

Tunghai University S-L Reflection/ Virtual Expo Submission



The Task: Image-ination

On your slide, please share at least **2 images** (either both from the web, or 1 from the web and 1 screenshot of you and your partner in a meeting) and reflect how the image relates to your service. Write **at least two complete sentences for each image** explaining the relation of the pictures to your feelings, experience, conversation topics...anything you want really! You can use Chinese or English in your response. In addition to the English name on your slide, please add your **Chinese name** to your slide. Feel free to add an additional slide if you need more room.



Sidney (example)

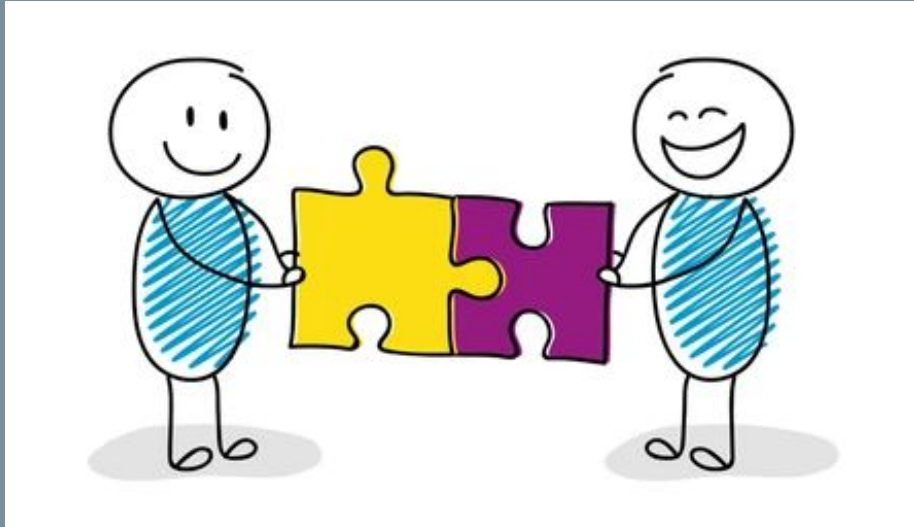


Being an S-L TA has been like an adventure. I am sometimes not sure how certain things are going to work out as problems arise and deadlines inch closer for meeting all S-L goals, but it has been a great adventure, as I have learned so much by taking on this role this semester!

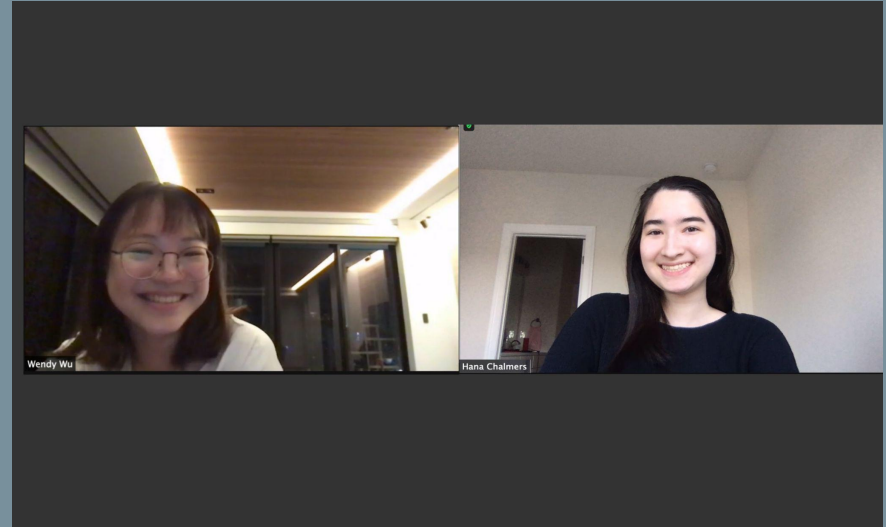


This picture depicts the creative side of S-L as well as all the ideas in my head. Being an S-L TA requires project management skills; this job helped me better my skills in bridging the gap between ideation and carrying them out.

Hana- 华娜



This photo symbolizes the relationship between me and Wendy as we slowly learned to overcome our language barrier. At first it was hard to communicate but we were able to persevere and learn about our cultural differences.



After a couple meetings me and Wendy became friends and got to learn a lot about each other. It was so interesting to hear about the school culture in taiwan as well as her experience in Canada. I enjoyed the opportunity to get to know her and hopefully keep in touch with her.

