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# Student Sneak Preview



**Marat from Spain (Male, age 15)  
2019-2020 Academic Year Program**

**Current Grade Level:** 10th grade

**English Score:** 221

**Intended grade in U.S.:** 11th grade

**Religious Affiliation:** Catholic

**Profession of Parent(s):** Father: High School Teacher; Mother: Nurse

**Favorite Sports:** Basketball  
Snow skiing  
Running  
Soccer

**Favorite Activities:** Painting, going to the movies, video games

**Age as of August 15th:** 15      **Willing to live with pets:** OK

**Able to live with smokers:** Yes, but only if they smoke outside

**Allergies:** Yes, mild pollen

**Special Dietary Restrictions:** No

**What makes you unique:**

**Student's Letter (Excerpt):**

Hello:

My name is Marat. Marat is a common name in Russia where I was born. I was adopted by my family from Spain. My family and I live on the north coast of Spain. I'm 15 years old and I'm a bit shy at first, but when I'm comfortable I'm talkative and funny.

My father is a high school teacher and my mother is a nurse in a hospital. I've a sister. She's twelve years old. We argue a lot but at the end of the day we get along pretty well.

I play in a high school basketball team. Even though we aren't the best, we work hard and we have fun playing and training. I also like skiing and I'm really good at it. I usually go with my family and other friends once a year to a ski station in Pirineos.

As a hobby I like drawing. I could spend hours doing a picture that I like. Eating isn't a problem for me. Although there are some dishes that I don't like too much, I eat everything and I like trying new things. I also like cooking.

My daily routine is to go to school, to do homework, to go to my basketball training and to go to an English academy to practice my English. At the weekends I play a basketball match and I meet my friends. In summer I usually go to the beach near my house, there I always meet some friend there. I also go for a week to a small town where my mother is from. It's very small but it's a lot of fun because when my cousins are there we have the whole town for ourselves. There are the ruins of an old castle and near there are some dinosaurs footprints. There is a small river where we swim and play on the hot days.

On Christmas, my family and I go to my aunt's house. She's my dad's sister and her house is huge. They're seven siblings so on Christmas Eve we celebrate all together singing Christmas Carols and eating typical Spanish food. On New Year's we go to my mother's town and celebrate the new year with her side of the family.

Well, I've told you all about my life, now I'd love to go to the USA to make new friends, practice the language, visit new places and, of course, meet my new American family.

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