

You found the following story in a blog written by one of your classmates at school.

My First Tamale

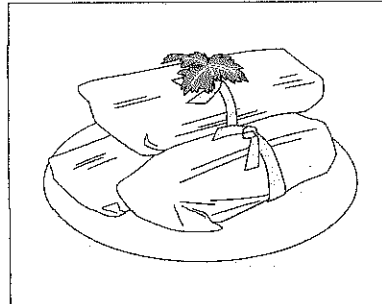
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"You've never eaten tamales?" asked my friend Ana. "Then we're going this weekend! I know a great restaurant."

Last Saturday, we visited 8th Street around noontime. We saw Mexican and Central American restaurants that served different kinds of food. The stores there sold *piñatas*, toys, clothing, and CDs of music from Mexico. Then we saw one restaurant with a really long line.

"That's how you know it's a good place," said Ana. We waited for 20 minutes to order, but we didn't mind. It was a nice day, and we enjoyed talking and people-watching.

When we got our food, I took a picture of my plate. Then I picked up a tamale to take a bite. But Ana stopped me. "No, you have to unwrap it first!" she said, laughing. Each tamale was wrapped in a corn leaf, but I didn't know you couldn't eat the leaf!



We tried chicken and vegetable tamales. They were delicious! I was hungry, so I finished all of the tamales on my plate! Ana took one of hers home to eat later.

I want to go back with Ana to try more tamales. The restaurant also serves tamales with pork and chilies!

問 1 At the restaurant, the writer of this blog

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- ① disliked having to wait a long time to order
- ② had to be told the right way to eat a tamale
- ③ wanted to try another restaurant on 8th Street
- ④ was unhappy there were no pork tamales

問 2 You learned that the writer of this blog

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- ① ate three chicken and vegetable tamales and plans to return
 - ② bought a CD of Mexican music and took one tamale home
 - ③ preferred the pork and chili tamales to the chicken tamales
 - ④ waited in line but could only eat two of her tamales
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You found a story on a blog on the Internet about exchange programs.

Exchange Program Report

Dang Chooyat

I recently went to America on an exchange program. I'm from Thailand. I wanted to improve my English because when I used English with visitors to my city, I felt very nervous. So, I searched for an exchange program. I also phoned a friend to ask for advice. She said, "Go to America!" After my parents said OK, I used my savings to help get the airplane tickets. I couldn't wait to go!

When I got to America, it was different from what I had expected. Because the town was in New York State, I thought I would be in a big city. But it was actually very small. There wasn't much to do, and it was very cold. My host family was great, though. They knew I was sad and tried to cheer me up. On my first night we had pizza and stayed up late watching American action movies.

The next day I went skiing. I had never been skiing and was a little nervous. My host family gave me warm clothes and skis. I told them I would just watch as I might fall behind, and it wouldn't be fun for good skiers like them. They said I didn't need to worry, so I gave it a try.

The next day I went to high school. My first class was English. The teacher gave us new words to memorize. Later, the teacher said to give a speech in front of the class. When it was my turn, I did my best and the whole class clapped and cheered. I felt great and thought that I should be brave and talk to people in English whenever I could. That's what I do, and I am a better person now. Staying in America was a wonderful experience!

問 1 According to the story, Dang's feelings changed in the following order:

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- ① nervous → disappointed → excited → anxious → happy
- ② nervous → disappointed → happy → excited → anxious
- ③ nervous → excited → disappointed → anxious → happy
- ④ nervous → excited → happy → disappointed → anxious
- ⑤ nervous → happy → anxious → excited → disappointed
- ⑥ nervous → happy → excited → anxious → disappointed

問 2 Dang did not want to ski because he might

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- ① be slow
- ② get too cold
- ③ injure himself
- ④ look bad

問 3 From this story, you can understand that Dang

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- ① discovered that it was better to focus on what he was good at
- ② found that if he tried his best, he could gain confidence
- ③ learned that studying a lot was the only way to be successful
- ④ realized that pretending to do something well could impress others