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Student Testimony

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This summer at the Danish Summer School was the best year that I've been at the summer school out of the three years I've been there. I went to Bernstorffsminde School, in Fyn, for two and a half weeks, and it was the highlight of my summer. While I was there, I learned more Danish, made friends, had fun, and visited places in Denmark I hadn't been to before.

During one of the following days, I had to take a test that would show the teachers what level Danish speaker/reader/writer I was. Last year, there was no speaking test, which is something I'm not exactly good at, but I am pretty good at spelling, writing, reading and understanding Danish. That's why I was placed in such a high-level class last year. Luckily, this year I was placed into a class that was a good fit for me, because there was a speaking test. My level was 'Basic Danish 3', which means you can speak, understand, write and read Danish well, but not at the same level as kids that are your age, that grew up in Denmark. In my class, we talked about many things, including parts of speech, idioms, grammar and more about the Danish language.

My trip to the Danish Summer School was everything I could have hoped for and more. I was able to make friends and learn Danish, and I had as much fun as possible in the process. By the time the Summer School was over, I had met people from France, Spain, Dubai, Britain, Scotland, Morocco, the U.S., China, Ireland, Vietnam, Italy and more. It all went by so fast, and I, by the time it was over, didn't even realize it until I was back home. I had so much fun at the summer school this year, and I really hope I can go next year as well.