

# THINGS TO DO

# IN COLORADO

*Are you new in Colorado?  
Here are some ideas for things that you  
can enjoy doing in this beautiful state.*



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## Not Just a Bookstore!

By Shahira Hassoubah

Who said that bookstores must be boring? A visit to Tattered Cover would change the traditional image that you have always had about bookstores.

The Tattered Cover Bookstore began as a small store with only 950 square feet and 2 employees in the Cherry Creek North district of Denver in 1971. It has grown for 40 years, and it has 3 expansive locations in the greater Denver area.

I have been to Tattered Cover bookstore in downtown Denver. I have met one of the Tattered Cover book sellers. His name is Joel and he has been working in the bookstore for 2 months, and one year in the world of publishing.

When I met him, he started to talk about the history of this bookstore and he said, "The branch in the downtown opened in 1990. This branch was a warehouse of coffee cans." He told me that there are different areas of books

for local authors, fiction, nonfiction, cook books and children books, and he said the best selling books were the fiction books.

He talked about what the difference is between the bookstores now and before, and mentioned that they added many additions to the store; therefore, the sales have become higher. They added items such as gifts items, gift cards, a coffee shop and Google E-books.

I asked him if there were any kinds of books that have different language. He answered, "Mostly English and some of books are Spanish, especially children's books because there are many parents who like their children to learn Spanish. Moreover, there are a few French and German books".

I asked him who the most frequent customers to this bookstore were. He told me that they mostly are college students, parents and their children and tourists.

The place is great to have a book and read it, and it has many different kinds of books for all ages.



## Special Place to Visit





By Fahd Alrashed

Off-roading is a very popular sport in Colorado. Most people actually like this kind of sport; it is an extreme sport. However, they enjoy it in the wrong way. Additionally this kind of sport has many clubs, which people can attend and become members of those groups. According to my friends, Mohanad and Wael, who are members in a club called High Country Performance 4x4, being in groups is much safer and more fun. It is much better to be in a club than

to be alone for two reasons: getting more experience and being safe.

First of all, when you are enjoying your favorite sport, it is better to have experience from others who know more than you. Mohanad claims that when he started this sport, he had not had any idea about off-roading. For example, in Saudi Arabia he used to deal with sand, yet there is no sand in Colorado, so it was a new experience for him. He saw people who were in groups; as a result, he went and asked them about a couple things on his mind. After that he became a member in their group. Wael also said that when the off-roader is alone and faces a problem, he might have difficulty solving it. He might hurt himself, his car or even his passengers. Additionally, the off-roader can get experience from his mistakes or other off-roaders, which he might not have without being a member in a club.

Becoming a member in a club could make you much safer than being alone.

Second, people are looking for safety everywhere. Off-roaders like to be safe all the time. They find that safety where their club is. For example, one of the High Country Performance 4x4 club's members decided to go alone one day. Yet he got lost and could not contact his club. Furthermore, the police found him after a long time. Mohanad and Wael will never go without each other after what happened to their friend.



In short, it is much better to be in a club than being alone for two reasons: getting more experience and being safe. Off-roaders are always looking for safety, fun and experience. I believe that those are the most important things that all off-roaders need.

[\\*All pictures in this page are from Off-Road.com](http://Off-Road.com)



# TEACHERS AND OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

RUNNING HIKING BIKING WALKING SKIING SNOWBOARDING



Melanie Witt in mountain biking in Pucon, Chile

By Reem Alsalahi

“You are going to study in Denver! How lucky you are!” an American lady told me when she knew I was waiting for my flight that was going to Denver. “You should enjoy the variety of outdoor activities that Denver has to offer!” Her comment made me extremely curious to know more about outdoor activities in the Mile High City where the sun shines 360 days a year.

To learn more about the outdoor activities that everyone can enjoy in Denver, I conducted an interview with two special teachers at ELC who are well known for their passion about outdoor activities.

