

Short Story 011 Text



Traveler Interview: “Asian Impressions”

William: What do you do back in Germany?

Rene: I’m an Engineer; working in the energy business. Producing generators and... that’s what I did the last three years.

W: Like mechanical engineer or electrical engineer.

R: It’s industrial engineering. And I use...

I buy technical parts to assemble generators for power plants.

W: You’ve been living or traveling in Cambodia? You were teaching in Cambodia or something?

R: Yes, that’s what I did before I came back here to Bangkok. I did it for almost a month now. Yeah, a great experience.

Rene: For me **it’s 100% proven that** intelligence or what you are, and what you would like to become or whatever. **It’s mainly triggered by** the environment you are born into. So I mean: we lived for example in the village where I was teaching, (there are) so many just wonderful and fantastic people who just don’t have the **ability to express what they can do** or what they are **willing to do**, which is really sad. You have the skill but you **don’t have the opportunity** which is really sad.

Rene: If you have **any extra money** or anything to spend it’s really needed, especially in Cambodia. And the education is one of the most important things you can have. That’s why I’m really happy I got a good education. And I see I can **make use of that** by **contributing to the people** and helping them in that matter as well.

Rene: So, for me it was, especially in Cambodia, sad to see how **people can be left behind**. Not by not having the skill to do it, but just not having the opportunity or the possibility. And everybody can **make that a bit better** by contributing. By spending some money or by being interested in what's going on in the world. Then you can choose your action.

William: Is this your first time in Asia; this trip?

Rene: Yes. I'm here now since (for) three months, and it's the first time in Asia.

I would say, **I'm impressed about (by)** how beauty in the world **can be defined**, and Asia opens up **a completely new chapter** into that (idea of beauty). You know, **how people express themselves**. In people's faces, it's new to me how people can look like and how people can act.

And as well, it brought as well to me, even if you're really different in a lot of things (ways), it's all pretty much the same, so you **gain respect or you gain understanding** and that makes the world even more a village, like you know. Which I very much like. It **takes away our barriers**. Because barriers usually trigger fear, but if you understand what it means (another culture), then you're more open.

And what I like most; **what I particularly like** is the smiles I receive here. It's much... It happens much more often and **for no reason**, and that's the most important thing. Yeah, **Asia in general** is for me a place of good smiles and nice people. And yeah, that's what I like.

William: Cool man. Great interview.

Wonderful experience. Enjoy India.

Useful Phrase Help



be 100% proven that = means to be determined or demonstrated beyond doubt. There is no doubt that something is a fact. Ex: It's 100% proven that fruit is good for the body.

It's mainly triggered by = we can say that Event A is triggered by OR caused by Event B. Ex: The Tsunami in Japan was triggered by a very large underwater Earthquake.

ability to express what they can do = means having a way to show or demonstrate that you can do something OR show that you have skills to do something.

willing to do = means something you want to do something or something you will do. Ex: I'm willing to help you anytime, but I'm not willing to give you money.

don't have the opportunity = means not to have a chance or ability to do something. Ex: He did not have the opportunity to travel outside his country.

any extra money = to have extra money means it's money that you don't need for important things in your life, so you can afford to give it to someone.

make use of that = to make use of something means to use it or utilize it for something. Ex: We should make use of the computer we have to start a new website.

contributing to the people = to contribute means to give something. A person can contribute or give their time, money or knowledge to help other people.

people can be left behind = this means that people with now education, skill or opportunity. They can be forgotten by society and they will not be able to take care of themselves.

make that a bit better = to make something better means to improve it. Ex: We can make the business a bit better if we have a website.

be impressed about (by) = means that you are strongly effected or influenced positively by something or someone. Ex: I was really impressed by the artist and his painting. They were so beautiful.

can be defined = means the way something is seen or understood. Ex: American culture can be defined in many ways, but I think it is a culture of freedom.

a completely new chapter = means a completely new phase, stage or period in my life. Ex: Graduating from university opened a completely new chapter in her life.

how people express themselves = how people communicate their skills, ideas and opinions to others. Ex: There are many differences between how Westerners and Asians express themselves.

FACEBOOK CLASS OUTLINE



Class 013: Short Story 001

*For Best Practice Follow the **Active Learning Method** to practice and improve your English Skills quickly and naturally. This “**Daily Practice**” is the “**Key To Your Success**” with English. Enjoy!

- 1- Class begins every **Monday-Friday** in the FB Group!
- 2- Complete the **Daily Website Activities 1-5** (M-F)
- 3- Answer the **Daily Facebook Questions 1-10** (M-F)
- 4- Answer the **Lesson Question** with 50-100 words. (Sat.)

(1) Monday

Website: Today you should **WATCH to the Video Interview** 2-3 times.

FB Question 1: Who is the most intelligence person you know?

Tell us about him or her.

FB Question 2: Do you think **it's proven that** your intelligence comes from your environment? (Use the Phrase in your answer)

(2) Tuesday

Website: Today you should **READ the Story Text and Phrase Help** 2-3 times.

FB Question 3: How would you describe your best personal talent or skill?

FB Question 4: How do you **express your personal talent** or skills in your life?
(Use the Phrase in your answer)

(3) Wednesday

Website: Today you should **LISTEN to the Audio Lesson** 2-3 times.

FB Question 5: Tell us about a time when you used your money to help someone. Who did you help and what did you do?

FB Question 6: When you have **extra money**, what do you usually do with it?
(Use the Phrase in your answer)

(4) Thursday

Website: Today you should **WATCH to the Video Interview** 2-3 times.

FB Question 7: Can you describe the social situation or problems in your society?

FB Question 8: Tell us about the **people who are left behind** in your society.
(Use the Phrase in your answer)

(5) Friday

Website: you should **REVIEW & REPEAT the Activities together**.

FB Question 9: How can we gain respect or understanding of other cultures?

FB Question 10: What do you **particularly like** about the place city or town where you live? (Use the Phrase in your answer)

(6) Saturday

Website: Today you should **ANSWER the Lesson Question** with 50-100 words

Q: How would you like to contribute to the world?

(7) Sunday – Break!

William's Private Class



Weekly Diary / Skype Class!

“Everyone knows that the very **best way** to improve listening, speaking and **Real Communication** is to study with a **Real Teacher**. **JOIN** my **Diary / Skype Class** and I will **(1)** correct your weekly writing, **(2)** explain your mistakes, **(3)** answers your questions and **(4)** challenge you to express yourself in new and better ways.”

Weekly Class: How it works?

1. Choose a Story Lesson and follow the **Active Learning Method**. (M-F)
2. Visit the **FACEBOOK Class** to answer the **2 Daily Questions**. (M-F)
3. Answer the **Lesson Question** for that story lesson with 50-100 words. (Sat)

Private Class Students

- *4. **Diary Class** students **send** your writing to me for **detailed corrections**.
- *5. **SKYPE Class** students **discuss** answers in **40 minute Skype Class**.

Contact Me for a **FREE Trial Lesson:**

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