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Language

This is a picture of a whale and its trainers during a show at Seaworld. I chose this for language because even though the whale doesn't speak the same language as its trainer there is still communication through gestures. The trainers at Seaworld use gestures in order to get the whales to do what they want them to do. It is the same for speaking to other people in world who don't speak the same language as you.



Environment

This picture was taken in Louisiana when I went to visit my family there during winter break.. The environment there is completely different than what I am used to being someone from Los Angeles. This was actually the long path to get to my great grandmother's house, which was the only house at the end besides the abandoned one across the street. There wasn't any cell phone reception at the house given the fact that it was deep in the forest. I think it is important to be able to adapt to different kinds of climates and environments especially when going to a different country.



Social Organization

Picture taken of the CSUMB women's Lacrosse club at our game at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo last month. Lacrosse club is one of the many social organizations on campus at CSUMB. Joining a club was important to me because I got to meet a lot of people who share the same interests as me. All of these people became some of my best friends and we do a lot together outside of practice and games. When going to Japan I plan on joining an organization or club in hopes of being able to create friendships like I did here.



Context

I chose to take a picture of the back of my EpiPen box for context. The reason being because the medical field is a very low context “culture” no matter where you go. Whether you are in Japan or the United States it is very important to follow the instructions on your medication and the instructions that your doctor gives you.



Authority

Another picture taken at Seaworld during one of the dolphin shows. You can see the sign that says “PLEASE DO NOT REACH OVER” the fact that this sign is in all caps shows the authority. Also it is common knowledge that when you see the red circle with a slash through it that it’s telling you not to do something. Even if you don’t understand the words you can look at the picture and can still understand.



Non-verbal

Hillary Clinton's rally in Los Angeles last year. In this picture you can see the gesture of them holding hands and raising them to show that they are united and share the same beliefs and values. Everybody uses gestures even though you may not realize it. Gestures become important when you are trying to communicate and can't exactly get your point across with words especially when dealing with a different language.



Time

A simple picture of my class schedule for this semester. Having a schedule is a good way to organize your time. It is important to organize your days and activities, so that you can make sure you have enough time to do all the things you want to. Especially when traveling you may think you have a lot of time to do everything you want to, but it can be a surprise for how quickly time goes by. As university students it is especially important to know appropriate times to have fun and when to get work done.

The screenshot shows a web-based class schedule interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with a title "my class schedule" and a "refresh calendar" button. Below that, there are controls for "Select Display Option" (List View and Weekly Calendar View), "Show Week of" (02/14/2017), "Start Time" (8:00AM), "End Time" (6:00PM), and another "refresh calendar" button. The main part of the interface is a calendar grid with columns for days of the week (Monday Feb 13 to Saturday Feb 18) and rows for time slots from 8:00AM to 6:00PM. Class listings are shown in green boxes within the grid. Below the grid is a "Display Options" section with checkboxes for "Show AM/PM", "Show Class Title", "Show Instructors", and days of the week (Monday through Sunday). A "refresh calendar" button is also present in this section. At the bottom, there are navigation links for "Search", "Plan", "Enroll", "My Academics", "My Class Schedule", "Add", "Drop", "Swap", and "Term Information", along with a "go to..." search field.

Time	Monday Feb 13	Tuesday Feb 14	Wednesday Feb 15	Thursday Feb 16	Friday Feb 17	Sa
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9:00AM					ENVS 201 - 59 Laboratory 9:00AM - 11:50AM 050-Science Instruct Lab Annex 102	
10:00AM		ENVS 201 - 03 Lecture 10:00AM - 11:25AM 508-Tanimura & Antle Library 1180		ENVS 201 - 03 Lecture 10:00AM - 11:25AM 508-Tanimura & Antle Library 1180		
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12:00PM		JAPN 420 - 01 Lecture 12:00PM - 1:50PM 048-World Languages South 118				
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4:00PM		JAPN 201 - 02 Lecture 4:00PM - 5:50PM 049-World Languages North 106		JAPN 201 - 02 Lecture 4:00PM - 5:50PM 049-World Languages North 106		
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Language/Culture Strategies

Language

- Try and speak the language as much as possible.
- Try and imitate a native speaker as much as possible.
- Don't be afraid to ask for help or clarification.

Culture

- Don't be afraid of culture shock, but learn how to cope with it.
- Don't be quick to judge people of other cultures.
- Help people of other cultures understand your own culture.

Goals

- The obvious get better at Japanese.
 - Achieve this by using the language as much as possible even before arriving in Japan.
- Expand my cultural knowledge of Japan
 - Go to as many cultural events as possible and ask questions
- Possibly make Japanese friends.