Taking English classes is considered hard for international students like me. On the other hand, taking this class might be easy for none international students. As an international student at Radford University, I took «AAPL-02» class to improve my skills of learning English. I remember my first day when I started taking “Practice-101”; I got a feeling that it was going to be hard because before I came to Radford University I was studying English at Georgetown University for one year. But by the time I start attending this class I realized that «AAPL-02» is not hard and at the same time not easy. I learned many skills like writing an opposing viewpoint essay, writing an argument essay from this class; I learned a lot from this class readings and I consider this an important benefit in my life.

Initially, learning to write opposing viewpoint essays was really hard for me since when I finished writing my first essay of this kind, the professor told me that it was wrong. This essay required more efforts from me to make it look good. This essay required an explanation from one of the class texts and two interviews. Also, I learned how to create a good introduction that could grab the readers’ attention and how to make thesis statements. Making quotations and smooth transitions is something that a student needs for improving the essay. When it came to the conclusion, I learned that I should be writing about the importance of issue that I am writing about and avoid adding new information.

Secondly, learning to write an argument essay was something I enjoyed doing in this class. This kind of essay involves making an argument about a certain issue. I learned from it that I have to respect other people’s opinions on the
issue that I wrote about. I gained the same skills that I did working on the previous essay except for the one that in conclusion I should be writing a solution for the issue. Also, while working on the argument essay, I had to format it in APA style which makes the essay look good.

Lastly, while I was attending my class, I learned something really important in my life which was how to treat people in a good way. I think of it all the time and I am trying hard to act good to others. I remember when we started discussing how to treat others, and how important it was. It was good that I learned something that would be helpful to me in the future. The benefit I got from this class goes back to Dr. Ren who is my professor. I am really thankful that she chose topics that could help her students to live better.

Summing up, I would like to say that I obtained the skills that are going to help me in my academic life. I am sure that there are a lot of skills that I have not learned yet. I would need to understand how to conduct a research and evaluate the quality in any information in «Practice-02». Also, I need to develop my reading skills by analyzing texts. I truly hope that I would learn more skills on top of the ones I have in «Practice-02». 