

Let Me Introduce Myself

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TELL US SOMETHING ABOUT YOURSELF

Where are you from and what do you do?



I was born in ... (place) on ... (date).
Now I live on ... (street) in ... (town / city).
I'm a student at ...
In addition to my studies, I also
(play the guitar / help at home / have a small job / ...).

What are some of your likes and dislikes? What are your interests?

I like (animals / ice cream / holidays / ...). I also
enjoy (sports / reading / music / ...).
I am interested in
(literature / history / science / ...).



I dislike (spiders / being sick / tests / ...).

It bothers me when (people lie / it rains a lot / others are selfish / ...).

Tell us about your childhood and how it has shaped your life.

I am the (eldest / middle / youngest / ...) of ... children. This has meant that I (had to help more at home / was given greater attention / had less freedom / ...).

I am an only child. As a result, I have been (a little spoilt / quite independent / somewhat lonely / ...).

As a family, we enjoyed (travelling to new places / playing games / skiing in the mountains / ...).

My parents gave me opportunities for (trying different sports / going to many camps / ...).

One of my best memories is when ...

I'm grateful for my (parents / home / pets / ...).



How would you describe yourself as a person?

I have a (quiet / cheerful / lively / ...) personality.

I prefer to (have a lot of people around me / spend time alone / ...).

My abilities include being good at (mathematics / handicrafts / languages / ...).

I also have a talent for (playing the piano / writing short stories / teaching others / ...).



Vocabulary

bother (v) [boðə] — to disturb, be troublesome

cheerful (a) [tʃiːəfʊl] — happy and joyful

grateful (a) [ɡreɪtɪfʊl] — thankful

handicrafts (n) [hændɪkra:fts] — activities which involve making things with one's hands in a skilful way

in addition to (prep) [ɪn ə'dɪʃn tə] — besides, over and above

include (v) [ɪn'klu:d] — to have as a part of

independent (a) [ɪndɪ'pendənt] — not needing or relying on others for guidance

lively (a) [laɪvli] — active and full of life

opportunity (n) [ɒpə'tju:nɪti] — good chance to do something that one wants to do

science (n) [saɪəns] — the study of natural things

selfish (a) [selfɪʃ] — thinking only about oneself and not others

shape (v) [ʃeɪp] — to have a great influence on

spider (n) [spaɪdə] — small creature with eight legs

spoilt (a) [spɔɪlt] — having received everything asked for or wanted

2 My Family

TELL US ABOUT YOUR FAMILY

How would you describe your parents?



My mother is (short / slim / blonde / ...).
 She works in a (school / hospital / shop / ...).
 She is (gentle / impartial / generous / ...).
 My father is (tall / well built / strong / ...).
 He works as a (clerk / builder / manager / ...).
 I can say he is (kind / patient / optimistic / ...).

Do you have any brothers and sisters? What can you tell us about them?

I (have got / haven't got) ... brothers and sisters.
 My (elder / younger / ...) brother is (single / married / ...) and works as a/an
 My ... sister is (separated / divorced / ...) and works in (nursing / accounting / sales / ...).
 My ... sister has ... small children and is at the moment on maternity leave.



Vocabulary

accounting (n) [ə'kauntɪŋ] — dealing with finances
divorce (v) [di'vɔ:s] — to legally end a marriage
generous (a) [dʒenə'rəs] — free in giving, liberal
impartial (a) [ɪm'pɑ:ʃl] — objective; treating everyone the same way
maternal (a) [mæ'tɜ:nl] — from the mother's side
maternity leave (n) [mæ'tɜ:niti li:v] — the time from work for a mother to take care of her baby
nursing (n) [nɜ:sɪŋ] — profession of looking after people who are ill
on occasion (phr) [ɒn ə'keɪʒn] — sometimes, not very often.....

Tell us about your grandparents and your relationship with them.

My maternal grandparents live in
 They're very (loving / understanding / ...).
 I (always / sometimes / never / ...) spend a part of my holidays with them.
 My relationship with them is good because
 My paternal grandparents are (working / retired / ...).
 They are (healthy / unwell / active / ...).
 We visit them (on occasion / about once a month / often / ...).
 We are not so close because

Share with us something about your relatives — aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Aunt ... is my father's sister. She is
 Uncle ... is my mother's brother. He's
 I have ... cousin(s).
 My cousin ... is (older than / the same age as / ...) me.
 I have ... niece(s) and ... nephew(s).
 My mother has ... cousin(s) and my father has ... cousin(s).
 So I have ... second cousin(s).
 They are (unmarried / married with several children / ...).
 My second cousin ... is

paternal (a) [pə'tɜ:nl] — from the father's side
relationship (n) [ri'leiʃnʃɪp] — the way of getting along with somebody.....
retire (v) [ri'taɪə] — to finish one's working career due to old age or disability.....
second cousin (n) [seknd kəzn] — a child of a cousin of one's father or mother.....
separate (v) [sepə'reɪt] — to decide not to live with one's wife or husband
share (v) [ʃeə] — to tell others about

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● How would you describe yourself and your friends?

