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TalkAbroad Reflections 2

For my second TalkAbroad assignment, I spoke with Tatiana Cadet. She is from Montreal. I feel like this one went better than the first, probably because I knew what to expect. I still had difficulties in understanding some of the questions though. For example, she asked about the cost of my phone, and I thought she was asking how much the device itself costs. When she was surprised by how high the number was, I was confused because the phone itself really was not too expensive. I finally came to the realization that she was asking about the monthly cost. I then found that my reasonable monthly plan is much less expensive than hers. Upon further research, I found that Canadian phone plans are very expensive compared to those in the United States. For example, one can pay a reasonable \$45 for unlimited talk, text, and data (with a generous 25GB at high speed) per month in the U.S. through Straight Talk. Similar plans in Canada through companies like Telus, Rogers, and Bell charge people more (around \$70 was the best I found) with less data at high speeds. This made me feel bad for her, but also made me more appreciative of how good we have it in the U.S.

About fifteen minutes into the conversation, I ran out of questions on the paper. Fortunately however, she was able to think of more questions relating to my family, pets, work, and stuff like that. I think she said that she teaches small children. I think that is great because that is what I want to do. Her experience as a teacher showed in the conversation as she was kind and patient

throughout. I would recommend anyone to speak with Ms. Cadet for their TalkAbroad assignment.