



To go abroad or not to go abroad – that is the question

Many of our classmates think about going abroad while still being a student. Therefore, it is rather important to be aware of the advantages and disadvantages which go along with this. Hence, we started working on the topic by discussing whether we wanted to go abroad for a year and later on by collecting and discussing the advantages and disadvantages.

The second step was to do research on different options for going abroad, possibilities to finance the stay and what has to be organised on the way to it. The websites we used as a source were then presented to the rest of the class.

Finally, we came together in groups to compile and design flyers as a help for preparing to go abroad. These again were presented in class and later uploaded on the twinspace to be accessible by the other students of our exchange program for later work.

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4. ...to *prepare yourself* (mentally), it's always good to **make a pro-and-con-list**. This also may help to organise the first two steps.

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-new <u>experiences</u>	- <u>homesickness</u>
-help for decide your <u>future</u> (jobs,...)	- <u>expense</u>
-new <u>contacts</u>	-falling behind in <u>your studies</u>
-another <u>travelling base</u> (e.g. easier to take a road trip around the states when you're already in America/visit New Zealand if you're studying in Australia, etc.)	- <u>lonely</u> (important to be outgoing, or else it can quickly become anything but fun for you →sometimes there's the opportunity to go to the same place as some of your friends)
-maybe learn a <u>new language</u>	-...
- <u>Culture</u> (exotic foods, learn about traditions specific to different countries, etc.)	
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For **more information** and help on going abroad you can visit **websites** like e.g.

<https://www.topuniversities.com/student-info/studying-abroad/how-study-abroad-frequently-asked-questions>



<https://www.goabroad.com/>

<https://www.internationalstudent.com/study-abroad/guide/ten-benefits-to-studying-abroad/>

<https://www.gooverseas.com/blog/study-abroad-prep-9-things-need-know>

...and much more, so just **explore the internet!**

Good luck and have fun travelling!

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