

# DIMUNITE



# MIGRATION

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Welcome, Dear Reader:

The seventh annual Dulwich International Model United Nations Conference - DIMUN VII - is here! Model United Nations offer great opportunities for students who are passionate about international affairs, who have already recognised global concerns, and who are prepared to make this world a better place by challenging it.

So, how are you on this beautiful Friday? Are you finalising your resolutions? Are you ready to bring some heat to the conference? I hope Beijing is extra charming today, and I hope you are ready for this year's DIMUN. If this is your first time participating, you have my warmest welcomes. It's going to be a good one, I can feel it.

As Head of Press, I am extremely honoured to be a part of DIMUN VII. And I will lead my team with one goal in mind, and that is to make this year's DIMUN memorable for each and every participant. We go around to take pictures, conduct interviews, write articles, and to make puzzles for you to enjoy. All content can be found in our daily-published DIMUNITE. Make sure you tune in for each issue!

We would *love* to get to know each and every one of you, but that is nearly impossible. So if you see one of us in the room or in the hallway, please do not be afraid to introduce yourself, and share some interesting stories that happened in this year's DIMUN over the three days of the conference.

Dear Reader, I will have to go take some photos now. My hair is knotted, feet are sore, and my eyes are tired but they are open and alive. I hope you feel the same.

Run now. Bring hope to the future. Peace to all.

Kayla Cao

Editor-in-Chief of DIMUNITE VII



# PICTURES from DAY 1





# PICTURES from DAY 1 (continued)



## Discrimination

Discrimination is like dust in our rooms. We acknowledge its presence in the background of our daily lives but we always fail to be more proactive in the thought of removing it. As a result, it expands its territory without being interrupted, and accumulates into an enormous ball of formidable dirt.

Taking this analogy further, victims of various types of discrimination are like the wooden floor of our rooms. They are constantly being oppressed by the 'dust' building up upon itself, flourishing at the expense of their dignity, safety and rights. Article 2 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights states that, "Everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth in this Declaration, without distinction of any kind, such as race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status," which, simply put, means that we are all ultimately human beings entitled to the same rights and no one shall be excluded. No one.

Unfortunately, our global community is presently a hotbed for racial discrimination, gender-based discrimination and other forms of unjust treatment. Due to absolutely random genetic mutation and evolution of human beings, people with a skin tone that is abnormal in their community are being cast with derogatory comments and prejudiced treatment. This poignant sentiment spreads like a disease across different ages and settings. Children are denied access or have limited access to education, job applicants are rejected and teenagers are bullied. And that, is just because of their skin colour. If we can appreciate art in different forms and colour, why can't we remove our tinted lenses and accept the superficial differences in people?

Gender-based discrimination is also prevalent in the world that we live in. Despite the fact that majority of the world has shifted from traditional beliefs regarding gender, stereotypes are still embedded in schools and workplaces. Boys are believed to excel in sciences and girls are believed to be more mature. Believed. A student's performance relies on diligence and intelligence, not his/her gender. The only difference that sets boys and girls apart is the presence of the Y-chromosome. Similarly, women face doubtful glances when applying for male-dominant occupations such as doctors and CEOs, and men face snide remarks when their occupation is female-dominant such as nurses and models. Each and every person should be judged upon their individual strengths and weaknesses, instead of being victimized by senseless assumptions.

Linking this notion to a world issue that has been brought to attention, refugees who have fled their home countries that they considered undesirable to seek asylum in host countries are also victims of discrimination. People in host countries, also identified as bystanders in the refugee crisis, often associate refugees with crime, violence and social unrest. They view refugees as a collective group of amoral beings who are malignant by nature. 53% of Americans voted against allowing the entrance of Syrian refugees after the attacks in Paris in 2015, later claimed responsibility by the Islamic State of Iraq and Levant, shocked the world. It is true that these culprits are all linked to Islamic radicals, but not all refugees are potential suicide bombers or radicals. The world has to recognise this fact and bring the normalising of this blanketing assumption to a halt.

Once again, if the 'dust' is not removed, an enormous ball of formidable dirt will be left sitting at a negligible corner of the room. However, with sufficient amount of effort, compassion and collaboration, it is possible to eradicate this problem. Maybe not in the near future, but the following generations may be lucky enough to live in a world rid of unnecessary discrimination.

