

The Sunshine State

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Hello, everyone! My name is Rebecca and I am the new English ALT. For this week's English Extravaganza, I would like to introduce myself by telling you about my home.

I am from the state of Florida in the United States. Florida is most famous for beaches, oranges, and sunshine. It's even called The Sunshine State. In the south, there are the Florida Keys, a small chain of islands where you can dive underwater to see the coral reef, tropical fish, and even sharks! South Florida also has the Everglades. The Everglades is a huge area of wetlands(湿地) and the home to the Seminole and Miccosukee Indian tribes(種族). Children often make school trips to the Everglades to meet tribe members and learn about local plants and animals. On top of that, South Florida also has Miami. Miami is a city that is very influenced by Latin America. Half of the population can speak Spanish and many people learn Spanish as a second language. You can also get food from many different Latin countries, like Peru and Colombia.



If you like Disney, you should go to Disney World in Orlando, Florida. Disney World is one of the largest Disney theme parks in the world. In fact, it is made up of four different theme parks: the original, an international theme park, a Hollywood Studios one, and one just for animals! Each one takes a whole day to see. There are also two water parks and even more theme parks not made by Disney!



Finally, North Florida has vast fields for livestock(家畜), like cows and horses and, in some areas, it also has the swamp(沼地). The swamp is also a wetland area where you can see lots of gators(=alligators ワニ)! I lived for many years in North Florida because I went to the University of Florida. Students who go to the University of Florida are called Gators and the football field is called The Swamp! One of my favorite things about North Florida is the food. Southern barbeque is very popular and different from Japanese barbeque. It's usually pork or beef that has been slowly cooked for many hours. You can also eat potato salad, grilled corn, and collard greens(コラードの若葉:キャベツの1品種) and wash it all down with some sweet tea!

I hope you enjoyed hearing about my home. If you have any suggestions for topics for the English Extravaganza, please come and tell me! That's all for this week, but I'll be back next week with more English Extravaganza!