

# A to Z English

**Episode: A to Z Tips: OREO - Should you live in another country?**

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Today Jack and Kevin talk about whether everyone should live in another country for at least six months.

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(eatersmusic2000) <https://freemusicarchive.org/music/eaters/an-evening-with-tuck-pendleton/dig-your-own-soul/>

## Full Transcript

[00:00:00](#) Kevin

Welcome to A-Z English quick tips, OreO edition. We've got another OreO question. A quick opinion question that Jack and I are going to talk about today following the standard OreO advice.

[00:00:13](#) Kevin

Remember you can check our website and the show notes for the links to the original OreO episode so you can learn how you should.

[00:00:20](#) Kevin

Organize your short opinion questions as well.

[00:00:24](#)Kevin

And today I've been.

[00:00:26](#)Kevin

Thinking a lot about travel Jack I I haven't been able to travel.

[00:00:30](#)Kevin

In a while.

[00:00:30](#)Kevin

Because of COVID, but some of my friends are are planning to travel soon and you're going to travel as.

[00:00:37](#)Kevin

Well and we.

[00:00:38](#)Kevin

Both live in another country of course, and and have for a very long time.

[00:00:43](#)Kevin

I think I know our answers to this, but one question I often ask my students.

[00:00:49](#)Kevin

Is should everyone live in another country for at?

[00:00:54](#)Kevin

Least six months.

[00:00:56](#)Jack

Yeah, So what do?

[00:00:57](#)Kevin

You think do you?

[00:00:58](#)Kevin

Do you agree or disagree?

[00:00:59](#)Kevin

Everyone should live in another country for at least six months.

[00:01:02](#)Kevin

Is that a good idea or a bad?

[00:01:03](#)Kevin

Idea and then why?

[00:01:06](#)Jack

Well, here's my Oreo.

[00:01:08](#)Jack

I think everyone.

[00:01:09](#)Kevin

I'm gonna go ahead and actually I'm gonna time you really quick here Josh so.

[00:01:11](#)Jack

You gonna time me, OK?

[00:01:12](#)Kevin

But yeah, let's just go ahead and see what we can do.

[00:01:14](#)Kevin

So just like if this was a.

[00:01:16](#)Kevin

Speaking test all right you.

[00:01:17](#)Jack

So 30 seconds.

[00:01:18](#)Kevin

Ready if you need any time to think.

[00:01:18](#)Jack

Is that here is supposed to be one minute?

[00:01:21](#)Kevin

I'm just going to time you and we'll just see where it goes because every gust is different.

[00:01:25](#)Kevin

So we're just going to look at that.

[00:01:26](#)Kevin

Alright go.

[00:01:29](#)Jack

I think everyone should live in another country for six months because.

[00:01:34](#)Jack

When you live in another country.

[00:01:37](#)Jack

You realize that we are.

[00:01:40](#)Jack

All the same.

[00:01:43](#)Jack

And for example.

[00:01:45](#)Jack

When I moved to Thailand in 2001.

[00:01:49](#)Jack

I had never lived in another country before, but as I spent more time there, I started to realize that we aren't really that different at all.

[00:02:00](#)Jack

Humans are, we have different cultures and different traditions and customs, but mostly you know, overall we're very similar.

[00:02:09](#)Jack

We we we love our parents, we love our family.

[00:02:12](#)Jack

We love our children.

[00:02:14](#)Jack

We eat meals together, we laugh, we cry.

[00:02:17](#)Jack

We share so.

[00:02:18](#)Jack

Many things in common, much more than we have more things in common than we do different, so I for those reasons I think living in another country for six months is a great idea.

[00:02:33](#)Kevin

Nice, that was one minute and five seconds so you're just over.

[00:02:36](#)Jack

OK, I was.

[00:02:37](#)Jack

I'm shooting for one minute, although I did I stumbled in there a little bit.

[00:02:40](#)Jack

So yeah, but that.

[00:02:42](#)Kevin

Was quite close to one minute, so so pretty good.

[00:02:46](#)Kevin

But yeah, just a little bit a little bit over but not.

[00:02:48](#)Jack

A little bit long, yeah?