I met with Miss Melanie Witt who is a very nice teacher and a super athlete at the same time. Rafting, running, biking, and hiking are just some examples of the outdoor activities that she enjoys during the warm weather months. “Since I was a kid, my dad used to take me and my sister to the mountains nearly every weekend,” Miss Witt said,

describing the beginning of her relationship with outdoor activities. I also interviewed Mr. Scott Gladden who is an enthusiastic teacher and a very humble person despite his great achievements in running. His latest achievement was completing a 31-mile race in Utah one month ago. His story with running began accidentally when he was exercising



Mr. Gladden showing some of his marathon's T-shirt

at the university and started to compete with himself in running until he became very involved with it for more than 13 years. He did not run marathons only in the United States, but also in China and Spain. Enjoying outdoor activities that are relatively easy in addition to the beautiful view of the mountains is what has made Miss Witt such a great athlete. It is not difficult to go hiking or biking, yet it is very breathtaking to spend your time in a beautiful space while you are benefiting your body by practicing an easy and fun activity. Additionally, Mr. Gladden spoke

about the physical and mental benefits of running which lead to relaxing, having a better perspective and improving a positive way of looking at things. “The mountains” are everyone’s favorite place to enjoy outdoor activities. Miss Witt recommends visiting all the national and state parks in which everyone can enjoy different kinds of outdoor activities. Mr. Gladden also recommended the Flatirons near Boulder, which he believes is the best place to enjoy running. We are so lucky to study in this beautiful place where we can find mountains, rivers, and parks that offer such outstanding scenes and unlimited opportunities to enjoy different types of amazing outdoor activities.



hiking a 14,000 foot mountain (Quandary Peak) in Colorado.

Here are few links for some of the most visited parks:

[Rocky Mountains National Park](#)

[Flatirons](#)

[Garden of the Gods](#)

# RESTAURANTS IN DENVER

## CHINESE FOOD

by Ziqi Liu

Today, more and more Chinese students study in the U.S, so many Chinese immigrants open restaurants. However, they need to change the style of dishes, and make dishes more like American food.



There are many Chinese restaurants in Denver. For example, Jason's Thai, Golden Shanghai, Jufu lou, and Laowang noodles. These restaurants are famous in Denver, and Chinese students usually go there.

Americans and the Chinese food

However, Americans don't like Chinese food so much. There is one of the important reasons why they go to Chinese restaurants. Most Chinese restaurants actually are Asian restaurants. American people like sushi so much. I have been to the restaurant that is named John Holly. People who were having dinner all were Americans, and I didn't see any Chinese people.



"I don't like Chinese food because these dishes are too spicy," some American people said. "I thought sushi was Chinese food; it tastes good." a stranger said.

Sushi is a Japanese food, not a Chinese!



Actually, sushi is Japanese food, and not all of Chinese food is spicy. How does Chinese food give American people this kind of feeling? Chinese food in Denver is not traditional Chinese food, and Chinese food is like American fast food here. Moreover, most Chinese restaurants make sushi and some Japanese food. Consequently, they give Americans the wrong idea that sushi is Chinese food.

People like food, and China is famous for food. Chinese immigrants who work or study in the U.S should show American people what real Chinese food is and to let American people know

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## Grammar is like a Giant Puzzle!

By Nouf Alrajhi

Have you ever wondered about the people who write our grammar books? I decided to talk to the series editor of one of the books used at the ELC.

Kathy Mahnke is one of the authors of *Grammar Links 2*. She also edited that series of books. Basic level at the ELC is using one of her books. “It has a clear grammar, and the activities are easy enough to understand,” said Renad Altuwigri, a student in basic level.

International students and articles and prepositions mistakes

“The most common mistakes that international students make are articles and prepositions,” said Kathy Mahnke, a professor at DU. Students have many difficulties in making questions. The grammar they liked most is the singular and plural grammar. “I was excited and nervous because I want to make sure that every thing was perfect,” said

KathyMahnke when she was talking about how she felt when she edited her books. Students said the grammar in this book has a clear meaning and explanation.

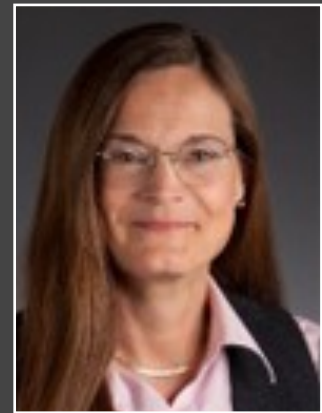
Several thousands have studied “Grammar Links”

“Several thousands of international students are studying my books,” Professor Mahnke said. According to the professor “Grammar is like giant puzzle, and it's not black and white. It is not just many rules; it's like solving new problems and finding a solution. Students can improve their skills in grammar by practicing and using grammar in daily life. Reading a lot, writing, and speaking help students to be better in grammar,” the professor said.

