**Is a year abroad a good idea?**

Nowadays, more and more companies are often more interested in real work experience than in grades. However, many students are not sure if a year abroad is a good idea. In my opinion there are several advantages and some disadvantages.

Firstly, it is important to understand why grades are not that important. Often students just learn for there exam and after that they forget everything. A grade does not define how advanced your skills are. In an internship you can learn some other abilities than in school, like soft skills.

Nevertheless, you should know the disadvantage of a year abroad. The language is often a big problem. Most of the time you will not be able to understand the locals. Also, the prices for travellers are usually very high.

However, there are various ways how to spend a year abroad. Many students use the year to acquire new skills or learn more about the country. Some may use the time to relax and clear their heads. Those are of the opinion that they deserve a break after overcoming many obstacles and enduring the stress of school. Others also see this as an opportunity to find a job to earn some money.

To sum up a year abroad can give an insight into the culture of another country, but it can also take away your work experience. But in the end, everyone has to decide for themselves what would be best for them.