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Summary of the paper “International Students in US: Feel Hard When Writing?”

The paper focus on the writing problems that international students in the U.S. face. In the past years, the number of international students has dramatically increased and thus there are more and more problems caused by the international students in the U.S. campus. The writing is an important aspect. As college students, they have to write many things for both academic and non-academic purpose. In that situation, how the write in the U.S. way becomes important, because that will influence their social activities and their academic performance. The international students have problem in writing in the U.S. way, although some people indicates that is a minor problem, because they have language barriers, conservative and indirect culture, and different writing style in their native country.

First of all, international students have berries of language. The English is not their native language so that will negatively affects them when they are writing and reading. They have to spend a lot of time to read and compose an email, which reduce the efficiency of communication. They cannot recognize all the words, and that also cause communication barriers when wring. They spend a lot of time to practice English, which influence their academic performance because native students do better on that.

Second, the culture background is different for the international students in the U.S. In American people talk directly. They prefer to speak all they thought in a direct way and do not like to assume and guess how others thought. However international students from some Asian countries does not like the directness. They sometimes feel offended by the direct talking and sometimes because American people confused by the indirect words.

Moreover, international students often have different writing style preference before they come to the U.S. In some country, the writing email are more formal than in the U.S. People shows respect and use formal words to prove that. However, in the U.S. people are not that formal and prefer to talk as friends to everyone. International students also face problems of academic writing difference. They prefer to copy the words from the authorities but American people does not allow people to do that.

The universities do start to help international students deal with that. The peer helping program and language and writing class are launched in many campus. Those efforts can reduce the negative effects of the writing problems but still not perfect. International students have to spend more time to learn the culture and immerse into the community, or they must feel hard dealing with the writing communication.