# COMMITTEES AND TOPICS

## DIMUN VII THEME: THE GREAT MIGRATION

### GA - General Assembly

1. The promotion of freedom of expression in LEDCs
2. Reducing racial discrimination in education
3. The question of legalizing recreational drugs
4. Establishing ethical boundaries on the usage of military drones

### ECOSOC - Economic and Social Council

1. Measures to increase economic opportunities for migrants within Europe
2. Combating political corruption in South America
3. Implementation of Tobin Tax on global financial trades
4. Reassessing gender equality in workplaces

### ENV - Environment Commission

1. Determining a global consensus on the ethical treatment of animals
2. Combatting further development of antibiotic resistant diseases
3. Combatting the spread of invasive species
4. Measures to prevent poaching of endangered animals in Central Africa

### HRC - Human Rights Council

1. Addressing the issue of child soldiers in war-torn countries in Africa
2. Combatting violent extremism in MEDCs
3. Measures to prevent the loss of civil liberties in the war on terror
4. Redefining privacy as a means of national security

### DIS - Disarmament Council

1. Measures to successfully clear landmines and other dangerous remnants of war from post-conflict zones in South East Asia
2. Preventing terrorists from acquiring weapons of mass destruction
3. Question of non-proliferation of general arms in the Middle East
4. Preventing the militarisation of the Israeli-Palestinian Area

### SC - Security Council

1. Situation in Democratic Republic of Congo
2. Situation in Afghanistan
3. Situation in the Central African Republic
4. Question of territorial disputes in the Israeli-Palestinian Borders

### SPC on displaced persons

1. Encouraging education for refugee children in Eastern Africa
2. Preventing the exploitation of migrants in workplaces in East Asia.
3. The displacement of climate change refugees from Sub-Saharan Africa
4. Reducing the widespread prejudice towards migrants

# INTERVIEW with

## Keynote Speaker

## Kalisha Holmes

conducted by Antara Purohit

audio-recorded and transcribed by Angelina Yang

A = Antara Purohit

K = Kalisha Holmes



### **A: Could you please describe your job and what it entails?**

K: I work at the US embassy with the Beijing American Centre, which is our public basing office with an embassy. We do outreach to the Chinese public primarily, giving them resources to English language, books, DVDs, magazines, English language teaching and also we provide educational advising services for any students that would like to study in the US. We also do cultural programs, that give people an idea of what American people's culture and values are like.

### **A: what inspired you to work at the embassy?**

K: I think, from a very young age, I wanted to learn different languages, go to different places around the world, and meet people from different backgrounds. I went to a very diverse high school that had over a hundred nationalities represented, so I grew up a lot of children of immigrants so I was exposed early on to an international experience and just had a passion from a young age to learn languages. I studied Spanish and then Chinese, and Arabic also. So it naturally let me into this field and also caring a lot about international affairs. I think this job is the perfect combination of most of my passions.

### **A: Does your current job involve working with the United Nations?**

K: Not in my current job or at this level. The state department works a lot with the UN back in the US. It actually staffs our UN positions. At my level I focus mostly on the bilateral relationship with China, but hopefully later in my career I would be able to work with the UN.

### **A: Do you have an experience that made a huge impact on your career?**

K: One of the most interesting events that I put on in this job was having a woman who made a documentary about Tibetan women living in Beijing. The producer was American, the subjects of the documentary were Tibetans, and the audience was largely Han Chinese. The conversation that developed was very interesting and we showed it because it touched on a lot of values we care about. But I think for a lot of the people in the audience it was the first time they really thought about diversity in China, which is a conversation that Americans had everyday. It was a very interesting and eye-opening experience, and I thought that it was a conversation that should happen more here, so I was happy to facilitate here.

### **A: And one final question: you are stuck on an island with an iPod with only one song on it, what would it be?**

K: Probably the Beatles - "Come Together", I love that song. I would go with that.



# ARTICLE -

by [Antara Purohit](#)

## 2016 Presidential Elections in the United States

Every four years, the United States holds a presidential election to choose the next leader of the country. It is a chance for the whole country to decide which of the candidates will make America a better place for them. This has been happening for over two centuries now, but the 2016 presidential election has been a particularly popular topic of discussion across the globe. The reason for this is because of the sheer vitriol and rhetoric being used and broadcasted worldwide, related to this debate. The election is also making history, as this is the first time a female candidate has been selected as the nominee from one of the two main political parties.

