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**Maria Assunta from Italy**

### STUDENT ESSAY

Dear host family, my name is Maria Assunta and I'm 16 years old, I live in a small vilage in the South of Italy in Salento, near the sea, Its quiet and attractive, In my family there are four people: my mother, my father, my brother and I. My mother She is an administrative employee at the University. My father is an engineer and he teaches technology at the first grade secondary school. My brother is attending the Medicine University course in the North of Italy. He has been studing the cello at the conservatory since he was twelve. My parents are amazing and love them. They always take care about me and they give me everything they think I need. My brother was my first friend. I tell him each problem and together we try to ove'rcome it. We love spending time together and usually go out for a walk on Sunday. We travel at least two times a year and we almost always movt' with car. We are a special family. I'm so lucky to have people like them with me. I'm unself sh and I'm always willing to help the others.

Im open to other cultures maybe because since I was a child I have travelled a lot .I visited many Italian cities and towns. When I was three years old I went to Paris with my family. Last summer I spent two weeks in London for a study trip and there I had the opportunity to familiarize myself with the English culture. We also visited Brighton and there we saw the English sea. Last September I was in Dublin for a month for a study holiday organized by my School. In Dublin found out a lot of great places and parks where we could play or walk. We didn't visit only Dublin, but we travelled throughout Ireland. We were in a lot of beautiful places and some of them were very near the sea.

In Ireland I knew the live Irish culture. I have always wanted to go to the United States of America and one of the reasons is because I would like to know the peculiarities of American culture.

Rm sincere, generous and sensitive. I love music and I'm able to play the guitar. I started playing it when I was ten years old and llov't it more and more. llov't listening to the music, al kinds of music. I hav't'ngot a favorite singer or band because I think that the song is more important than the singer. I hav't' many friends and I love each one.

Play in a band with some of them. I love' arts and I love' acting. I act in a theater school and every spring we put on a show. I love taking photos, espedally of natural lands.capes, animals and strange or historical buildings.

I love all kinds of sports and, whenever I can, I do them with my friends. In particular I love playing volleyball and I'm part of the female team of my town. I love' cycling and with my two bestfriends I sometimes ride my bike along the coast. I love the sea and I go to the coast whenever I can in each season. I love looking at the waves and feeling the essence of the sea. In summer I love swimming among the waves and I go to the beach almost everyday. I love nature and everything that concerns it. I'm a scout and so I adapt easily. I have recently become a scout and I love what they do. I love' each animal, from tigers to turtles, from dolphins to dogs. My favorite animal is panda. I think that pandas are too soft and nice. I have got two sweatshirts with a picture of them.

I'm intelligent. Intuitive and studious and I like school. My favorite subjects are English, Maths and Biology. Obviously, I love also Gymnastic. I always help my classmates and Im always available for them. I'm in the s.school Maths team and take part in a lot of provincial and national competition. We often win and our head-teacher and our teachers are proud of us. Rm determined, responsible and well mannered.

I usually get up at sev't'n o'clock, I wash myself, I get dressed and I hav't' breakfast. I go to school by my scooter or my grandfather takes me there. I go to school at t\_nty past eight and the lessons begin at half past eight. School day finishes at half past one pm., I come back home to have lunch and after that I do my homework. In the afternoon I go to the volleyball training or to my theater s.school. Once back home, I hav't' a shower and dinner. I watch tv or I read a book and I go to bed about at ten o'clock p.m.