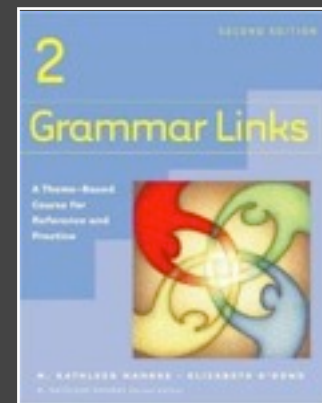
Verb tenses; adverb, noun, and adjective clauses; and conditionals are the most complex grammar that the students make,” Professor Mahnke said.

Her books are a foundation for learning grammar for all students.

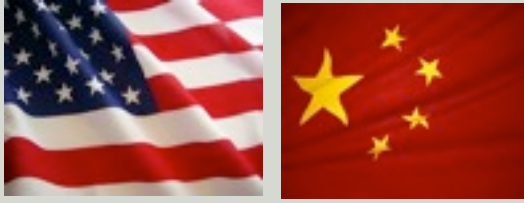
## An Interview With an Author



Kathy Mahnke



# International Comparison



## Interview Of Education System Between Two Countries

By Yanlin Wu

I interviewed my roommate about the differences between Chinese education and American education. We talked about many parts of education, such as private grades, education ideas and students feelings.

First, in Chinese education, teachers like to publish students' grades to the class, so everyone will know each others' grades. It cannot encourage student's study; some students may give up on studying if everyone knows their low grades. However, in American education, a grade is private so that students can know only their own grade, so the student will know where the weakness is, and they could improve that.

Next, the idea of education is different between these two countries. Chinese teachers think that students should know every answer of every question, but American teachers think that students should know how to earn the answer. Both of them can earn the answer, but American students have a flexible way.

There is a difference between education in the United States and China in:

- Private grades
- Education ideas
- Students feelings

Finally, we talked about the feeling of students in each country. Students in China think that they study for their parents; American students think that they study for themselves.

In conclusion, students in China and America have many differences, such as private grades, education ideas and feelings.

By Jiayi Wen

My best friend, Lina, showed me the list of top destinations in the U.S.A. She works in the best travel company in China, which is called CITS. CITS has also established a branch in California. The guidebook publisher/travel website of CITS shows the best cities to visit in the U.S.A. in 2012. The list is compiled by Lina and her partner, writers and editors, who collect some information and check high-profile programs. Also, my friend showed me some information for each city, and she has done some market research on many cities. Lina also showed me a landscape of each city, and she gave me more suggestions about each city.

The four top cities for traveling in 2012 are New York, Los Angeles, Las Vegas, and San Diego.

### 1. New York

This city is the most famous one in United States, according to statistics. New York has many shopping malls, popular gardens, and great architecture. When you go to NY, you have to go to the Statue of Liberty because the Statue of Liberty is one of the great statues in the world.



### 2. Los Angeles

Los Angeles is a huge city and is your best choice for relaxing. You can go to Los Angeles beaches. "People either like it or detest it-but no matter what, Los Angeles makes no excuses and changes for no one. In Los Angeles for both tourists and locals alike it is the hustle-and-bustle lifestyle, the vibrant and unique

neighborhoods, and the extreme diversity that sets it apart from any other city. Also, you can go from Hollywood glitz to all the small communities with their own visible cultural personalities." (Travel guides).



### 3. Las Vegas

Las Vegas is the biggest entertainment city. Also, this city has the largest casino center and hotel around the world.



