

STUDENT'S LETTER OF INTRODUCTION

Student's Name ТРАПЕЗНИКОВ ПАВЕЛ

In your own words write a letter that will tell about your personal interests. Your letter should be **typed in English**. Feel free to continue onto another page. Some suggestions for what to include follow.

- Describe yourself. Tell about any extra special accomplishments or awards. (Are you an expert soccer player, musician, computer whiz?)
- Tell your future host family about your hopes and expectations for your stay in the USA.
- Describe a typical school day and weekend and how you spend your time with friends away from school.
- Describe a particular experience in your life which seems important to you.
- Introduce members of your family and say a few words about them. Describe the responsibilities you have at home and how you feel about them. Discuss what you expect to gain for yourself, your family, and your country.
- Describe how you will share your culture with your host family. Describe how and why you think your host community and family will benefit by welcoming YOU as an exchange student.

My name is Pavel. I am easy to communicate with. I am kind, intelligent, ambitious and reliable. I have a good sense of humor.

I like to draw, especially my pet, a cat called Kolya. I am happy when I can bring on paper my impressions by brush and pencil. My work took the second place in the nomination "Man in the Interior" in the competition among young artists of Chelyabinsk, my native city. I also took the third place in the competition in honor of Great Victory in the Second World War.

I play basketball. Our school team, where I am a forward, is very successful. I want to be strong but it also helps me in achieving my goals.

I am fond of traveling, and I like nature, and I enjoy spending weekends out of town. My hobby is collecting coins of different countries.

I would very much like to come to America. I am sure this will be an experience of a lifetime as I will stay with an American host family and go to school with American high school students. This will help me to master my English. I think that knowledge of English today is extremely important as this language is international. I will be proud to tell my host family and my class peers about my country, my favorite city of St. Petersburg, lake Uvildy and to share my hobbies with them. I hope that my new friends in America also like nature, journeys and sports as I do. Similar interests make people closer no matter what nationality they are. It would be great if my host family has and keeps the family relics as my family does.

My school day starts from the moment I enter the school building. I repeat home assignments during the time left before classes. Usually we have such lessons as Russian, Literature, Math, Biology, History and English. My favorite subjects are History and English. After classes we play football or basketball. It is unlikely that the football team of our class can be defeated. When I have free time I go cycling or play basketball with my friends. My family is keen on sports, in summer my mum and I go cycling and in winter we go skiing in the park. I am also a good swimmer. During cold time of the year my friend and I go to the swimming pool and in summer when I stay in the vacation resort on the banks of Uvildy Lake I swim in the lake. Three times a week I go to the School of Art for painting, art and history of painting classes. I like painting very much. My pictures of animals are especially good. My teacher thinks that I feel the character and emotional state of those, who pose for me.

There are a lot of competitions on different topics in the art school. I take part almost in all of them, but not always win a reward. I got rewards for "Man in the Interior" and "The day of the Victory".

Some years ago I went to Cyprus. When we travel with my mom we always visit the places connected with the history of the country, e.g. Peterhof, Pavlovsk, Pushkin in Russia. In Cyprus we visited the museum of local history in Limasol and a functioning monastery in the mountains. The excursions were in English. I also communicated in English with the kids in the hotel. It gave me a chance to practice my English and to learn a lot about them.

We are two in the family, my mum and me. I am very fond of animals, that is why, we have one more member of the family, our pet cat called Kolya. My mum is very busy. When she is at home, I love spending time with her. I love her very much. I help to wash the dishes, clear up, water plants and do other household chores. I will bring back from America and try to introduce into my family American traditions, I am sure that my country will benefit from my participation as this experience changes your mentality, you become more open-minded and see things in the perspective and in a broader sense as a citizen of the world.

My host family will be proud of me. The host family will get to know more about Russian culture and my city, Chelyabinsk, and all cities and places I visited in Russia. I can assist my host family or local community using my skills in art, painting and design which I acquired at Art School. I am a good sportsman, and I will be happy to be a member of the local basketball or football team. I am also eager to learn many new things which I can use to help my host family or community.