[00:02:49](#)Kevin

Yeah, a little bit long, but not bad at all.

[00:02:51](#)Kevin

I think that's pretty good because if you're watching a timer you could easily have have stopped yourself.

[00:02:56](#)Kevin

If you need to.

[00:02:59](#)Kevin

I obviously agree as well, but I'm going to try and give a different reason for for this.

[00:03:05](#)Kevin

Just because I don't want to repeat the same things, although I do very much agree with you, I think that was one of the the beautiful things about living in other

countries is meeting people from all over and and realizing that that we're all just people as well.

[00:03:19](#)Jack

Exactly right, right? So?

[00:03:23](#)Kevin

Let's see.

[00:03:25](#)Kevin

All right, I'm going to go with with something a little bit a little bit different here for this, but so are you going to time or?

[00:03:32](#)Kevin

Should I time myself?

[00:03:32](#)Jack

Yeah, I'm telling you I've got my stopwatch ready.

[00:03:37](#)Kevin

So I also believe that everyone should live in another country for at least six months, because by moving to another country and living in another country you not only learn about other people, which is very important, but you learn about yourself.

[00:03:54](#)Kevin

You learn about who you are.

[00:03:56](#)Kevin

For example, I lived in the Netherlands for a semester as a student and I went there.

[00:04:02](#)Kevin

I had no friends.

[00:04:03](#)Kevin

I had no family.

[00:04:04](#)Kevin

I didn't know anyone when I was there.

[00:04:08](#)Kevin

And in order to adapt in order to survive there, I couldn't be the same shy Kevin that I used to be, and I learned that I'm not that Kevin.

[00:04:18](#)Kevin

I learned who I am and how I deal in these stressful, interesting situations.

[00:04:24](#)Kevin

And you can learn so much about yourself when you go to another country.

[00:04:28](#)Kevin

So that's why I think everyone should spend at least six months in another country.

[00:04:34](#)Jack

And 55 seconds.

[00:04:37](#)Jack

Perfect you got it, yeah?

[00:04:39](#)Kevin

I was cheating.

[00:04:40](#)Kevin

I had the timer going on.

[00:04:41](#)Kevin

For myself as well, so I was able to watch it.

[00:04:44](#)Jack

Well, I think if we if we put ours together and divide it by two, we're right at.

[00:04:50](#)Jack

One and in.

[00:04:50](#)Kevin

We're we're, we got average and for everyone out there listening again.

[00:04:52](#)Jack

Our average time is 350.

[00:04:56](#)Kevin

Try and answer this question for yourself and get your stopwatch out and I would recommend because most speaking tests, which is the point of Oreos most speaking tests will give you a short amount of time to.

[00:05:08](#)Kevin

Pair so 30 seconds, maybe sometimes a minute.

[00:05:11](#)Kevin

So time yourself and have just a short time to think.

[00:05:15](#)Kevin

And then time yourself for your answer as well, and try and stop right around a minute a little bit less is OK, usually a little bit over is not OK, but it depends on on the test that you're doing.

[00:05:26](#)Kevin

But aim for.

[00:05:27](#)Kevin

Close to one minute and if you go under if you go over that's fine.

[00:05:31](#)Kevin

The whole point is to practice, practice practice and Oreos gets easier and easier.

[00:05:36](#)Kevin

Every time you do it, which is why we're doing this every time.

[00:05:41](#)Kevin

So come talk about it for yourself and then come to our WhatsApp Facebook website anywhere you want and share your Oreos with us.

[00:05:51](#)Kevin

If you want, you can type it out and we can look at the grammar there.

[00:05:54](#)Kevin

And if you want you can also record it and if we have time, we'll we'll listen to your.

[00:05:58](#)Kevin

Oreos and see if we can.

[00:06:00](#)Kevin

See if we agree or disagree and everyone else can can talk about those as well.

[00:06:05](#)Kevin

So we'll see you in the chats.

[00:06:06](#)Kevin

What do you think?

[00:06:07](#)Kevin

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Should everyone live for at least six months in another country?

[00:06:10](#)Kevin

Yes or no.

[00:06:11](#)Kevin

See you there.

[00:06:12](#)Jack

Bye bye.