

"Penelope is a great student who is advanced for her age. She is independent, mature, and has a good level of English."

Lär känna Penelope

Penelope är född 2011 och kommer från Frankrike. Hon kommer i augusti 2026 och stannar under ett läsår. Intressen är bl. a simning, böcker, konst, teckna/måla, bakning och musik. Penelope är vegetarian.

Kära värdfamilj,
Jag är Pénélope. I am 15years-old and I live in the south of France, in a small city. I grew up there, surrounded by nature, with my darling parents and family. Indeed, I have 3 siblings, two sisters and a brother, I am the oldest.

I have skipped two grades when I was a child, therefore I now study in the equivalent of "Grade 11", what we call "la première". I am the major of my class, as I work really hard. My favorite subject must be "AMC", the advanced study of the English contemporary world issues. But I also enjoy history and French literature. This is very probably due to my all time love of reading. It is how I spend a good part of my free time. I also love drawing, recently I have mostly tried to recreate famous paintings. I love wondering around in museums so I have all the inspiration I need. Moreover, I really enjoy baking. I have my favorite recipes but it is always fun to discover a new cake or a new dessert. I am really into music, and I have been all my life. I have learned how to play different instruments, and I love going to the opera or seeing concerts. We usually share those incredible moments as a family, that is most likely what made me enjoy those times at first.

Sport too has a part in my life. I am a swimmer, I do not do competitions but I was thinking about starting them when I get back home. Either way, I would love to continue to swim during my year in Sweden.

In a more personal note, I would define myself as a serious and determined girl, once I set my mind on something, I will give everything to make it the best it could be. However I can be funny sometimes, even if a lot of people sadly do not understand my jokes. I can be quiet when I meet new individuals, but I quickly adapt and I can be quite chatty.

This has been proved by my short stay in California last year. I lived during 2 weeks and a half in an American family. We were quite different but got along very well and are still in touch today.

My centers of interest, that I have mentioned before are all very turned toward culture. That is why I dream of a job which is about it. I have been at a conference in September, in which the president of the Institut Français talked. Every single thing she mentioned was passionating. I dream of being able to promote the French culture internationally and vice-versa. In that purpose I wish to enter the great school of Science Po. I have to work a lot in order to obtain that wish, but it is a sacrifice I am more than willing to make.

Being two years ahead at school, an exchange year would not only be an opportunity to discover a new society, new language and culture. But it would also allow me to not throw myself in the world of university, grown-ups, and work so young.

Scandinavia has always had a special place in my heart. I had the great chance to go on a family trip when I was younger. In the village in Lapland where we stayed, there was a Swedish family as well. I have so many wonderful memories from them. And ever since I have desired to discover more of Sweden.

I know that living with a Swedish family is the best way to learn about your culture, way of life, and language. I wish we will get along very well. I can not wait to meet you and discover your beautiful country as well as make you discover mine (only if you want obviously).

Hoping you are well, tack so mycket,
hej då,
Pénélope

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