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My name is Laurenz Reis, and I am currently 21 years old. Two weeks ago, I started my semester abroad in Tokyo, Japan. This experience has already begun to enrich me both academically and personally, as I engage with a unique blend of tradition and modernity in a culture very different from my own. However, one of the primary goals of my time here is to improve my English proficiency, which is why I chose to participate in this particular course.

The reason for my enrollment in this class is directly linked to my desire to enhance both my speaking and writing abilities in English. While I have a solid foundation in English, having studied it during high school and having fostered it in previous travels, I realize there are areas where I still need to grow, particularly in terms of public speaking and more advanced writing. These are critical skills in today’s globalized world, where clear and effective communication is essential not only for personal development but also for success in professional settings. I see this class as an ideal opportunity for improving these skills, especially through the regular practice of presentations and interactive discussions with my classmates.

As for the goals I wish to accomplish during the course, my first priority is to develop greater confidence in public speaking. Presentations and oral contributions in a foreign language can be challenging, but I believe this challenge will push me to communicate more fluently and spontaneously in English. The second goal is to refine my academic writing. Writing in English for academic purposes demands precision, and I hope to learn how to organize my thoughts more coherently, ensuring that my arguments are clear and persuasive. By the end of this course, I aim to improve both my clarity of expression and my ability to engage an audience.

In terms of my current English level, I believe I am reasonably proficient, though there is still room for improvement, particularly in the areas of speaking and writing. I haven’t taken any English test yet, but I‘m planning to attend anTOEFL test after my exchange year. Therefore, I see this class as an opportunity to push my English capabilities further.

Looking ahead, my concrete goal is to improve my fluency in speaking and achieve greater ease in spontaneous English interactions. Within the next year, I hope to take the TOEFL exam, aiming for a score above 105, as this would demonstrate a higher level of proficiency and open more doors for international job opportunities in public relations and sports marketing. I also want to gain a more business specific vocabulary since this could help me in a future career.

In conclusion, this class is a key in my journey toward professional and personal growth. Not only will it help me become a more confident speaker and writer, but it will also better equip me for the global workplace that I aspire to be a part of.

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