Kirby 蔡明德

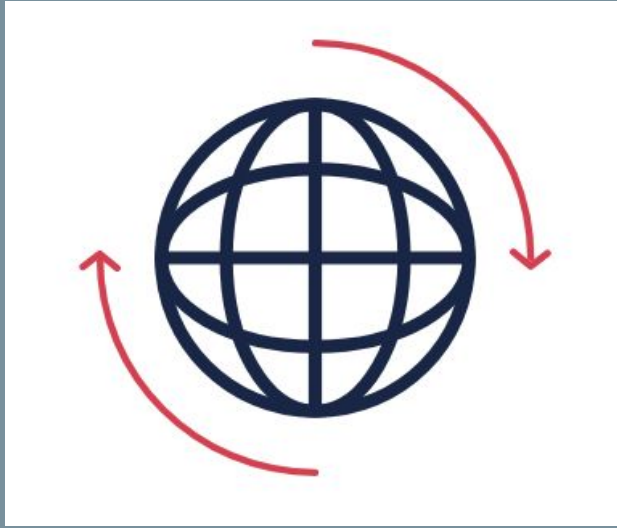


This image represents my experience because I was able to share my culture with my speaking partner. It was also very interesting to hear about her culture and discover where our cultures are similar and different.



I think one thing we definitely were able to talk about was both being college students. We were able to talk about how our college experiences were similar and different. I think this was one way we were able to initiate conversation

Nancy 韩玲佳



Taking part in Service Learning this semester has allowed me to share my culture and learn about another. 我真的很喜欢学习台湾文化。

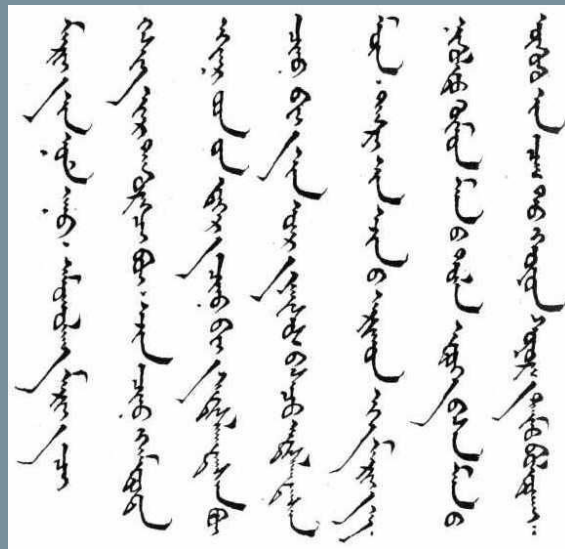


Talking to my S-L partner has been a great experience, but it has had its challenges. 但是, 我们已经能够彼此了解。

Aidan 陆爱仁



Michael and I quickly found out that we had some things in common, especially since he turned out to be a fan of my home basketball team! Since basketball isn't a sport I know much about, he was actually able to tell me a lot that I didn't know, and I think that must have given him some extra confidence. Additionally, I was able to tell him about guitar and some other instruments I play, so even regarding our differences we were able to find comfortable conversation topics.



Since Michael is originally from Mongolia and is also learning Mandarin as a second language, we were able to find common ground in learning Mandarin and discuss our thoughts regarding studying the language. It turns out we both think tones and sounding like a native speaker are difficult!

Emma - 芮小櫻



Service Learning almost felt like I got to travel to Taiwan and experience the culture for myself. It was interesting and exciting to exchange cultures while also helping each other with language.



Through this SL experience, I got to make a new friend, who I will continue to engage with after the semester ends. I am very thankful to have met such an amazing person in my new friend Vanessa!

Christian- 克里斯



One topic we talked about was food. Amanda was on exchange in the states and had tried a few American foods, so I asked here how she liked a few classics.



We talked a lot about our experiences in college. I found it interesting that she is studying international business.

Jinju



In one of our meetings, my service learning partner and I both expressed our interest in travelling. We made a connection between East Taiwan and Hawai'i, and how the vibe is similar in both places.



Through this service learning experience, I learned a lot more about Taiwanese culture and customs. I also had the chance to interact with someone with different cultural background which gave me a better perspective of the lifestyles outside of the United States.

Charlotte (尹萍)



I really enjoyed this experience. Although in the beginning I was nervous and was not sure how it was going to go, I had a really fun time. Not only was I able to make a new friend, but I was also able to learn about some more cultural differences between Taiwan and America that aren't as apparent but are integrated into everyday life.



During our meetings Jessica and I discussed a lot of different topics, but we every meeting we always talked about our dogs. Jessica has a six or eight year old dog named Luna. During one of our meetings she was was at home and I got to meet her dog through zoom!