

Explain how you responded to a significant challenge that you have encountered and what you learned in the process. (maximum 200 words)

Being born in Canada made English my first language. It was really hard for me to communicate with my grandparents because they were native Chinese, therefore their English was extremely limited. The only means of me communicating with them was through my parents. I felt distant from my grandparents, almost as if they were strangers. One of the reasons that my parents decided to migrate my grandparents over was so my sister and I could bond with them since family is one of the top priorities in Chinese culture. But even after they came, I felt as if my family was still just my parents and I. In hopes of closing the gap between us, I asked my parents if I could register for a Saturday school Chinese program. After learning some Chinese, I started practice speaking it with my parents, and then with my grandparents. I can now hold a conversation with my grandparents without using another person as a medium. Even though I still have not perfected my Chinese, my relationship with my grandparents has significantly improved. I learned that being able to communicate is an essential part of human interaction that comes with many benefits.