

Would describe yourself as:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Timid | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intellectual | <input type="checkbox"/> Patient | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Talkative |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sociable | <input type="checkbox"/> Artistic | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Energetic | <input type="checkbox"/> Quiet |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Independent | <input type="checkbox"/> Neat | <input type="checkbox"/> Affectionate | <input type="checkbox"/> Mature |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Athletic | <input type="checkbox"/> Studious | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Witty | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

Check one box for the activities you enjoy, and check two boxes for your favorite activities:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Bicycling | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Movies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Sailing | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Theater |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Water Sports | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Camping | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Dance |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jogging/Running | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Painting/Drawing |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Shopping | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Baseball |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Golf | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Reading | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Horseback Riding | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Photography | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Skateboarding/Rollerblading |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Soccer | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Computers | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Boy Scout/Girl Scout |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Basketball | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Video Games | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>TRACK AND FIELD</u> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Volleyball | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Museums | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Musical Instrument (which do you play): <u>PIANO, DRUMS</u> | | (<input type="checkbox"/> Beginner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intermediate <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced) |

What is your religious affiliation, if any: CATHOLIC

Would you accept to go to religious service with your host family? Yes

In theory no, but I'm okay to try (*it will not be mandatory but it usually is an important part of the American family life*)

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Dear family,

My name is Aner , I'm 15 years old and I live in Azpeitia, Basque Country. My town is located near the capital of Gipuzkoa, San Sebastian. I live with my parents and my brother, my father's name is Asier and he is 53 years old, my mother's name is Onintza and she is 52 years old and my brother's name is Kilian and he is 12 years old.

I like doing sports, playing video games and hanging out with my friends. My favourite activity is running track and field. I run short distance races, such as the 60 meters and the 100 meters, and I also do long jump. Moreover, I sometimes do some long-distance training with my father. My best times are 7.46 in the 60 meters, 11.82 in the 100 meters, and 18:40 on the 5K. In general, I like any type of sport.

I'm a very curious person, I like learning new things, furthermore, I'm also very energetic and creative. I try to be disciplined with the things I want to achieve, and I'm usually perseverant in pursuing them. Improving myself motivates me to work hard every day. I like to socialize with people and make new friends, however, I can be a bit shy at the beginning, but when I gain confidence, I'm talkative and outgoing.

I train track and field 3 times a week, also, I go to the gym once a week. I used to play the piano and go to some lessons, but I quit it because I didn't have time to study, yet, I continue playing the drums. I started playing them when I was 5 years old because I wanted to play some music, it de-stress me a lot. When I was a kid, I started attending English classes at Kids&Us, and I have studied there since I was 5-6 years old.

About my goals, I would like to have two jobs at the same time, being an astrophysicist and university physics teacher, and also, competing as a professional athlete in international competitions.

I have a good relationship with my family, I sometimes get angry with them but we fix the problems in one day. I spend more time with my mother and brother than my father, because my mother works near our house and my brother goes to the same school that I go, but in a different building, on the other side, my father works in another town, so I see him after the afternoon. We used to go hiking when I was a kid, but we tend to go less now because we have less time to spend together. We do any type of activities together when we have time, like hiking, running, skiing...

The school where I study was called Urola, but they recently changed the name to Izarraizpe, it means under Izarraitz, which is the mountain range's name. The building I have been going to since I started this school year is quite old, but the one I used to go to in the past years is pretty new and big, the biggest one in my town. I have a lot of friends, my friends from my town and my friends from San Sebastian, who are my teammates during my track and field training and competitions.

My responsibilities at home are taking care of my little brother, teaching him, helping him... and doing the housework when I have to. I also help my parents when they ask for it, and I sometimes go to buy things for us. At school I have to attend all the classes because if I miss some information the teachers don't repeat it.

I would love to study at any university in the U.S.A. to improve my English and do track and field with people from here. They are much better than the athletes in Spain, and I think I can learn a lot from them. I would also like to study Astrophysics at the same time I train track and field in the same university. My plan is to have a job I like very much and I can earn money to live well, so being an astrophysicist and university teacher at the same time is the best option for me.

I want to go to the U.S.A to live this experience because I think that I must do it at least once in my life, and since my friends are going it's the perfect opportunity for me. I would like to improve my English by living in a family and doing the typical activities there, with people that I can only speak in English with.

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I am very grateful for the opportunity to share this experience with you and for welcoming me into your home. It truly means a lot to me that you have given me this opportunity. I look forward to learning about your culture, getting to know you better, becoming part of your family and contributing positively during my stay.

Best wishes,

Aner.



This photo is from one year ago, when I went to roma with my father. We went on a Friday and we returned on a Sunday. We had only one day to do tourism, and we wanted to see all roma and vaticano, so when we arrived, at 20:00pm, we stayed until the 2:00am visiting some places, for example, the Trevi Fountain, the coliseum, the pantheon, and more. The next day, we visited the same things but with more time, and in the afternoon we went to the vaticano, and we passed through the Holy Door, which is opened once in 25 years. In two days, we walked more than 50km doing tourism.



This photo might be my favourite one. It's from two years ago, when we went to see the Olympic Games as my birthday present. It has been one of my dreams to watch the Olympic games since I was a kid. We saw track and field, my favourite races were the 1500m final, the 200m semifinal and the 110m hurdles.



This photo is from Valencia. I went this year with my father to do the 5K, where I did my best race, 18:40. I took photos with professional runners, an example is Andreas Almgren, he has 26:45 in the 10K and 12:44 in the 5K. It was a very good experience since I had a great time.



This photo is when I climbed my first 3000 meters mountain, Taillon. We walked more than 20km going from the camp to the mountain peak. It was hard because I was a kid, but the pain was worth it.