### 4. San Diego

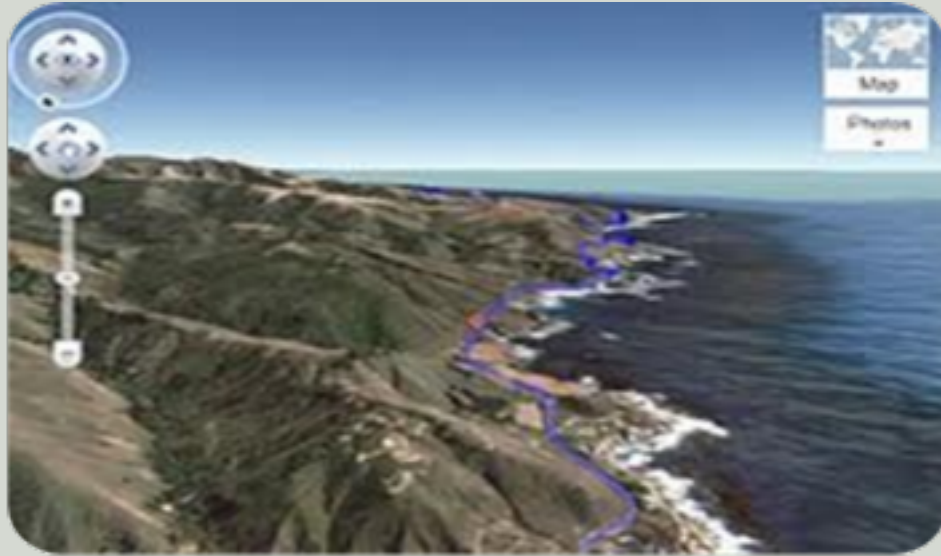
San Diego is a sea city. You can go to San Diego for surfing. You will feel this beach is the best beach in the world. You can taste lots of sea food in this city.



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## Google Maps Updated to 3D Image



By Yaser AlHasawi

Everyone knows about Google services because it gives uses a great services, for example, Google Maps, Google Translate, Google Search. All these services.

these features make Google the most popular website in the world. One of the most useful services from Google is maps. Google maps started by using 2D image, but now Google updated it to be 3D image which allowed uses to see “Helicopter View” while we see Google map. In other words, now users can see the image of Google maps as is they were flying by a helicopter, which make the Google maps like a real image. To use Google maps feature you must

install “Google Earth Plugin” into your computer, and have fun with 3D view. Thanks to Google for all these services.



# THE NEW GENERATION OF IPHONE

by Faisal AlKanhah

Today telecommunication plays an important role in the world and becomes a part of human life. Now most people use smartphones for social networking and to access to the internet. Because of that, many companies compete to provide many services for users. Now the company that is the most successful in field of smartphone is Apple because it has good experiences with smartphones and the first smartphone was invented by Apple. Now Apple has issued a new generation of iPhone whose name is 4GS.

The first future is development the hardware by adding a new camera and processor. The new camera that is put in the iPhone 4GS is classified as one of the best cameras in smartphones because it has 8-megapixel resolution and a custom lens with a larger f/2.4 aperture; as a result, that give users advance color and the picture would be as you see. Also, the new processor in iPhone 4GS is one of the powerful processors in smartphones. That provides many futures, such as quickness and responsiveness which according to Apple website “makes all the difference when you’re launching apps, browsing the web, gaming, and doing just about everything” and increases battery life.

The second future is improving IOS 5 software to be better and adding some helpful programs such as, siri. The improvement that is added on is refined IOS to make it easier and faster for users; moreover, twitter social networking is integrated as part of IOS 5 software. Siri is one of the most helpful programs in iPhone 4GS because now you can ask it for anything with your voice and Siri will answer your question, such as about weather, places or restaurants. Siri will understand what you say and know what you mean. For example, according to Apple website “Just talk to Siri as you would to a person: ‘Do I need an umbrella?’ or ‘Any great burgers around here?’ or ‘Where’s the closest ATM?’ And Siri figures out the right apps to use to find the right answer” Moreover, Siri can send a messages, call anyone, and remind you about anything.

The iPhone is distinct from other devices, for it is simple and the programs work very well with hard ware. That makes a big difference in performance with other devices because Apple Company just focuses how the programs are compatible with hardware and make it simplified for all people.



Now there are many companies competing in market for smartphones with Apple, such as Google, Rim, windows, Nokia. This competition allows users to have several options and own the appropriate product. For that, many companies own a large share of smartphone market. As a result, I think after two years Apple will lose its dominance in smartphones market because the new generation of iPhone makes people who were waiting frustrated, and they were expecting many new features; moreover, now many smartphones competing with iPhone and some of them may outperform the iPhone because now there are many companies improving high quality software and hardware for smartphone than Apple. So who knows what will happened next years.

The picture is taken from Apple.com