

Dear Host Family 🌸,

My name is Louise, and I will be turning 17 in March. I live in the south of France, in Carry-le-Rouet. It's a charming little town, but unfortunately, none of my friends live here. I study in Marseille at Saint Joseph de la Madeleine, which is a private high school. I am extremely excited about my upcoming trip to California; it will be my first time traveling so far alone 🛫. This experience is a great opportunity for me to improve my English, practice, and discover the real American culture. I am particularly fascinated by the history, economy, and politics of the United States 🇺🇸. Despite having learned a lot in school and in my preparatory class, I find subjects like politics and economics to be quite complex, especially when viewed from the outside. I'll be pleased to learn more!

I live with my family; my mom (Nadia) is a doctor 🩺 specialized in children and pregnancy, my dad (Vincent) is a Deputy Director of Social Security, and I have a little brother (Antoine) who's 14 years old, but he's only a grade below me.

I read a lot of romance 💕 but also some classic books (mostly French). I also read in English (so I can have books earlier!). My favorite books or sagas are Crescent City (by Sarah J. Maas), From Blood and Ashes (Jennifer L. Armentrout), A Thousand Boy Kisses (by Tillie Cole), and Jane Eyre (by Charlotte Brontë). My favorite movies and series are Donnie Darko, Legally Blonde, Interstellar, The Silence of the Lambs, Game of Thrones (I'm at season 5), Breaking Bad (I'm at season 4), and Outer Banks! I really enjoy cooking, especially cream puffs (choux) and the royal chocolate cake 🍰. I'm also very good at making pie 🥧; my favorite is an apricot pie (excellent in summer, with fresh apricots!). I would be pleased to cook some French pastry specialties for you! But, be reassured, I also enjoy some sports, notably horseback riding 🐾. I started when I was eleven. Today, I'll say that I'm quite good; I do jumping but also some dressage (which I prefer). My pony, Apricot 🍑💕 (well, he's not entirely mine because he's at the center where I ride, but we have a really strong bond and I'm really attached to him) is about 4 feet at the withers; he's not very tall, so I can't jump with him. I only do dressage (which is why I prefer it!) with him thus. I ride every week; it allows me to take breaks and clear my head because I tend to overthink, being quite focused on my studies.

I will not say that I'm a very sociable person at first, but I have absolutely no problem making friends. I am sure that we could get along well and have good times together (in general, I enjoy all types of activities)!

Sincerely,
Louise