weeks, I could not stand anymore it was so boring to eat that. I miss my Thai food that my family used to make for me, so I went to a Thai restaurant to eat the food, but the taste was not the same and it was not a good taste. These are the reasons why I began to cook.

I have been learning to make many Thai dishes on You-Tube such a Pat Thai, Green curry, Red

THAI FOOD BY AUDJIMA TEDTIAN



curry and Beef chili basil, but the most favorite Thai dish that I have made is Beef chili basil because it so easy to make. Besides, it doesn't take too much time. If you would like to try this, you can follow my instructions!

First of all, slice your meat into one-inch strips.

Second, chop garlic with chili.

Third, put oil and heat your pan until you

see few of smoke.

Then, fry garlic, chili and your meat together, put some oyster oil, sugar, soy sauce.

Finally, turn off the fire, put some basil leaves. Now you are ready to eat it. ! Every time I make Thai food, I always feel Thailand come close to me.

TRY EATING DDUKBOKKI IF YOU BREAK UP WITH YOUR BOYFRIEND!



This is MINJI, an IELI student, on Korean food

My favorite food is *ddukbokki* since it helps me to reduce stress from my daily life if I eat it although I do not usually like spicy food. *Ddukbokki* is made of rice cakes, fish cakes, hot peppers, and hot pepper sauces.

For that reason, *ddukbokki* is good food
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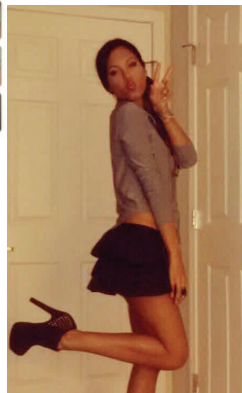
for maintaining good health.

On the other hand, in hot peppers, there is an element called *capsaicin*. *Capsaicin* makes you cry if you consume a lot, and it is spicy. *

For that reason, I recommend that people eat *ddokbokki* when they break up with their boy friends or girlfriends as it

helps them to cry a lot, and lose sight of their last boyfriends or girlfriends as soon as possible.





Fashion



I'm Natalia from level 6, I want to talk that you can see My style is very

Montoya. I'm an IELI student, my major is fashion design, and about the different kinds of styles at Hunter College. colorful, I like to use a lot of things that have vivid colors.



When we are growing up we are influenced by all the persons and things that surround us, and that is the way we start to choose our style.



IELI Girls



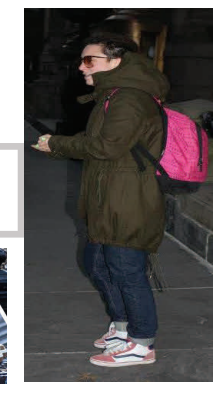
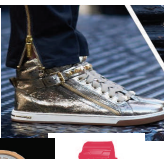
1. When you go to the mall, what is your favorite thing to buy? (accessories, lingerie, t- shirts, pants, skirts, and so on.)



2. How do you describe your style???



3. What do you think about when you are choosing your outfit???



TATSIANA (LEVEL 5)

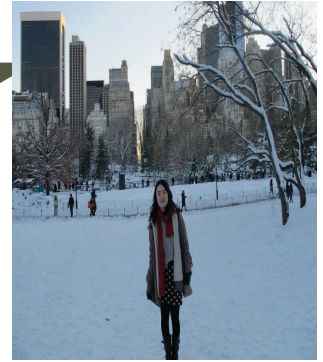


JUETA LENNON (LEVEL 6)

1. I like shopping for dresses, shoes and bags.
2. I like to combine classic and modern styles, like vintage. That's how I describe my style.
3. I think about the dress code of the place where am going.

1. The thing that I like most is to buy t - shirts.
2. My style is very casual, informal and in the same way classic.
3. In think about how I'm going to

SOHYUN'S page



I am an IELI student. I love to learn English and listen to music.^^

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DO WE ALL LIKE PSY?

“Who is the most famous singer in your country?” If you meet some foreign friends, you are frequently asked this question. I can say who is our most famous singer in Korea confidently. That is PSY. Actually I’m not a big fan of the singer but I want follow what’s happening with this world famous star because I’m Korean, too. I want to say I’m proud of him so I’d like to share some fun facts about PSY.

PSY released a lot of albums and is beloved by many people. Since last year, he has been able to expand his fame. Which means there are a lot of fans from all over the world who listen

to his music and watch his very funny music videos especially on youtube. He got the highest number of hits of all time. As of today he has exceeded 1 billion hits

Even though K-pop is progressing to influence not only Asia but also other places there are a lot of people who don’t know K-pop well and are not so interested in K-pop. PSY’s huge successful accomplishment allows other musicians to get involved in working with different foreign artists. After he went viral, a lot of people want to get information about other aspects of Korean culture such as food, movies, drama, and fashion etc.

At the end of 2012, PSY performed in front of an international audience in Times Square in New York.

