

Hello from your future son!

I am Simone and I am an Italian Exchange Student. I live in Italy with my family and maybe in about a year I will live on the other side of the world with you. I decided to become an Exchange Student when I understood the world is so big and there are so many different cultures that I want to know. The most important reason I chose the USA, as the country I am going to spend a year in, is probably the fact that I want to discover a world which I can now just imagine listening to its music, listening to other Exchange Student trying to describe it and watching its films.

As you can understand I love listening to music and watching films, and I often like to share these hobbies with my two brothers; I don't have a favorite type of music but I have a preference for the rapper Eminem, so I listen to rap music more often than others. Music is actually part of my daily life: every morning walking to school, every single day doing written homework, every time I have a shower, when I have some free time I always listen to music because it makes me feel much relaxed and if I have thoughts it makes me feel much better. Apart from listening to music I like it in general and this is the reason why recently I bought a ukulele and I am trying to learn how to play it by myself, I am not so good now, but I am training everyday and I am sure I will improve my skills, and in case I am not I am anyway having fun playing it.

Talking about films, instead, I have a favorite actor and he is Adam Sandler, in fact I prefer watching comedies and have some fun instead of watching dramatic films, but I enjoy also action, thriller and adventure films. Usually I watch films, talent shows or tv series on the evenings with my brothers, but if I have the opportunity I would like to go to the cinema with my friends. Don't think my only hobbies are watching films and listening to music, I like so much also staying outside, breathing fresh air with my friends. Usually on Saturdays, after school I go at different parks with my friends to do parkour, play soccer and rugby or maybe just to chat about everything sitting on a bench.

These are the main sports I have practiced during my childhood. Firstly I practiced soccer in a small team until the age of 13. I had a lot of fun in those five years, I was the only striker of the team, I scored a lot of goals and together we won many games because we had a good chemistry. In fact we were all good friends and we used to hang out after our training. We are still hanging out these years and play some soccer games together even if about three years ago I start playing rugby when my cousins made me try and I liked it so much. Unlike when I played soccer I didn't have a good connection with my teammates and that was the most reason why I left the team. I was a scrum half and I really enjoyed it, my coach helped me a lot and I think he is a really good person, he always goaded me and I really had a good relation with him. It was not so easy for me to play that sport because I was much shorter than any other player and I had just began but I worked so hard and thanks to my coach I improved so fast and I was so happy for that.

However this year one of my best friends convinced me to try parkour in a gym, where he has already practiced it for two years. Actually we had already tried parkour during the summer, but outside in different spots of my city, not in a gym, so it was so dangerous and risky. Fortunately I was prudent enough to understand if I could do or not something, and so I never hurt seriously myself. Since September I start training in a gym and the first time I tried I feel like I was in the Heaven, it was everything so soft and comfortable, nothing was dangerous and I could try every thing without hurting myself. My coach is so good to explain tricks and he always help you to do better, I am actually so excited and every week I wait impatiently Friday to go to that gym. I know this year will be amazing and that I'll learn a lot of tricks with my best friends.

As you can understand I am a very sporty guy who likes to try everything, in fact apart from these sports (which I liked most) I also tried swim, tennis and basketball. Furthermore a sport that I love is skiing, about a year ago I start snowboarding and I really loved it so I think I will continue with it

instead of ski, but I also like them.

With one of my classmates I also attend the church. We are this year doing the confirmation with other member of my group. This group is composed of twenty-five guys and two animators between twenty-five and thirty years and, apart from weekly meeting, we organize funny activities for children and do volunteer during parish festivals, selling drinks and food, cleaning up all the garbage or just taking the orders. It's so funny to spend an entire evening staying with friends, trying to do the best to make festivals amazing; I really like my parish community, we are so close. Mostly in summer, but also during the school year, my animators organize two weeks camping in a manse in mountain where we usually do wonderful activities and have moments of prayer. It is so useful for me, I always have 2 weeks to reflect about my life and obviously about my belief in God.

Being catholic is now a conscious choice but I when I was a child and not grown up enough to choose by myself, I followed my parents that gave me a catholic education since I was born.

Talking about my family I have two brother, one bigger and one younger than me, wherewith I share a lot of hobbies and have a good relation, and my parents which are now separated. Mainly I live with my mother because my father work all the day and I stay with him only in the week ends. I have a good relationship also with my parents even if sometimes I don't agree with them, but I think it's normal. The most important things I like to do with my brothers are watching films on the evening, listen to the music together, playing video games but also playing rugby and soccer outside maybe with also other friends. Nowadays I am not doing these activities so much as before because my bigger brother is going to the university and he lives in another city. The things I like to do with my brothers and parents, instead, are absolutely skiing, then going to the beach, to the mountain and playing table games.

A particularly important member of my family is of course my dog. Her name is Kira and I definitively love her. She's now seven and when we took her at home she was just two month and a half. She is quite and small, has a white body full of light brown spots and a super cute muzzle. I like to play with her everyday with her favorite toy, which is a little red ball. I love animals in general and I am sure they get your life better.

I am going to conclude my presentation letter but first I want to spend a few words talking about my ideas for the future.

I am not sure on what I'll do as job, now I am attending a scientific school so maybe I'll choose a job which pertain at it. I know I want to get married and have a family. Probably I'll move abroad from my country because as I said at the beginning of this letter I want to discover the world.

These are my ideas and I hope this experience will help me. I thank you for the enormous opportunity offered and I am sure we'll share our tradition and learn lots of things about each other.

Tanks again,
see you next year,

Your Italian son, Simone