

Unit 1 Assessment
Letter to Host Family

Part 1: Pre-writing/Research

Directions: Before you begin the writing process conduct research about the country and local area you will be staying during you study abroad. Your goal is to find the most basic information about your country of choice so that you have a visual image of where you are writing about.

1. **Geography and weather:** What is the local geography and climate (typical weather) like in the region you will be visiting?
2. **Tourist Attractions:** What types of places do you want to visit while you are there? Monuments, museums, natural beauty (mountains, beaches, etc.).
3. **Holidays and celebrations:** What types of cultural experiences will you be able to experience while you are there?
4. **Education:** What are the high school and university experiences like in your country of study?
5. **Culture:** What should you know about etiquette and daily routines? When do they eat? How do they greet each other? What is their opinion of polite behaviors?

Part 2: Writing a letter

Directions: Write a letter to your host family giving details about yourself. In your letter, please include the following information in each paragraph. Each paragraph will be at least 5-7 sentences in length.

PARAGRAPH 1:

-Biographical Information (Name, origin, family size, birthday)

Yo tengo ____ años

I am ____ yrs. old

Yo soy de _____.

I am from _____.

En mi familia hay ____ personas

In my Family there are ____ people.

Yo tengo ____ hermanos/hermanas

I have ____ brothers/sisters.

Mi cumpleaños es el ____ de _____.

My birthday is the ____ of _____.

-Personal Interests (Likes/dislikes, favorite sports/hobbies, celebrities, etc.)

-Personality Description (funny, intelligent, studious, etc.)

PARAGRAPH 2:

-Questions and concerns (What do you want to know about them, where they live, what it will be like staying at their house, their town)

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¿Cómo es _____?	What is <u>(something)</u> like?
¿Tiene usted _____?	Do you (formal) have _____?
...en su casa	...in your house
...en su pueblo/ciudad	...in your town/city
¿Puede usted describir _____?	Can you (formal) describe _____?
Estoy curioso...	I am curious...

-What you're excited about (meeting new people, practicing the language, becoming more familiar with their customs and traditions, the weather, natural beauty of the country)

Estoy nervioso(-a)...	I am nervous...
Estoy emocionante	I am excited...

PARAGRAPH 3:

-What you'd like to do while you are there (Excursions you'd like to go on: places, landmarks, activities)

Me gustaría...	I would like...
Yo quiero...	I want...
Yo prefiero...	I prefer...
Yo voy a...	I am going to...
Visitar	to visit
Explorar	to explore
Viajar	to travel
Ver	to see

Please include an appropriate greeting and closing in your letter

1. POSSIBLE INTRODUCTIONS:

A. Querido	DEAR	B. Estimado	ESTEEMED
C. Apreciado	ESTEEMED		

2. POSSIBLE CLOSINGS

A. Sinceramente	SINCERELY	B. Cordialmente	CORDIALLY
C. Besos y abrazos	HUGS & KISSES		

Deadlines

*Written Portion: Due on Wednesday, December 18, 2013 (50 points)

-You have Monday and Tuesday to work on the writing assignment in class

*Verbal presentation: Due by Thursday, December 19, 2013 (50 points)

-Presentations will be ongoing Wednesday and Thursday