

Dear (hopefully amazing) host family

I could start off by saying something super formal, but let's be real - I would rather just say hi and tell you how I'm dying of excitement. So hi! I can already tell that we're gonna have a great time full of laughter and memories. But let me properly introduce myself since you're probably wondering who this mysterious, and overly enthusiastic person is.

My name is Ida Marie, but everyone just calls me Ida. Now, it's up to you if you pronounce it ee-duh or Ai-dah, I promise I'll react to both. I'm 15 years old, and I live in a smaller Danish town. Ever since I was a little girl, I've always dreamed of moving to a country with good weather and beautiful beaches (bonus points for palm trees). As I got older and learned more about geography, I quickly realized that California was basically paradise on earth.

My interest

When I was younger, I played a bunch of different sports. Everything from Handball to Gymnastics. But when I turned 9, I found my sport. Volleyball is definitely one of my favourite hobbies. I love both the teamwork, the fast-paced energy of the game, and the fact I can be extremely loud and no one will bat an eye. Whether it's a competitive match or just a fun game with friends, I always enjoy being on the court.

Besides sports, I also have a big passion for music. I listen to it 24/7. I love discovering new songs, making playlists, and singing & dancing along (whether I sound good or not is up for debate). Music is a huge part of my daily life, and I'm excited to share my favorite songs with you!

I also love watching movies - yes, even horror. I have an app called Letterboxd, where I log, review, and rate all the movies I watch, which basically makes me feel like a professional film critic, just minus the paycheck. My favorite movies are *Moonlight*, *Waves*, and *Bones & All* - deeply emotional and visually stunning films that I'd love to watch with you. And don't worry, I'll make sure to throw in some horror movies too... you know, for the bonding experience. 😊

Who is ee-duh or Ai-dah?

Well, I'm someone who can go from laughing so hard my stomach hurts to suddenly pondering life's big questions. I love making good memories and I'm all about beautiful things - views, food, music, sunsets, and of course, the beach (which I'm pretty sure my soul is bonded to) (not to be dramatic). I could spend hours just lying in the sun, tanning and listening to music and feeling the ocean breeze.

I'm someone who thrives on both energy and relaxation. I love adventurous days packed with excitement, but just as much, I enjoy slow, lazy days by the beach or curled up at home, doing nothing but soaking in the calm. I can talk for hours, especially about things that make me passionate, but I also cherish those quiet, peaceful moments when I'm just taking

everything in, enjoying the silence. Simply put, I'm someone who's all about fun, laughter, and embracing the little things that make life beautiful - unless it involves early mornings, then I'll pass. But hey, I'll probably make up for it with my late-night enthusiasm!

My family

I've grown up with two older brothers and one older sister, and I couldn't be more thankful for them. Being the youngest in the family definitely has its perks - like automatically being the favorite child (no debate here, really).

I'm also an assistant coach on a kids' dance team, and these kids are 4-6 years old. Every time I get home from practice, I thank my mom for making me the youngest because, honestly, I definitely dodged a bullet there. I'm not sure I'd survive being the oldest.

If I'm really bored I find it quite entertaining to go into my brother's room and just stand there. He really finds this funny and always tells me to stay a bit longer because he misses me and loves me. (That was a joke. He immediately screams at me to get out and it will never not be funny to make him a bit mad)

Other than my siblings, I am also blessed with a mom, dad and a dog. Everyone in my family means so much to me, including our teasing jokes.

See you soon! (Or vi ses snart! as we say)

So, all in all, I hope that this letter has helped you get to know me a little. I'm so excited to tell you even more about myself as well as getting to know you and your family. I'm looking forward to all the new experiences and memories ahead, and I can't wait to see what's in store!

Kind regards
Ida Marie



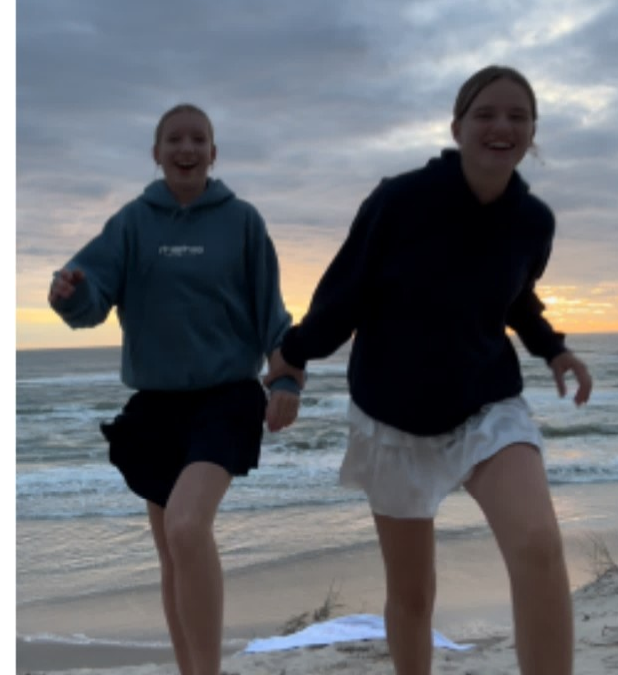
Wanted to prove to my best friend i could do the splits. (I couldn't)

At my friends house doing karaoke home alone. We sounded horrible.



My parents and I on the day i got confirmed

Family photo in New York
(Best trip ever)



One of my best friend and I's many photoshoots when we got to spend a week in our summerhouse alone

Me with one of my grandmas adorable dogs in the south of France. I love dogs so so much.





Getting ready for our last class of the day. Try and guess what it was based of our faces. (Hint: PE)

Some gossip with my friend before we got confirmed.



Nap in the hammock at the summerhouse with my best friend. (Most beautiful sentence ever)

The morning after a sleepover, the morning after war, or just the morning all in all? (3 correct answers)



Woke up from a group nap by someone farting. We still haven't figured out who it was.

Two of the most annoying people on my volleyball team. Also two of my best friends.

