

To all the non native English speakers entering ENG101 at the UofSC,
Having a different name for “English” in their respective native languages
whether it be Angreji, angrezi, ingles, yingyu or anglais,

This is a message especially for you,

From one foreign language speaker to the other,

It is okay not to be fluent in English,

It is okay not to watch Squid games,

It is okay not to know Saleena Gomez’s songs,

It is okay not to go with the flow

& It is okay not to be a part of the crowd!

It is okay to use your native language in public,

It is okay to wear salwar kameez at school,

It is okay to eat roti-sabzi during break,

It is okay to be proud of your culture,

& It is okay to cherish your own identity!

It is okay to think from a different perspective,

It is okay to argue against history,

It is okay to ask questions,

It is okay to raise voice against evil,

& It is okay to be the only one in the group!

Relax and don’t worry about the big transition,

I’m there, someone is always there for you,

Come with the motive of making this world a beautiful place,

& we’ll together make it true.

- From my experiences & of course from my heart.

Nupur Shah