I live in Newquay. It's a small town on the Atlantic coast in the south of England. It has got great beaches and is the best place to surf in the UK. There are lots of surf schools where you can learn how to surf. I go surfing with my friends every weekend. My favourite place is Fistral Beach. I love Newquay because there are lots of other things to do as well as surfing. If you like water sports, you can go kayaking, water-skiing or coasteering. Coasteering is different because it is rock climbing, jumping into the sea and swimming in the same activity, but you should always go with a special instructor. If you like animals you can also visit the Blue Reef Aquarium and see lots of different fish and even sharks. You can also go horse riding on the beach or visit Newquay Zoo. There are lots of other attractions too like mini golf and bowling. Come and see for yourself!

Hi! Nice to meet you! My name is John Smith. I am 19 and a student in college. I go to college in New York. My favorite courses are Geometry, French, and History. English is my hardest course. My professors are very friendly and smart. It's my second year in college now. I love it! I live in a big house on Ivy Street. It's near the college campus. I share the house with three other students. Their names are Bill, Tony, and Paul. We help each other with homework. On the weekend, we play football together. I have a younger brother. He just started high school. He is 14 and lives with my parents. They live on Mulberry Street in Boston. Sometimes they visit me in New York. I am happy when they visit. My Mom always brings me sweets and candy when they come. I really miss them, too! Hi, Judy! How are you? Sorry for not writing to you earlier, but life is so adventurous here! The Himalayas are incredible!! It's very cold here, but don't worry... I wear a special suit to stay warm. This experience is so exciting! At night, I sleep in a tent outside, while during the day I work with the scientists. We collect information about plants and animals. By the way, I think a saw a Yeti....!!! What about you? How are things at home? Is your mom still in bed with the flu? My mom got it too! I will be back next week... Honestly, I don't want to go back to school... I'd like to stay here longer! I'll see you soon! Best, Jake Sports are very important in Britain. A lot of British people practice sport, or they watch it on TV. The most popular sports in Britain are football (or soccer) and cricket. The British love football. This sport originated in Britain. England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland have their national teams, called football leagues. Norilsk is in Russia and is further north than any other large city in the world. It is a very cold place, often -30°C in winter. You can't get to Norilsk by car or bus because there aren't any roads. You have to fly or, in summer, arrive by boat. (In winter, the sea turns to ice.) The city has a population of around 180,000. A lot of these people work for Norilsk Nickel, one of the biggest metal companies in the world. Usually, the Royal family watches the match. The winner wins the Cup final. Cricket is a typical British game. It is a very old and complicated game played by two teams of eleven men, dressed in white. Rugby is the third British national sport. Other popular sports are tennis, horse-racing and golf.-Sport is also very important at school.

Julia's grandparents live in a small town near London called Dartford. It is a beautiful town with a big square and an old church in the middle. In the town centre there are the most important buildings: the town hall, the post office, three banks, a big shopping centre and a cinema.

In Dartford there is also a library, a museum, some supermarkets, a swimming pool and a sports centre. There are a lot of shops, some pubs and some restaurants. Children can go and play in the public park. There is also a hotel for tourists. You can go to Dartford by train, by car or by bus. Christopher Columbus was a sailor and a navigator. He was born in Genoa in 1451. He liked the sea very much. Columbus believed that the world was round. He wanted to reach the Indies going west. In the Indies there were gold and spices. He went to Spain and he offered his services to King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella.

The Queen gave him three vessels: Niña, Pinta and Santa Maria. They sailed from Palos, Spain, on August 3rd,1492. They sighted land on October 12th, 1492. Columbus believed that that island was one of the Indies, near Japan or China. He called Indians the native inhabitants. Columbus returned to Spain and the Queen was very happy. Columbus returned to the New World three times. Hi, my name is Elena. I have breakfast at 7 o'clock. For breakfast I have milk and chocolate and biscuits. During the break at school at 10 o'clock I have some saltine crackers. I have lunch at 2 o'clock in the school canteen. For lunch I always have pasta, meat or fish and a salad. I often have a fruit. I have dinner at home at 8 o'clock. For dinner I have a soup, eggs, or cheese and some vegetables. Sometimes I have an ice-cream for dessert. I drink mineral water. My favourite food is pizza. Peter lives in a big house with his parents, his brother and his sister.

