

N: Body language is a big thing that I was picking up on.. cause I mean um.. a.. cause obviously this.. like language like facial expression, body language and all those things.

And it sort of felt like he was a bit tentative sort of “ooh okay, well”.

Maybe he maybe will like um.. stealing too much of his time as well where he has other things to do haha.. but I.. yeah in the end though he’s like super nice and receptive and just like basically went a long with.. what we wanted to do which is really nice.

And we wanted to check up some more places and then finally we a.. found one.

R: So yeah basically you buddy can still adjust himself how to react and something like that..

N: He’em..

I think he’s um.. really flexible when he’s always putting me first which is like very generous thing to do so..

R: Yeah..

N: And um.. remember sort of saying from me as well like “uh.. sorry I go wrong way, you know, running you around that kind of thing”, and he went “oh no, it’s okay cause I volunteer to do this” so.. he was really happy to give me, give me his time.

R: Did he like ever tell you about like what he, like his opinion about certain things? Probably your kos, probably he doesn’t agree with this like your decision about this kos and then, did he tell you like..?

N: Well, He did tell me.

he’s never putting his um.. like personal opinion of the place we’re checking out unless um.. I really like sort of pushed on him like.. “what you think of this place? Would you live here?” that kinda stuff, cause I remember like a.. we went to one place and I knew it wasn’t really nice like a.. it had like no venties.

It was just like a.. just like a very small room and.. I walked around and then I can get him look at me and he just said “yeah, I wouldn’t live here” haha.. “I know yeah, me too hahahah..” . well, that’s quite funny.

But then like the place we have now, I said “I think this is really good” and he said “ I think so too” so.. whether or no he actually feels that or just agreeing for me for the.. like politeness.

Nah I think he agreed.

It’s a great place though.

R: Well um.. you and He are aware of like you guys are from different countries, right? Do you feel like any.. like any.. what's that? In some certain situation you feel like "oh this is different cult.. different like how the way um.. oh this is indonesian way or this is australian way do you find that? How do your buddy react to that?

N: I think um.. there was a little bit of an annihilation i think it's like a.. maybe a word or situation where was a part of house searching, so often he would um.. our buddy would translate for us because we don't know any bahasa yet so.. a.. i feel like a.. as like in outside of that was a.. i felt like I was a bit in a wrong place because I either no idea what's going on and like um.. I'm asked who runs the place he's um.. like either he a.. really cool guy.

He's like very motive and very like you know speaks really loud voice and that kind of thing.

So I think maybe.. when I was coming here I started a bit sort of aa.. like maybe so I called as culture shock? I don't know if it's a word to use.

But I was sort of thinking wow like this is so different, like people interact so differently here like the indonesian style, and to make things worst I couldn't understand what their saying.

So maybe if I did, it could've been less so.. but um.. a.. yeah.. does that answer your question or?

R: Sure yeah..

N: It's interesting as well experiencing you know like this indonesian experience other is also a.. like Javanese as well as another language around and so i found out really interesting to.. like witness my buddy like Javanese is his first language and.. same with the mas who runs the kos, he speaks Javanese basically as well and seeing them interacted in a more similar way speaking same language together to their mother tongue that's pretty cool.

R: So like um.. did you buddy tell you again after he's like sort of negotiating with the owner of the kos and then did tell you again about what he's saying to the owner or what are they talking about?

N: He didn't say what he's saying himself but he said like um..the outcome of what the conversation was.

Whether be llike "oh okay sweet, Wi-fi included, like the aircon, the window, bathroom, this is the price, these are the rules, so that's all good.

And like everytime like every question he would ask um.. like if I have a look at a conversation, he would respond um.. let me know what's going on, cause like I think i would have never been able to get this space without his help so.

R: So you and michael went to the restaurant like the local restaurant to eat some traditional foods. And do you like um.. did he try to explain like oh this is about traditional food like oh this one is from here and then did he do some sort of things like that?

N: Um he didn't really explain origins of indonesian food but definitely he um.. talked about like the culture significance sort of the places we were visiting.

Cause I know we um.. like bought to the shopping mall, like buying things for our room.

I think it's like Hartono Mall and then afterwards we went to warung to get bakso.

He was sitting in there how he said he's always to get bakso he really like it and um.. he thinks I would've enjoyed it and should have a try you know, different things you wouldn't have with maybe like egg or chicken liver or something.

Even we went to karangs I tried a chicken liver just within what it was like cause i've had never like um.. no one really eats like organs of an animal in australia.

So maybe just the meat.

So it's interesting to try that for the first time and it's good. Haha..

R: How the way he like invite you to eat this thing? Like you know the organs of animals. Did he insist you or?

N: No.. he didn't insist sort of a.. encourage.. might be a good word.

Say like "you know this is very good idea or also we can eat anywhere you want. If not sure, you don't do this we can go somewhere else".

I suggest a hundred percent like "let's go let's go do this!" so it'd be like, could be like good experience to be fun.

I would eat and "show me these kinds of foods you like to eat in jogja".

So, I think it goes my turn to be more flexible basically, cause he'd been really good with me so.. now my turn to be good with him sort of (unclear) the things he wanted to do and show me, this time.

Rather than the other way around. I was going like "let's go let's go here let's check out this kos" so..

R: Okay, so did you find you buddy's behaviour like unacceptable or offensive? How was it?

N: Um.. nothing at all was offensive or unacceptable.

He was so nice and so helpful so i don't think anything popped up that I thought was like.. neither.