The candidates in this race are Hillary Clinton, the nominee for the Democratic Party, and Donald Trump, the nominee for the Republican Party.

Hillary Clinton has been in political spaces for about 30 years. She went to Wellesley College in 1965 and later entered Law school in Yale University. She then became First Lady of Arkansas when her husband President Bill Clinton became governor of the state in 1982. Her First Lady title became even bigger when Bill became President in 1992. She was the first Presidential spouse to take up a job in the White House, and she continued to serve in varying roles as her husband stayed president for two terms, until President George Bush succeeded President Clinton. Having been a Senator for New York during 9/11, First Lady and Secretary of State from 2009 to 2012, she has earned a reputation as driven, poised and very articulate.

Donald Trump is an American billionaire, real estate magnet, part-time reality TV host, and businessman. He has gained worldwide acclaim for his management of the "Trump Empire", after succeeding his father, who built the empire from scratch. In this election he is known as the 'outsider', because unlike Secretary Clinton, he has had no military or political experience. This is an advantage for Trump because in America, many people think the political system is flawed, and they believe that an outsider such as Trump can bring a much-needed change. His rhetoric at rallies is also very casual, as compared to Clinton's more polished tone. This is also appealing to the masses, as many feel he is more relatable and he understands exactly what the American people want.

Each candidate, however, has his or her shortcomings. Clinton, although experienced, has had her integrity questioned multiple times during her career. The most recent case of this is her notorious 'emails scandal', where the FBI revealed that during her time as Secretary of State, sometimes Clinton did not use her government-approved email server to send emails. Instead, she set up her own private server, which the government and FBI were not aware of, and used this to send emails that contained classified and confidential government files. Upon discovering this, the FBI had to open an investigation into the incident, as this proved that Clinton had been reckless and irresponsible.

At the same time, Trump has come under fire for his ignorant, divisive and sometimes lewd remarks while on the campaign trail. He has judged people, and questioned their authority, based on their ethnicity or religious affiliation. Tapes have surfaced of conversations in which he used very derogatory language to describe women, and boasted about using his fame to make women do what he wants them to do. Following this, over a dozen women have claimed that they

were sexually assaulted by Trump. These actions have made many people, not just in America, but globally, question whether or not he is suited to lead one of the biggest nations. He has also seen 6 bankruptcies over the course of his business career, and has been accused of paying immigrant workers less than minimum wage, and employing them for longer than the average shift, to build his various casinos and hotels in America. Therefore, Trump has also been proven to be dishonest.

On November 8th, 2016, America decided whom they want as their President. Both candidates had strengths and weaknesses but in the end, it was very obvious who would be the next president of the United States of America. Hillary Clinton was beaten by Trump by 74 votes in the end. Many people rejoiced his win. Many mourned Hillary's loss. Many even started rebelling against Trump and his policies and it started to get dangerous. There are still protests about women or the travel ban but in my opinion, the protests are only short lived moments. After a day or two, you forget about it and continue with your life. The protests don't change anything. It only causes attention to the protesters.

In conclusion, there was a lot of political drama that started and continued during months of the presidential debates. Even though the result was unexpected, let's hope that it was a good choice.



