

Aadab, Hope all is well back home, all is pretty good here. I had a busy day, waking up early to have breakfast before heading to the gym. Then I had to go to the language institute for my Urdu studies. Classes were cut short today because we took a trip to the U.S. Embassy here in Delhi. We had a meeting with a Foreign Area Officer assigned to India, an Army Major. After speaking with him, I realized I did not know much about U.S. and India foreign relations and interactions. Throughout the entirety of this trip I am constantly learning new things about the world and myself. It has truly been a worthwhile experience to come here to India. Huda Hafez, Kai.



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## Memorable Moments

**Funniest:** We were having chicken drumsticks for dinner one night, and my roommate referred to it as morghi, which meant chicken in Hindi. The whole family started laughing hysterically, because morghi is only used to refer to a whole live chicken - not cooked! It was a pretty funny moment even though we were quite confused.

**Most challenging:** There were many moments when we were faced with the realities of life and poverty, like little kids begging for food or seeing a dead man in the streets. As much as you wanted to help everyone, you could not, and that was difficult to accept.

**Favorite:** On my last night, like every night in Delhi, my roommate, our host family and I simply sat down, had tea and dinner, and talked for several hours. They were truly wonderful people, and I will never forget the memories we created and shared these past two months.

## Cultural Differences

**What I learned from my homestay family...** Every day we talked extensively about topics ranging from the history of India to the meaning of life. They were very wise and very kind people, and I will not forget our time together.

## New Perspective

**I was surprised to learn...** so much about myself. I was aware that I would learn a great deal about India and the world in general. However, and perhaps more importantly, I learned a lot about my own perspectives and beliefs that I was not necessarily prepared for.

**My advice:** Come in with an open mind and be prepared for life to be different. Embrace and understand these differences, and use them to grow as an individual. Make the most out of the time you have abroad.