

A) Explain how the library system works in your country and how you used the library in your country.

When I was a university student, I usually go to library. . . I like to study in the library, because the library has a lot of book and very quiet. If I study in there I can focus on my book. (Taiwan)

Libraries in Japan are almost same as U.S. to use library you have to make a library card.... Japanese libraries usually has many events in a year. Some libraries show DVD for everybody on a week. Most libraries show event such as puppet show, play culturally music or song or dance or to read bookstory of it. (Japan)

I used to the library in my country. When I have free time I used to be reading the book. (Ethiopia)

I lived in Vietnam since I was born. I went to school. . . At that time they did not have the library. (Vietnam)

I am from South Korea. I went to library . . . because I did not have table to study at home. . . . For me the problem was that I did not borrow the books. . . . For me, the library was only to study not to borrow the books. I went library in Seattle. I saw that many people borrow the books with kids. For me, I often go library with my son together in Ballard library. (S. Korea)

There are many librarys in my country. All of them are public librarys and you can find books or information for free. American and Kyrgyz Library system is almost the same. (Kurdistan)

The system of library is almost same but there is some different things. In our country, library is too big. It contain book on everything. In my country library if you want to issue any book you haves to maker some special cards. . . (India)

In my country we had not many libraries as in America. . . The books need to order and wait them from 20 minutes to 1 hour. In Seattle very many libraries. Reader can order whatever book. (Russia)

B) Do you use the library in the United States? Explain why you do or do not use the library. If you do use the library, include how you use it.

I use the library in the USA for read books. Use the computers . . . The other part I like everything is free. It is nice. (El Salvador)

I do use library in US. I always rent a movie dvd from library. I rent a fiction book from the library in my free time I read it to learn how to use a grammar in the passage. In my apartment I don't have a computer but there I a computer. So I can use it in the public library for free. (Ethiopia)

I like use library but I don't like to spend a lot of time in the library, but I like to speak with tutor, because the tutor correct my English. (El Salvador)

I member SPL. I have a library card. I order on-line material. . . If my library branch doesn't have my order material they bring other library branch. (Turkey)

Yes I do use the library in the United States but I don't use it often. I use the library because I want to read about history or story and to improve my English to get better and also the library has a lot of history movies of other country. (Cambodia)

One time I need to pass the citizen test. I went to library find the information I need. . . Sometimes I bring my daughters go to the library borrow the book they like. The library has story time for children every week. My daughters love it. (China)

I have live in the USA for 3 years. I usually use libraries. 1st one is my school library. 2nd one is King County Library. If I need to use my school library I just show my school ID, and then I can read a book, I can use Internet, and I can do my homework. When I need to use my another library I get my library card. I can do something what did I do at my school library. At my school library they have books and room for ESL students. (Mongolia)

Library is a great place. Because I like reading fiction. So I always use it in my country. But, when I came to the USA first I didn't go to the library for language reason. After two month, I very miss the library which have clear windows, good smell of the books. So I got my first library card in USA. There are so many magazine about fashion, nature, and cooking. IN addition, I can find the Chinese books and get on internet by my laptop in there. So the library become my favorite place. (China)

In the Seattle I often go to library. . . IN that place I can look many books, look at art books, enjoy them. Sometimes I can get a rest. . . In NSCC library, I used to borrow books or earphones. Now I often study in library, take a conversation club. I can borrow media product, look magazine and newspaper. (China)
My children like to go to library sometimes. So have to go with them. When I go there I always to fine Chinese books or Chinese newspapers. Sometimes I use the computer there. (China)

In USA library is convenient. In library I can find anything I need. I also borrow books from library. I read news and magazines. (Taiwan)

Writing 1: Selections – Diagnostic/Pre-assessment

Students chose either A or B

I don't use library in the United States. I know this is important for my English, but I don't have time. I work 6 days a week, and when I have day off just use it for relax. . . . Maybe I don't like read books, but someday I will start. (Bulgaria)

I never used the library in the United States because I didn't know about it . . . I wasn't interested and didn't have nothing to do in that. (Mexico)

When I attend NSCC for learning English as a foreign language, I practice to use library every day. It is not easy because of my poor English. I expect to have free time to go there every day. (Vietnam)

I use the library in the United States. I like library. I take free book in the library. Library is good for every student. (Pakistan)

I use the library sometimes. When I have free time I rent a book which my friend or daughters suggests to me. . . . Now, I take English this class, I am going to decide looking to the school library and read books. (S. Korea)

Seven year ago I went to the public library for information on how to get my citizenship. I got all my information and study for a test before my interview in the USA Consulate and I passed this. (Mexico?)

I never use library in the United State because I never been to school and also because I never needed until now. (country?)