

## Karen in America

从这一期开始，《互动天地》将推出全新的专栏《Karen in America》。熟悉《口语版》的蜂蜜们应该不会对Karen感到陌生，她曾经是《口语版》的编辑，现在正在美国求学，异国的风土人情、饮食文化……所有的一切都让她感到兴奋。于是，Karen想要与蜂蜜们一起来分享她在美国的所见所闻，以及学习英语的经验。

那么，我们一起来看看，本期Karen会与我们分享怎样的经历呢。

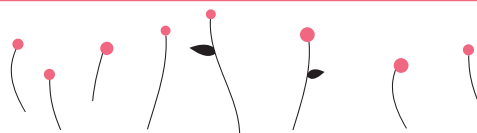


Hey Crazy English Speaker fans,

Did you enjoy your first day of school? I'm happy to write to y'all for this new column, "Karen in America". Yes, my name is Karen. I guess some of the old fans probably still remember me (I hope so). I used to be an editor for Crazy English Speaker. I edited a few columns, including "Free Podcast", "Hot Words" and of course, I read your devoted letters.

Thanks to editor Tiffany's giving me this opportunity, I'm back to share my insights on America with y'all. Before I go on, I hope you're not intimidated to read this English letter. I actually thought for a long time if I should write in Chinese, which may have been more likely to grab your eyeballs. But as an English learner, you must learn aggressively like a fighter. I've felt deeply about this during my study in the United States. So here you go! Expose yourself to the 26 English letters in their beautiful and meaningful combinations.

I've been in Pittsburgh studying for a year. During the past months, I took the opportunity to explore American life. I ate food that I normally wouldn't or couldn't eat in China; I watched dozens of awesome movies; I travelled to several American cities like New York, Boston, and Washington DC; I made a few American friends who are fascinated by Chinese culture; and I've definitely read aaaaaaa lot, which I enjoy tremendously.



As we all know, the United States is a huge country. The continent itself spans four time zones from east to west coast: Eastern Time, Central Time, Mountain Time and Pacifica Time. Hawaii Time and Alaska Time are separate time zones. The reason that I underscore the time differences is that the first thing you'd notice once you had landed in America is everything that happens is based on local time—the flight connections on the screen in the airport, the TV program schedules, the hotel bookings (if you ever travel to another time zone) and even the latest national news.

You'll see more individuality than conformity in America. For example, different states have their unique slogan and design on the car plates. The sales tax varies around the whole nation.

I look forward to telling you more about my experience in America next time. In the meantime, enjoy your new semester! And continue to support Crazy English Speaker.