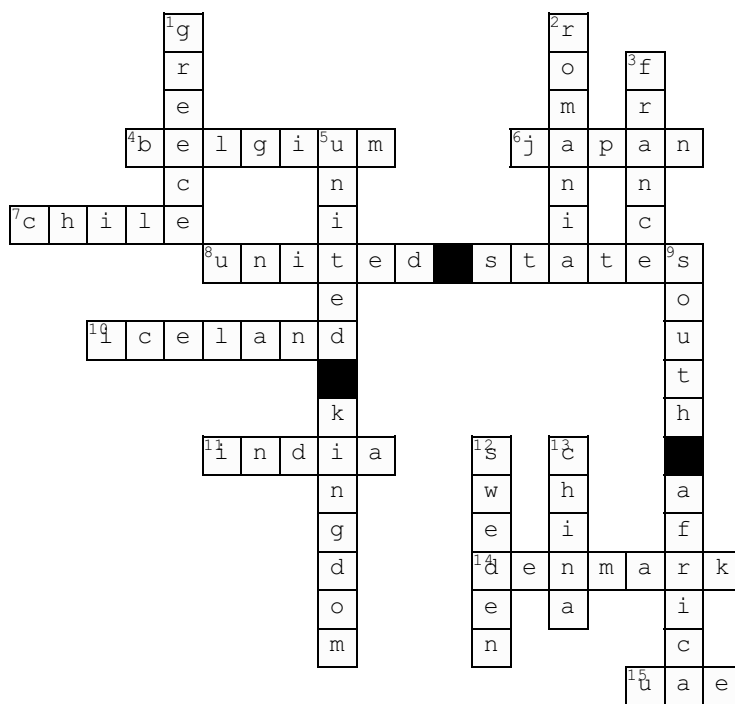
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# ACTIVITY –

## answer to previous issue

### Crosswords: Countries

Complete the crossword below. (Note: Some may be abbreviations.)



Created with TheTeachersCorner.net [Crossword Puzzle Generator](http://www.theteacherscorner.net/CrosswordPuzzleGenerator)

#### Across

4. This country set the record for the longest time without a government in peacetime. (**belgium**)
6. National fish: koi. (**japan**)
7. A country along South America's western edge. (**chile**)
8. National bird: bald eagle. (**united states**)
10. Capital: Reykjavik (**iceland**)
11. The second most populous country. (**india**)
14. Home to The Little Mermaid. (**denmark**)
15. Home to the tallest building (2017). (**uae**)

#### Down

1. Capital: Athens. (**greece**)
2. Home to Transylvania. (**romania**)
3. National animal: Gallic Rooster (**france**)
5. Home to the longest running Sci-Fi TV show. (**united kingdom**)
9. A country at the southernmost tip of the African continent. (**south africa**)
12. The country has a strong commitment to neutrality, and is known for its watches and chocolates. (**sweden**)
13. Home to the longest wall. (**china**)

# INTERVIEW –

## with Ivy Kang and Sandy Yun

Name: Sandy Yun, Ivy Kang

School: DCB

Are you a delegate: No, we are both admins

### 1) Describe yourself in 3 adjectives.

S: I'll do yours and you can do mine

S: You are.. charismatic, interesting, and.. weird

I: you are ambitious, fascinating, intelligent.

### 2) Is this your first time participating in a MUN conference?

S: I went to BelMUN as a delegate

### 3) Why were you interested in joining MUN this year?

S: I've never had a DIMUN experience before so I wanted to experience it before it is too late.

I: because for DIMUN, only KS3 students can be delegates so I wanted to try helping out

### 4) What do you want to achieve from this year's DIMUN?

S: Organisation skills

I: just like, making new friends

S: SHAUN...

### 5) Tell me one interesting fact you learned so far

s: i learnt that the whole DIMUN wouldn't have been possible without the people behind. it's probably true for UN too

I: me too

### 6) Why do you think people should join MUN?

S: it's a really good experience especially for KS3 students to interact with new people

I: Same here

### 7) How has it been so far? Are you enjoying yourself?

S: well.. the debate hasn't started so we are not quite sure but we think today's going to be a great day.

