

Describe an educational trip you took

You should say

Where you went

What you did there

Who you went there with

And explain why you thought this trip was educational

Ok then, well the educational trip that I'd like to talk to you about was the time I went to Taiwan, for a month, to attend a summer course. And the reason was that I was fortunate enough to have been awarded a scholarship to study there, so all the costs were covered, which was great!

Anyway, as for what I did there, well um, the mornings were basically taken up with classes, cos they were about four hours' long, if I remember correctly. And after that, we had to do a lot of self-study, because we were given quite a bit of homework each day, you know, it was pretty intensive!

So yeah, I was, like, working by myself pretty much every afternoon, trying to get all my work done, and then in the evenings, I just chilled out with the other foreign students who were there studying. For example, we went out for dinner together most evenings, and then after that, we often went for a few drinks somewhere. So I basically had a really great time, and improved my Chinese in the process, I'm glad to say!

Anyway, finally, in terms of what I learnt, well firstly, I learnt a huge amount of Chinese, because as I mentioned earlier, the course was pretty intensive, so they crammed a lot into the one month. I mean, it was probably like half a year's work on a normal programme! So it was pretty crazy! But you know, I'd say as a result, my understanding of the language increased significantly, so I feel super lucky that I was given the opportunity to go there. And as well as that, I also got to know more about the culture and history there, so all in all, it was an incredible experience and I learnt a great deal.

Notes:

the costs were covered – the costs were paid for

the mornings were basically taken up with classes – 上午基本上都是被上课占据

quite a bit – quite a lot

it was pretty intensive - 很强化的

pretty much every afternoon – 差不多每个下午

chilled out – relaxed

cram (sth) into... – 把(某某事)塞进去

all in all - 总而言之

I learnt a great deal – I learnt a lot