I am / My friend is... (quite / very)... tall / short / thin / slim / skinny / fat / chubby / overweight / athletic / muscular / petite / round-faced / oval-faced / attractive / handsome / beautiful / good-natured / friendly / kind / happy-go-lucky / serious / moody / bad-tempered / vain / egoistical / confident / adventurous. I have / she has... short / long / straight / curly / glossy / wavy / blonde / ginger / red / light brown / flaxen hair... blue / brown / hazel eyes... has freckles... wears glasses... has a tattoo.

● What is one thing you would like to change about yourself?

I would like to be... more confident / funny / cleverer / more attractive / quieter / louder / more organized / better at managing my time. I'd like to... work harder and not get distracted so easily / have more talents, for example, I want to learn to play an instrument / improve my English. I wish I would... get on better with my parents / family... not argue with my boyfriend / girlfriend so much... start earning money.

● Can you describe your childhood?

My childhood was... fun / peaceful / quiet / nothing special / difficult / boring... because when I was a child... I went camping / played with my friends / had no worries / my parents cared for me / I just went to school / I stayed at home / I visited my grandparents every weekend / we never went anywhere / my parents didn't have much money / we lived in a very small flat / we only visited our cottage on weekends.

● How do you feel at school, at home and / or with your friends?

When I'm at school I am sometimes... nervous that I might fail... stressed about my exams... tired from studying all night... bored with my lessons. At home I am / feel... relaxed when I watch TV / calm when I sit in my room / bored when there's nothing to do. When I'm with my friends I am / feel... happy because we always laugh together / relaxed.

● What would you like to do after the Maturita exam / in the future?

After the exam / high school, I would like... to go to university... to study law / medicine / engineering / history / English... to travel... to stay in an English-speaking country for a while... to get a job... to move out of / away from... home.

● What characteristics do you look for in a boyfriend / girlfriend?

My girlfriend / boyfriend should... be funny / kind / attractive / handsome / beautiful / well-built / curvy /

clean-shaven / in good shape / good natured / friendly / family-oriented / religious / clever / smart / intelligent / loyal... have stubble / a beard / a good figure / good sense of humour / a lot of money / good fashion sense / a car / a sense of adventure / good personal hygiene... want to travel / go out... get along with my friends / family.

● What characteristics do you not look for in a friend / boyfriend / girlfriend?

My friend, boyfriend or girlfriend shouldn't ... be rude / selfish / arrogant / mean / cruel / materialistic / stupid / ugly / bald / overweight / obese / too thin / unpleasant / unfriendly... have facial hair... wear unfashionable clothes... listen to bad music... only want to stay at home... only play computer games... eat only junk food.

● What are your hobbies and interests?

I like / enjoy... reading / swimming / hiking / camping / travelling / going to the cinema / listening to music / dancing / going to cafés / playing computer games / shopping / going to shopping centers (malls) / trying different foods / learning English / playing football (volleyball, basketball, floorball, hockey).

● How have your hobbies and interests changed since your childhood?

My hobbies have changed a lot / a little... My hobbies haven't changed much / at all. When I was young I used to... play with toys... read comics / fairy tales... listen to pop music... go camping... belong to the Scouts. Now, I like spending time with my friends... going to the cinema / dancing lessons / language lessons... reading serious literature... skiing... hiking... playing guitar / drums / in a band. I have always liked / I still like... reading / camping / spending time with friends / listening to music.

● What is your ambition and why?

I would like to be... a journalist because I want to travel / I like writing / I'm curious about the world... a lawyer because... I'm good at arguing / I can communicate well / I believe in justice / lawyers need to be intelligent and I am intelligent... a doctor because... I want to help people / I find medicine fascinating... a travel agent because I like travelling / I want to work with people... a car mechanic because... I want to work with my hands / I am interested in cars... a nanny because... I like to work with children / it could be fun. My dream is to own a shop / café because... I want to be my own boss / it would be interesting / I could sell what I am interested in.