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Earning the Language Immersion Badge:



Being surrounded by my target language has brought me to a higher comfort level with my own use of the language. My fluency and understanding of German has been immensely impacted by my experiences in Germany. Hearing the way people interact with each other in

German within the natural environment created a space where I could unobtrusively, and sometimes unconsciously, mimic and learn from those around me. Listening to the rhythm of native speakers and learning the idiosyncrasies within German has increased my own proficiency and has made me a better student since my return. Being

able to include common phrases and sayings within my own speech has put me in a position where I feel more comfortable interacting within my target language, in class as well as with native speakers. I know with certainty that my time abroad has greatly improved my fluency and surety of myself within German. I am able to express myself and communicate with those around me due to my time spent immersed within my target language. Each situation where I was pushed outside of my comfort zone has impacted me, and these memorable situations have imparted upon me many lessons concerning my speech. Focusing every day on how to improve my fluency has been greatly beneficial to my overall understanding and usage of the German language, as well as my appreciation of the language.

Transferable Skills:



At school, my skills are applied to my continuous mastering of the German language. Along with this, I feel more confident when managing my time concerning classes. My time abroad taught me how best to manage and organize the different aspects of my school life. In the community, I have met a surprising number of people who are either from Germany or speak German, so it is always fun to be able to speak to them in another language. Overall, I feel more confident about myself, my school work, and my social skills than I did before I went abroad. I feel secure in new situations because I am now aware that I can handle it.



“My experience learning abroad was the most impactful time of my life and has left a life-long impact on who I am as a person, as well as on my aspirations and goals as a student and a professional. As a student, studying abroad has improved how I do academically and personally.”