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Snip, snip snip! Time for a haircut! Every time I step into a hair salon in Nanjing, the hairdressers are always males and all of them are skinny to the bones with quite long hair. It feels weird for me to get my hair cut by a male because I'm used to all female hairdressers who work at Supercuts and Sweet & Sassy etc. Another thing I have noticed is that the hair salon's charge is based on the hairdresser's experience level. From 15RMB (\$2.5) regular haircut to an 80RMB superior haircut, the price difference jumps 4 times. I've tried both and I don't feel that the superior haircut amazed me with 4 times the quality of a regular one. Up until now my parents and I have kept with the regular haircut. Oh, I almost forgot, you don't need to add tips in China when you get a haircut. In America a haircut with added tips would cost about \$12.50. With that much money, you can get 5 haircuts in Nanjing!



Sitting in a fancy movie theatre, holding a grand bucket of popcorn, slurping down a cool slushy and watching an American movie, this picture often gets me confused whether I'm in China or America... The cost of this whole "picture"? \$15, which is the same in America. In a lot of Chinese movie theatres, the decorations and even the chairs are very similar to the movie theatres in America. American movies are also very popular here in China. I've already watched *The Avengers*, *Ice Age 4*, *The Expendables*, *A Separation*, *The Life Of Pi* and the latest *Wreck It Ralph*. And all of them are in *English* with Chinese subtitles. This part makes me feel more comfortable and relaxing. But the taste of the popcorn (sweet, caramel popcorn with NO butter ☺), the noise during the show (kids chatting loudly and adults answering their cell phones) and the garbage left behind on the floor reminds me that I'm not in America. I hope that in the future, this "picture" will be perfected.

