

**English language course  
For first year Nursing students**

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## 3. First Day at University

- What important days in your life do you remember? I remember my first day at university very clearly. I felt excited and happy. At the same time I was very nervous because I didn't know anyone. However, my first day at university was memorable.

**Clearly:** obviously, easy to perceive, understand, or interpret.

**Nervous:** worried, anxious

**Memorable:** important, remarkable, unforgettable



- At first, I was confused and lost. I didn't know where to go. I had to ask a stranger where the first year students were going to meet. This person was very polite and showed me the way. I walked through some big buildings, and when I arrived I saw many students and I felt scared.

**Confused:** unable to think clearly, hazy, unclear

**Scared:** afraid, terrified



- After a while, I told myself to be braver. I asked one girl what was happening and we discovered that we were in the same group. We introduced ourselves. Her name was May. We joined in with the activities for “freshie” students. Soon, I started feeling much better. The activities helped me feel part of a team and I was beginning to feel that I had become a university student.

**Freshie:** newcomer

**Feel part:** to be included or involved



- Later, we began our classes. However, all our classmates were quiet. The teacher talked for a while and then we introduced ourselves. I met two girls. Their names were June and Apple. Soon we became good friends and started chatting and learnt more about each other. Although we came from different provinces we had a lot in common. We spent the rest of the day together until we had to go home.

**Classmates:** fellow members of a class at school or college

**Chatting:** talk in a friendly and informal way

**Provinces:** region, state, country

**a lot in common:** to share interests, beliefs, attitudes, opinions,...



- I am always going to remember that day because I had the opportunity to meet many people. Most importantly, I met the best friends that I have ever had. Finally, I think that it is natural that on our first day at university we feel nervous, but often difficult experiences have happy endings. That's why I say that my first day in the university was very memorable.



## Questions

- How did the student feel at the beginning of the first day at university?
- When did the student's first day start to improve?
- What do you think was the best thing that happened to the student on this day?
- Do you think the writer is male or female? Why?
- Do you think this person went on to be a successful student? Explain?

