

Letter to host Family

Hi, nice to meet you. I'm Goele and I'm 17 years old.

I was born in 1993 in Hasselt, Belgium. Belgium is a little country in the west of Europe, above France. We are mostly known for our delicious chocolate and beer. You might have also heard of tennis players Kim Klijsters or Justine Henin. Belgium is divided in two parts, Wallonia (French part) and Flanders (Dutch part). I live in Flanders and so do I speak Dutch.



This is the street where I live.

I have one brother, Kobe and he is 15 years old. Kobe is studying photography and directing at the art school. I must say, he is quite good at it. He could have his creative side of our father, he is a product designer. He works in a company but recently he also started teaching how to design a product. My mother is also a teacher, but she works at the kindergarten. We used to all live together until I was 12 years old, but then my parents decided to take a divorce because they didn't had a good marriage.



This is my house.

Now my brother and me live with our mother in Hasselt and every two weeks we go to my father and Petra (my father's girlfriend) to spend the weekend at their place. It is not a practical situation (with schoolwork, etc), but I can handle it well.

My friends and family would describe me as a person who is more calm and silent in big groups. But it does not mean I don't like to have a nice chat. Sometimes I don't even stop talking =). My family knows I can handle a critical situation very well and that I know what to do with problems. Friends say that I laugh a lot, and I think of myself that I face everything in a positive way. I'm also a bit a precisian. And I think I can say that I'm creative.

In daily life I try to help my mother as much as possible with the household chores. But at weekdays I have a lot of homework and my help is being reduced into a minimum. My mother and me have a good bond. We almost have the same character. And we like to do things together like visiting a museum or a city. We always try to involve my brother but he doesn't like that kind of stuff.

My brother and me aren't that close but we do care a lot about each other. We argue sometimes like all brothers and sisters do, but at the same time laugh a lot.



↑ me and some friends

In my spare time I go a lot to my horseback riding club. I don't have my own horse yet because it costs a lot of time, money and because of my mother, who is allergic towards horses. In holidays, I go and help the owners to give camps. Then I play games with the kids and do I learn them how to brush and gear up a pony. I do also follow riding lessons once a week (on Wednesday) and sometimes I participate in competitions organised by the club.

Every Friday after dinner, I go to the art academy. It's a lot of fun, with a bunch of teenagers we listen to music, tell jokes and of course we make sculptures, paintings and lots of other stuff, but sketching is my favourite part.

I'm also interested in design and architecture, shopping, going out and hanging around with some friends .

I do also like to travel and visit famous stuff. Later on, when I will be living on my own I would visit as much as possible. I think that everybody who has the possibility should do it. I also like foreign food especially Italian, Indian, Indonesian and Chinese.