It’s really common for Korean singers to change the language of their songs when they become popular, but PSY does something unique and impressive. He sings “Gangnam Style” in Korean. Let’s watch out for

Psy’s Best

- ◆ *Gangnam Style (2102)*
- ◆ *Father (2005)*
- ◆ *Champion (2002)*
- ◆ *Bird (2001)*



Postage Stamp of PSY





My name is Nathacha Nilwan. I'm an IELI student from level 7. I'm in NYC for around 7 months and I find this place very interesting. NYC is a good place for studying, traveling and exploring yourself, to find what you are interested in. I found that this city has many kind of restaurants and I'm really enjoy trying different kind of foods in this delightful city. But, I'm still missing my country's foods from Thailand. From now on I'm going to introduce a Thai restaurant. My cousin is the owner of this restaurant and last year I brought one of my Japanese friend from IELI to this restaurant, *Spicy Shallot* in Queens Woodside. She had a great time and enjoyed the food there.



One of the most famous Thai restaurants in NYC is *Spicy Shallot*, the authentic Thai restaurant. The cuisine presents a balance of flavors which is spicy, salty, sweet and sour. These flavors and aromas are seemingly inexhaustible. Imagine a plate of freshly-steamed jasmine rice, served with luscious spicy Tom Yum soup, creamy green or red curry. You will love the colorful and spicy papaya salad garnished with



crisp vegetables on your right and a delectable dish of Pat Thai on your left. This restaurant offers a combination of modern Japanese food as well as authentic Thai cuisine, if you are a fan of Japanese fusion this place won't let you down.



You will find different kinds of Thai food in this restaurant. These are their most popular dishes and drinks that you need to try! Spicy basil seafood soup - \$7, Crispy duck - \$18, Stir-fried rice noodle - \$8, Shrimp red curry - \$9 and Thai iced tea - \$2.50

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This is Hanjie, an IELI student, who attempts to introduce something about basketball



BASKETBALL: WHERE AMAZING HAPPENS

Percentage of outdoor activities students prefer

<i>basketball</i>	50%
<i>soccer</i>	15%
<i>rugby</i>	13%
<i>baseball</i>	7%
<i>tennis</i>	6%
<i>golf</i>	5%
<i>table tennis</i>	4%

A survey once has been made in my class and according to the survey, the statistics indicates that most of the students, especially male students, in class prefer basketball than any other sports or even outdoor activities.



QUIZ TIME



What is the name of this character? (hint: from an anime)

CURRENT SITUATION OF BASKETBALL

Basketball, as one of the most popular sports in United States, now is attracting an increasing number of people, especially among students. The reason for the appearance of such phenomenon is that basketball is not only competitive but fascinating. Admittedly, America has the best basketball team and league in the world because certain parts of Americans, namely African American, have an incredibly explosive power that can be released in a few seconds. Therefore, most of the basketball players are African American, while there are a few excellent white people also can play or even maneuver the basketball very well.



ball as the best outdoor activity for quite a few reasons. First, compared to other kinds of sports, basketball requires less space to play the game. In fact, usually only half of a basketball court is needed because it is too exhausting to play in a whole court. Second, basketball causes fewer injuries than most of other kinds of outdoor sports. Though some light injuries such as twisting ankles may be caused by partners or rivals, more serious injuries like fracture are more likely to happen in soccer or American Football.

YAO: THE PRIDE OF CHINESE BASKETBALL

Yao Ming is the most successful Chinese basketball player. When working for Houston Rocket, he played as a center in the team and is always regarded one of the most dominant centers in the first 10 years of the 21st century. Also, his competition with another dominant basketball player, Shaquille O'Neal, was one of the focuses of NBA. In addition,

Yao is regarded as a great player not only for his emulation but for his charity to create Yao Ming Charity Foundation so that numerous students can solve their problems of study.



By Soolhyun Ham

The Best Greek Restaurant in New York Taverna Kyclades



Grilled Oyster

TAVERNA KYCLADES is the BEST RESTAURANT.

When My friend and I had just moved to Astoria we did not have gas for five days. We just ate frozen food or bread. One day we were tired so, we decided to go out and



Fried Calamari

find some good restaurant to eat dinner. We walked around for 5minutes. We saw a crowded restaurant. The name seemed really strange but we wanted to try the food, because it smelled really nice. First we ordered fried calamari and Greek salad. While we were waiting for our dish we had some fantastic bread which has become my favorite bread in New York. Sometimes I go there just to eat bread. When the main

dishes came out they looked like nothing special, but the taste was amazing. It was NOTHING like your typical fried dish. The portions were really huge for two of us. Also we had free dessert because, it was dinner time. AND WE JUST PAID 11 BUCKS EACH! I still love to go there and I will love going there forever.

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Blvd Astoria, NY

Friends' Reviews

We went there by accident with my family it was really amazing . My family go there at least 2 times a month. It is our new tradition. - **Lin, Friend of IELI**



I am living in Manhattan, but I would love to go to TAVERNA KYCLADES with my friends to eat Broiled Scallops. That is my favorite and I want to recommend this for people who I know. - **IELI student**

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