

Candidate evidence

Task 2 — Study

Some universities and schools give their students the opportunity to take one year out of their course to go and study their subject(s) abroad.

Write a **formal essay**, considering the advantages and disadvantages of this.

You should include some or all of the following points:

- experiencing a new culture
- overcoming new challenges
- broadening of horizons
- language barriers
- loss of continuity with friends/lecturers at home.

You may also add your own ideas.

You should write approximately 250–300 words.

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University exchange programmes are amazing opportunities for young adults to experience a studying ^{process} in a different environment. Lots of students across UK spend a year abroad, however, some of them are hesitant to ^{do it}. Therefore, I would like to examine all the pros and cons of applying ^{for} an exchange student programme.

Learning, in this case, can be named one of the most significant aspects. Not only will students experience new learning techniques and skills they have never ~~seen~~ tried before, but also improve their language skills. It is no secret that practicing a foreign language in its environment with native speakers is the most advantageous way of learning a language. However, coming to another country with near to zero language skills nor knowledge ^{may put a} ~~express~~ ^{into} student ~~to~~ a problematic position. Even students with advanced language level rarely do face no difficulties abroad, which can become a potential turn off.

Some students choose to take a year abroad ~~due~~ due to their interest in ~~an~~ ^{a culture} of their chosen country. Getting to know a country is better through native environment rather than through books or internet blogs. By spending time abroad, students can learn more about the world. Therefore, these students may apply for ^{an} exchange program.

On the other hand, there are people who are very dependant on their friends presence, which may lead to up to no cultural exchange. These people are likely to open with strangers only if someone they know well is nearby. ^{Furthermore,} They usually feel uncomfortable being left alone in unknown society and may be simply scared to socialise in another country.

If students are struggling to overcome chalanges they face, they may choose to apply for an exchange program to learn how to do it. Making new friends ^{and} dealing with ^{the} difficulties they have never come across before may improve their skills, including social skills ~~as well~~. Small chalanges

are actually very useful in growing up as a person. However, a big downside of this is that there might be too many challenges ^{to overcome} and dealing with them may feel extremely overwhelming. Such big stress may ^{cause} ~~have~~ a negative impact on a person and their experience abroad.

In my opinion, applying for an exchange program ^{people, who} is a really good idea for social extroverts. It may also be a good experience for some introverts, however, considering all the ^{disadvantages} ~~downsides~~ and advantages before agreeing to spend a year abroad is essential for both groups.