Peter goes to school in the morning. In the afternoon he does his homework. In his spare time he watches TV or listens to music. He likes rap, but his parents hate it. He plays the drums. He plays basketball twice a week, on Tuesdays and Fridays. He likes adventure films, he thinks they are exciting. He doesn't like romantic films because they are boring Beautiful two-bedroom city flat five minutes' walk from the cathedral. Fully equipped kitchen, living room with a large sofa and chairs, big TV and balcony. The balcony has space for four people to sit and gets the sun in the mornings, and the flat is light and warm.

Punta Arenas is in the south of Chile, in South America. It is the furthest south of any large city in the world. It is near the Antarctic circle, but because of the ocean, the winters are not very cold (usually above 0°C). The population of Punta Arenas is around 110,000. The city has a main square with large, attractive buildings. There are also interesting museums.

I live in a house near the mountains. I have two brothers and one sister, and I was born last. My father teaches mathematics, and my mother is a nurse at a big hospital. My brothers are very smart and work hard in school. -My sister is a nervous girl, but she is very kind. My grandmother also lives with us. My grandmother came from Italy when I was two years old. She has grown old, but she is still very strong. She cooks the best food! My family is very important to me. We do lots of things together. My brothers and I like to go on long walks in the mountains. My sister likes to cook with my grandmother. On the weekends we all play board games together. We laugh and always have a good time. I love my family very much.

I have an uncle in Perak. My uncle is a teacher. He likes to play basketball. My aunt is a housewife. She cycles in the evening. Mia, my cousin is nine years old. We are in the same class, 3 Bestari. Emir, her brother is eleven years old. He likes to play badminton. That's all for now Jack. Look forward for your reply and take care.

Your friend,

Zarif

Scoraig, a small region in the north of Scotland, needs a new teacher for its primary school. It's a very beautiful place, but nobody wants to work there. It's a real problem for the local council! So why can't they find a teacher? Well, perhaps one reason is the isolated location. You can't drive to Scoraig; you have to walk along a narrow, four-kilometer path next to the sea or take a boat. The region does not have a shop or a post office, and every home has to find its own supply of water and electricity. The school itself is small – very small. In fact, only five children go there! But those five children need a teacher, so the council hopes to find one soon.

Rum and Canna are two very small islands near the west coast of Scotland. Rum has about 40 inhabitants and Canna only has twelve. Each island has a small primary school and the same head teacher is in charge of both schools. At the moment, the head teacher does not have a difficult job because the schools have no students! El Alto is the second largest city in Bolivia, a country in South America. It is also the highest large city in the world, with an altitude of 4,150 metres above sea level. It is near the capital, La Paz, but is bigger than the capital, with a population of about a million people. El Alto is not an easy place to live. Budaixi Primary School is in an isolated region of central China. It is difficult to find jobs here, so a lot of families leave the region and move to big cities. Because of this, the schools in the region are often very small. Budaixi Primary School only has one student. Her name is Xianzi and she is six years old. Her teacher, Mr Guo, teaches her maths and Chinese. Xianzi is six years old. Her teacher, Mr Guo, teaches her maths and Chinese. Because Xianzi is the only child at the school, she can't play games with other children at lunchtime – so Mr Guo plays with her. They enjoy table tennis and basketball. Then it is time for lessons again. And of course, Xianzi is always top of the class! Mein Name ist Anna. Ich komme aus Österreich und lebe seit drei Jahren in Deutschland. Ich bin 15 Jahre alt und habe zwei Geschwister: Meine Schwester heißt Klara und ist 13 Jahre alt, mein Bruder Michael ist 18 Jahre alt. Wir wohnen mit unseren Eltern in einem Haus in der Nähe von München. Meine Mutter ist Köchin, mein Vater arbeitet in einer Bank. Ich lese gerne und mag Tiere: Wir haben einen Hund, zwei Katzen und im Garten einen Teich mit Goldfischen. Ich gehe auch gerne in die Schule, mein Lieblingsfach ist Mathematik. Physik und Chemie mag ich nicht so gerne. Nach der Schule gehe ich oft mit meinen Freundinnen im Park spazieren, manchmal essen wir ein Eis. Am Samstag gehen wir oft ins Kino. Am Sonntag schlafe ich lange, dann koche ich mit meiner Mutter das Mittagessen. Nach dem Essen gehen wir mit dem Hund am See spazieren. Sonntag ist mein Lieblingstag!