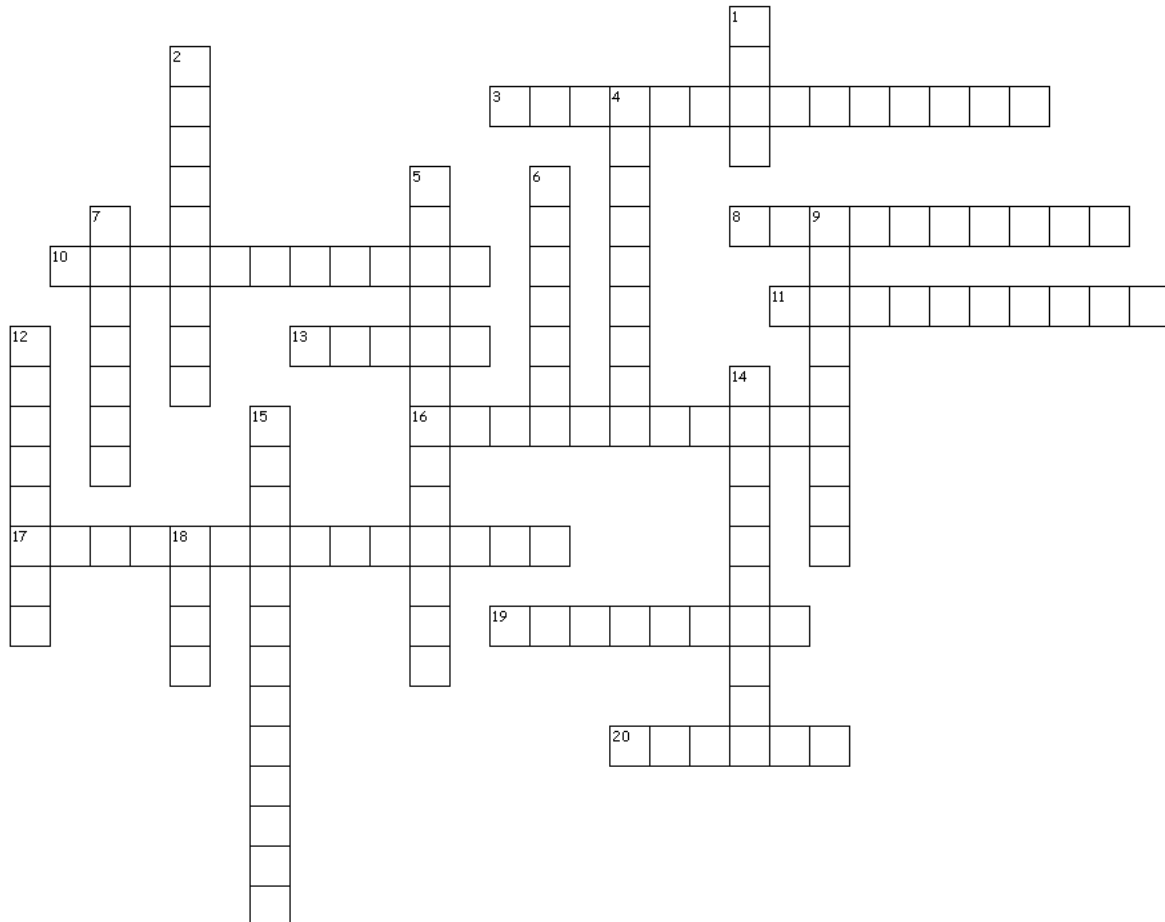




# ACTIVITY –

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## DIMUN 2017



### Across

- 3. The state or fact of have a duty to deal with something or of having control over someone
- 8. Lack of equality
- 10. President of the United States of America
- 11. A right that is believed to belong justifiably to every person
- 13. An important topic or problem for debate or discussion
- 16. Not influenced or controlled by others of opinion, conduct etc.
- 17. he basic physical and organizational structures and facilities needed for the operation of a society or enterprise.
- 19. A person sent or authorised to represent others
- 20. Make or become different

### Down

- 1. Mexican currency
- 2. An Islamic extremist group based in northeastern Nigeria
- 4. First or original type or model
- 5. The imparting or the exchanging of information or news
- 6. The arts and other manifestations of human intellectual achievement regarded collectively
- 7. The aggregate of people living together in more or less ordered community
- 9. An enlightening experience
- 12. The belief in or practice of disinterested and selfless concern for the well-being of others
- 14. The state of being or the process of becoming aware of something through the senses
- 15. An intergovernmental organization to promote international co-operation
- 18. Largest continent on Earth

Puzzle made by Kayla Cao

# INTERVIEW with Carissa Wu

School: Concordia ShangHai

Committee: General Assembly

Are you a delegate: No, I work as a Chair.

**1) Describe yourself in 3 adjectives.**

Three adjectives? Interesting... I don't know what to say!

**2) Is this your first time participating in a MUN conference?**

No, it's like my eighth time.

**3) Why were you interested in joining MUN this year?**

I joined DIMUN in middle school, so I always wanted to participate as a delegate. And this year I thought I needed to do chair. So, I was like "Oh, I will go to DIMUN!"

