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Peyton's New Place

Hello all, my name is Peyton Jensen, and I am a long-time resident at 304 Bowfin St. Recently I moved to Chicago to attend Loyola University, beginning my academic journey to become a pediatric oncologist nurse.

Moving to Chicago has been a very big change for me, as I have lived in Foster City on our quaint, quiet little street my whole life. There are a few areas where the change has been most prominent. One of them is the noise level. Except for the occasional sound of cars and children playing on the street, our street is rather silent. However, this is the opposite in Chicago. The city is never quiet. Even in my dorm room I constantly hear the sound of car horns, the train, and even street musicians. At first it made this a little hard to sleep but now it serves as a lullaby.

Another big change for me has been the weather. Coming from a place where it is constantly 75°F, I moved to a school where I have to always wear long sleeve shirts. I had to buy a whole new wardrobe, such as gloves, winter coat, and a hat to protect me from the "sharp wind", rain, and snow. Since in Foster City, we're not used to cold weather we tend to avoid outside activities when it rains or even gets in the 40s but in Chicago, since it's cold for half the year, I have learned to build a lifestyle that fosters outdoor activities despite the weather which I have been enjoying. While I do love the change in the weather, I must admit, sometimes I miss the sun and warmth.

One final change I'd like to highlight is a change that is kind of hard to explain, which is how it feels to live in a city compared to living in the suburbs. This is because it's busy there - there are always people walking around with such a purpose - and walking at a ridiculously fast pace. You feel tiny, surrounded by such big, shiny buildings and yet despite its size, you feel a part of something important. It has a unique rhythm and energy that is slightly chaotic but it's a rhythm, nonetheless.

All in all, moving to Chicago from Foster City has been a very big adjustment for me, but I am wholeheartedly embracing city life and embracing all the opportunities it has to offer.

Aaron's Question Column



Top: A car made by Tesla, a common and popular electric car brand. Bottom: An electric car charging

Question: Electric cars seem to be very much the 'future.' Does the electric car have a history? When were they first invented and what are some of the major developments since then?
-Jerry

Aaron's Answer (A'sA): The first electric car was credited to Robert Anderson who made it sometime between 1832 and 1839. This car was technically **the** first car made, it ran silently at 12 kilometers per hour, faster than the average human adult running speed, and it was powered
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