

Three teens talk about their town

About me



My name's Emily Rains and I'm 12.

My home

It's in Buttermere. It's a village¹ in the north of England. My house is old. Buttermere is very small, with one shop, two hotels, and twenty houses. It's really beautiful, with mountains and two lakes².

My family

My mum and dad are farmers³. My dad is from Buttermere, but my mum is from London. My little brother Alex is 10.

My school

I'm at Cockermouth School. It's 20 kilometres from my home – an hour by bus. It's a big school with about 800 students.

My favourite things

My favourite subject at school is sport. Gymnastics⁴ is really great and I'm in the school team. But my favourite sport is kayaking. I'm on the lake every day in the summer for two or three hours. It's really exciting. Summer is fantastic in Buttermere.

One negative⁵ ...

The winter. It's cold and dark⁶ in the winter.

About me



My name's Peter Smith. I'm English and I'm 13.

My home

My home is in Bedford, in the east of England. Bedford has got a large Italian community and it's a very exciting place to live. There are Italian shops, a church, restaurants, bars, a youth club and the town festival is in March.

My family

My dad is English but my mum is from Italy. They're bakers⁷, and their shop is near our house. My big sister, Margherita, is 19. She's at university in Cardiff.

My school

My school is All Saints Academy. It's ten minutes from my house on foot. It's a great school and all my friends are students there. My best friend is Jorge. His parents are from Portugal. The teachers are very strict⁸, but they're usually fair. My favourite lessons are English and Science. Sport is good too, and Jorge and I are in the school football team.

My favourite things

My favourite football team is Arsenal. The Emirates Stadium is great and it's exciting when I'm at a match⁹ with my dad.

One negative...

My big sister! She isn't cool, she's boring!

About me



My name's Julia Brown and I'm 13.

My home

My home is in Belfast. Belfast is the capital of Northern Ireland. My house is in the south of the city, near the University. Today Belfast is famous for music and theatre.

My family

My mum is a History teacher at the university. She isn't from Northern Ireland, she's from the USA. My dad is American too, but my parents are divorced¹⁰. My dad is in Chicago.

My school

My school is Victoria College. It's a school for girls. It's near my house – 20 minutes on foot. My favourite lessons are Music and Drama, but English and Maths are OK.

My favourite things

Music is a big thing in Ireland and that's great for me. I'm a really good flute¹¹ player, and I'm in the school band.

One negative ...

My school uniform¹². It's horrible. It's grey and brown.

Glossary

¹ village	<i>paese</i>	⁷ bakers	<i>panettieri</i>
² lakes	<i>laghi</i>	⁸ strict	<i>severi</i>
³ farmers	<i>agricoltori</i>	⁹ match	<i>partita</i>
⁴ gymnastics	<i>ginnastica</i>	¹⁰ divorced	<i>divorziati</i>
⁵ negative	<i>cosa negativa</i>	¹¹ flute	<i>flauto</i>
⁶ dark	<i>buio</i>	¹² school uniform	<i>divisa scolastica</i>

Reading

1 Leggi i blog e scrivi i nomi.

1 A school with a gymnastics team.

2 A school for girls.

3 A boy with Portuguese parents.

4 An English football team.

2 Rileggi i blog e completa la tabella.

	Emily	Peter	Julia
Home	1 _____	5 _____	Belfast
Parents from	Buttermere London	6 _____ _____	9 _____ _____
School name	2 _____	All Saints Academy	10 _____
Travel to school	3 _____	on foot, 10 minutes	11 _____
Favourite thing	4 _____	7 _____	music
Negative thing	the winter	8 _____	12 _____

3 Completa le frasi.

- Buttermere is in the _____.
- Alex is _____ years old.
- The festival in Bedford is in _____.
- Margherita is at university in _____.
- Belfast is the capital of _____.
- Julia is a good flute player and is in the school _____.

4 Rispondi alle domande.

- How old is Emily?

- What's her favourite subject at school?

- What's her favourite season?

- How old is Peter?

- Are his parents farmers?

- What's his favourite sport?

- Is Julia with her dad?

- What colour is her school uniform?

Focus on you

5 Rispondi alle domande in modo personale.

- Where is your town?

- Where is your school?

- Where are your parents from?

- Who is in your family?

- What are your favourite things?

- And one negative thing?

Writing

6 Scrivi un brano (35–50 parole) per il blog. Includi queste informazioni.

- your name
- your age
- your nationality
- your home
- your school
- your favourite things
- negative things