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About Jasmine

Today we're going to meet another student from the University of Adelaide. Listen for some of the words she uses about making friends and meeting different people.

JASMINE: Hi, my name's Jasmine.

And could you spell that for me?

J-A-S-M-I-N-E.

Do you study here at university?

Yes, I do.

What do you study?

I'm studying medicine.

Medicine. And how long have you been studying medicine?

This is my first year here so it's just been nine weeks, into week nine.

Where are you from?

I'm from Penang, Malaysia.

And you've only just arrived in Adelaide?

Yeah, that's right.

And do you enjoy it here?

Yes, it's good, a **new environment**, a **new culture**.

So many new things to **experience**, it's a good way. A new environment where you can **intermingle** with different people, it's good.

How long will you be here for, do you think?

Six years, for the whole period of my course.

So you live in university housing with other students?

Yes, it's a college.

What's the address there?

Lincoln College, Brougham Place.

Can you describe a little bit about your room or the college?

We have **quite a number of buildings** so it's good because if you stay in this building you create a **rapport**, **camaraderie** between the people that stay in the same floor, the same building and then we have like **inter-building competitions**, like we have friendly debates or basketball competitions and all that stuff, so it's good.

That's the thing I like about Adelaide, you know, surrounded by all your parklands. That's one of the interesting things that I have liked about Adelaide.

And the people are really nice here, interesting. New culture, new language. Although I have studied English before, but the type of English that you use is totally different, you know, the **clichéd** Australian version of **G'day**, you know, sort of thing, laid back. So you live and learn. You start saying things like **'heaps good'**, instead of 'very good' so you try and **blend into** the culture, and that's really good.

story notes

new environment

new place

new culture

different way of life

experience

Here *experience* is used as a verb.

It's when something happens to you or you feel something.
I *experience* pain.

Experience can also be used as a noun.

It means knowledge or skill as a result of doing something.
Going to university was a good *experience*.

intermingle

mix together

To *mingle* means to mix, and the prefix *inter-* means together, among, or between.

The prefix *inter-* is today's spotlight.

quite a number of buildings

many buildings

rapport

ability to communicate well with another person
I have a good *rapport* with the people I work with.
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camaraderie

feeling of friendship
There is good *camaraderie* at work.

inter-building competitions

competitions between the people living in different buildings

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clichéd

If something is *clichéd*, it is a typical way of saying something.

Australians love to say 'g'day' instead of hello.

g'day

G'day is short for good day.

Australians use it when they are saying hello.

It's a very informal but common greeting.

heaps good

Heaps good is another slang Australian expression.

Jasmine has noticed that people say things like *heaps good*, instead of very good.

blend into

To *blend into* means to mix into.

If you blend into another culture, you become part of it, so people don't notice you are from somewhere else.

spotlight

inter-

The prefix *inter-* means together, among, or between. It can be added to both nouns and verbs.

Rivalries between cities are called *intercity* rivalries.

The English football league is an *intercity* competition.

To connect things together is to *interconnect*.

The railway and the bus routes *interconnect* at this station.

To *interchange* is to make two things change places.

The student *interchange* between Australia and Japan is very successful.

To *intermingle* is to mix together:

A new environment where you can *intermingle* with different people, it's good.

Inter-building competitions are competitions between the people living in different buildings:

We have quite a number of buildings so it's good because if you stay in this building you create a rapport, camaraderie between the people that stay in the same floor, the same building and then we have like *inter-building competitions*, like we have friendly debates or basketball competitions and all that stuff, so it's good.

more information: *inter-* prefix

Watch out for the word *inter*, which is pronounced differently and means to bury in a grave.

Where are you going to *inter* the body?