

Dear host family,

My name is Noah. I am really excited to write this letter and I can't wait to meet you.

My name means quiet and calm, and I think that these are the words that describe me best. But these two words aren't enough to describe myself. In fact I am also very kind, honest, and almost always in a good mood, clever, not very outgoing, cautious in every decision, and serious when needed 😊

Now I'm 15 years old, but I'm going to turn 16 soon. My family is composed of my parents, my sister and my cat. My mother is from Germany, she is a photographer and she usually works in weddings, and also when she should just be a guest, she takes photos; she also takes photos of nature, of me, of my sister and of herself. She has a studio in the city centre, where she works and exhibits her photos. I really love how my mum works and she always lets me see and judge her creations. My dad is a project manager, he works in an office quite far from home, but since the pandemic he started working from home; only recently he started going back to the office, but just three days a week. He is very good with computers and he taught me a lot of things about them. My sister is younger than me, I get on quite well with her and in the past we used to play a lot of games together. My cat is called Zoe, she is seventeen years old, and I consider her like an older sister, because I have known her since I was born. She spends most of the day sleeping, and she loves cuddles 😊

I live in the centre of Italy, famous for its monuments. My parents are separated, so I live in two houses: I am very responsible and obedient and at home I usually help my parents with houseworks. For example sometimes I cook and I almost always set and clear the table when we eat. I also throw the garbage when needed and often empty the dishwasher.

I play Tennis two times a week and in the past I practiced swimming, but I left because I didn't enjoy it anymore. Another sport that I really like is football, and I watch almost every match of my favourite team, AS Roma, with my dad; we also went to the stadium a few times. Now I'm attending the High School where I study Scientific subjects, and I am very happy with it. In fact my favourite subjects are Maths and Science, but also English. I don't already know what I want to do in the future, but I'm sure that it's going to be something related to math.

In my free time I like listening to music while I play videogames. My favourite genre is Pop, but I also listen to Rock and Rap. I also like watching films and tv series and reading, usually fantasy or based on true story books, but during the school year I am interrupted in reading the books I prefer because of the ones that the school assigns us to read. I go out with my

friend once or twice a week, usually in the city centre to eat something together, or just to walk and talk. In the past two years I spent part of the summer holidays with my three best friends in my grandparents' house near the beach, in a protected area. We stayed there for a week and it was a really cool experience because we had to do everything on our own, like cooking and washing the dishes. One day last summer we decided to stay awake until sunset. That's how we did, and at 5 a.m. we went to the beach and played. It was a really good time, and I think that we are going to do this every year.

When I was younger I used to go to Germany every summer, and spend one month with my German grandparents. I really enjoyed it because it was a month that I spent in a completely different way than usual. I also started taking the plane alone at the age of seven. I used to experience a lot of new things there, for example going canoeing, playing ping pong and mini-golf but also just going by bike freely in the town. I also had some friends with whom I usually played football.

I decided to become an exchange student because I think that it's a big opportunity that will never represent back in my life. I am very open-minded and I want to experience something new, far from the life I am used to. Another thing that brought me to the decision of being an exchange student is that I love knowing new places and I really like the idea of learning a new language.

Hej, jeg ved stadig ikke hvordan man skriver dansk godt. Jeg kan tysk og håber dette vil hjælpe mig. Snart starter jeg på et kursus for at lære sproget godt. Jeg kan ikke vente med at starte denne oplevelse, vi ses snart!

Noah