

## Describe the most interesting experience I have had so far (May assignment)

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I experienced a lot of things in Australia. I fed the dolphins, I saw a wild koala and wild kangaroos, I met Japanese soccer representative, I went to wedding, Sea world, Rainbow beach, Sand blow, my friend's birthday party, Gympie show, and I experienced teaching. I couldn't choose one experience because all of these experiences were so interesting and very special for me, so I will tell you about three experiences from them. They are my friend's birthday party, Gympie show, and teaching.

First I will tell you about my friend's birthday party. 25th of April, I went to Jenny's birthday party. In Japan birthday party is not very common, so it was my first time to go to birthday party. Jenny lives in Rainbow beach which is one hour by car from Gympie which is my home town. We did her birthday party at her house. Firstly we had a lot of lollies which was prepared by Jenny's mum. After that we started to play a game. The game is a



person breaking a balloon, and following the order which written in the paper in the balloon. For example, 'Put a lolly on the ground, and eat it. Don't use your hands.' 'If you go to a dance with a boy, who do you ask?' 'Who are the cutest boy and girl in our school?' After that we went to Sand blow, and we played sand sledding. After we came to Jenny's house, we had lunch, we swam in the pool, and we threw water balloons each other. It was a really fun day.



Second I will tell you about Gympie show. Thirteenth of May, I went to Gympie show with my friends. It was just like a travelling recreation ground.

It had had some Ferris wheels, some Haunted Houses, some car rides, a marry-go-round, some scary rides, and food shops. Almost all people who live in Gympie came to this show. It was like tiny Disney Land. It was

crowded. I laughed, rode, screamed, and ate lots of food with my friends until nine p.m. It was a crazy day.



Thirdly I will tell you about teaching. In Australia many students learn Japanese. Now I go to two high schools to teach Japanese. One is my host school, St. Patrick's College, and I teach grade 8 Japanese. And another one is Gympie State High School and I teach grade 9, 10, 11, 12 Japanese every two weeks. It is just like work experience for me. I really like to teach. They don't know so many things about Japan. When I am telling them about Japan, they watch me with sparkling eyes. Sometimes they are surprised by the story, and I am surprised by the reaction because the story is very normal for me. One time I taught how to use chopsticks. We used disposable chopsticks (*Waribashi*).



Then one of my students asked me "Mizuki, how do you split this chopstick?" so I just split up it. Then students were like "Wow!" "How did you do that?!" "That's awesome." I was surprised because I just split up the *Waribashi*. When I came to Australia, I was always helped by many people, but I couldn't do anything for them. It was really sad for me. But now, I learned from the teaching. I can do

something for them. I can teach about Japan. In my town anyone can't do that except me. It is glad for me to teach.

Finally I will tell you about a story I've just experienced few days ago. At English class, my English teacher prised my assignment in front of other students. The assignment was about biography. I wrote a biography about my grandmother. My grandmother survived World War II, so I wrote about it. My English teacher said "I know lots of story about World War II. My grandmother and movies taught me about that. But their

points of views were always from Australia, so Japan described as an assailant country. But I learned from your biography. My grandmother and your grandmother are same. They experienced same things. And I realized we also killed many Japanese. We can't just blame Japanese." It's not totally same, but similar things. And now I think.



Japan was an assailant country. Even we were atomic bombed by America because we started World War II, and we killed many people. So we can't blame other countries, of course including America. I don't want apology. I think a lot of Japanese have same opinions. But we want to tell the tragedy of the war and the fact of many Japanese also killed. I want everyone come to Hiroshima. And I hope we don't repeat the ravages of war forever.