**4) What do you want to achieve from this year's DIMUN?**

I think it would be really fun working with all the middle school delegates and getting throwbacks to middle school when I was one of the delegates.

**5) Tell me one interesting fact you learned from researching for committee issues.**

I learned that a lot of Syrian refugees' migrants don't go to school.

**6) What advice would you give for new MUN participants?**

I would say don't care too much about embarrassing yourself, just do it because you are not going to see this people again, haha!

**7) How has it been so far? Are you enjoying yourself?**

Yes, it is pretty good. I mean we just did opening speeches, but I am already excited to experience what is about to happen in the next 3 days.



# INTERVIEW with Riley, Grace and Ali

School: WAB

Committee: HRC, ENV

Are you a delegate: Yes

**1) Describe yourself in 3 adjectives.**

R: Sarcastic, crazy and I guess bear-like

G: Weird, creative and immature

A: Amazing, beautiful, awesome.

**2) Is this your first time participating in a MUN conference?**

Yes

**3) Why were you interested in joining MUN this year?**

Our friends told us that it was fun, so we joined!

**4) What do you want to achieve from this year's DIMUN?**

G: Not much.

A: I just want to get better in debating

**5) Tell me one interesting fact you learned from researching for your resolution.**

I don't know.

95% of world's best raspberry come from Serbia

**7) How has it been so far? Are you enjoying yourself?**

Yes, I messed up my opening speech, but yeah.

Yes, I was really nervous during my speech, but people were really nice, so it is fun.



# INTERVIEW with Bella

School: BSM

Committee:

Are you a delegate: Yes

**1) Describe yourself in 3 adjectives.**

Umm.. annoying, confident and... I don't know.

**2) Is this your first time participating in a MUN conference?**

Yes

**3) Why are you interested in joining MUN this year?**

I really like debating and I wanted to go to a conference.

**4) What do you want to achieve from this year's DIMUN?**

I want to be able to be more confident in speaking.

**5) Tell me one interesting fact you learned from researching for your resolution.**

I can't think of any facts right now, because I am doing Syrian environment.

**6) Why do you think people should join MUN? Why is it important?**

So, that they can learn countries and get more confident in speaking.

**7) How has it been so far? Are you enjoying yourself?**

Yes!





# INTERVIEW with Zion Tang

School: DCB

Committee: ECOSOC

Are you a delegate: Yes

1) Describe yourself in 3 adjectives.

Cool, and... I really don't know!

2) Is this your first time participating in a MUN conference?

Yes

3) Why are you interested in joining MUN this year?

I wanted to do MUN since I was in junior school, because I thought it would be a good experience towards achieving my goal in the future.

4) What do you want to achieve from this year's DIMUN?

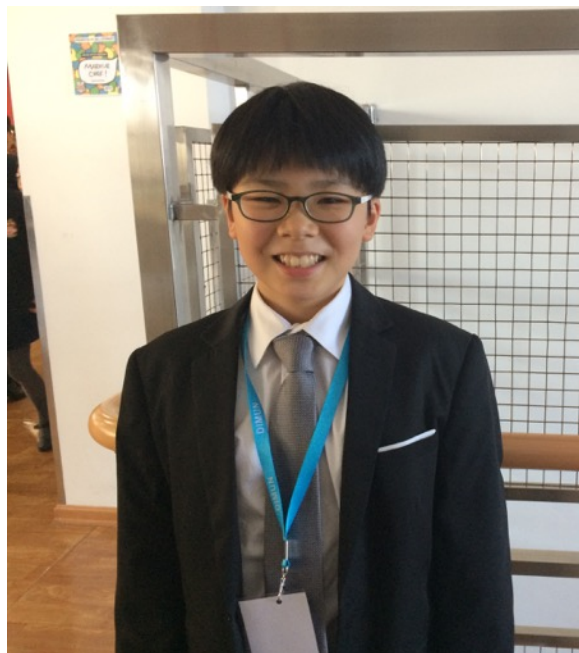
First, I want to improve my English.

5) Tell me one interesting fact you learned from researching for your resolutions.

Civil war happened in Syria was this bad. I thought it was a normal battle against countries, but then I learned that it was much more serious.

7) How has it been so far? Are you enjoying yourself?

Yes, I am enjoying myself. It is fun.



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