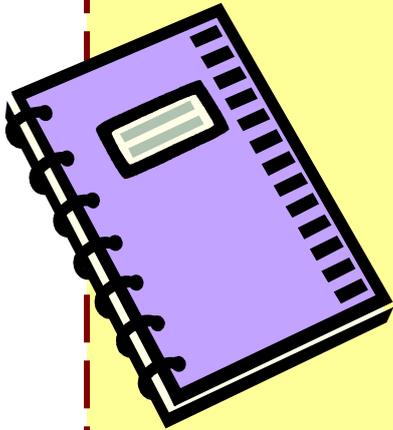


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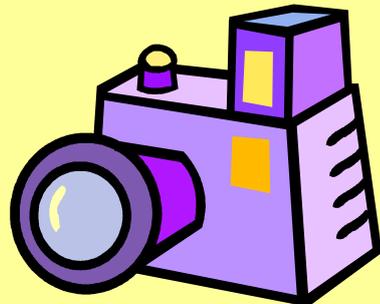


German



Journal

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Form 3
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Friday, 12th January 2007
08:30pm

Dear Journal,

Last Wednesday, during our German lesson, Miss Vella Gobey told us that she had good news for us!

We got all eager to hear the news.

"We are going to Germany with Comenius!!" she exclaimed.

I gasped, my eyes widened, and a flicker of excitement sparked inside me. My heart beat fast. I was so happy! ☺

At first, it was hard to digest it, and my mind filled up with questions. But then, I started to fill it up with lovely and exciting thoughts!

From that day onwards, I could not wait for the 23rd of March to come!

Who knows who my exchange partner is going to be? I hope she will be OK and that we will have similar interests!

Happiness and dreams,
Simone.



Friday, 23rd February 2007
4:20pm

Dear Journal,

Exams have passed and the day is getting closer gradually.

The flight on the 23rd of March got cancelled and it is going to be on the 24th of March, now! It is going to be at 6:40am! I think I am not going to sleep that night! One month to go, tomorrow! Next time I will write, I will hopefully be on the plane! ☺

See you there,
Simone.



Saturday, 24th March 2007

7:00am

Dear Journal,

I am on the plane right now!! We have been here for about 30 minutes! I am so excited!

We will arrive in Germany (Düsseldorf) at around 9:35am. Then we have to take the



train from there. The trip will be around two hours long, and finally our exchange partner will be waiting for us at the train station in Hamm!

My partner's name is Emina Malovic. I am so excited and nervous about meeting her and her family. I already talked to her on the emails. She seems quite nice. ☺

I bought them very nice presents and I am looking forward to give them out to them.

I can see mountains now and a river, which is snaking around them, below. It is so lovely! I think we are flying over North-Italy.

We will soon land.

5:50pm

Right now I am on Emina's desk, writing this journal! Emina's really nice. ☺ And the house is warm and lovely!

Before I came down from the train, I was nervous. Well, everyone was. Then, when the train stopped, we went out in one crowd. Then I saw a small crowd of people coming towards us. It was them! Anyway, we met, and everyone found her partner. Emina was with her mother. Then we walked out of the train station together and they drove me to their house. The first thing I did was to give out the presents. They liked them! Then we ate. Emina's mother is a chef, so the food was great!



Then I had a shower. Afterwards Emina took me to her friend's house (neighbour). She joined us and we walked to an ice-cream shop. I got to know Emina and her friend

better.

Then they showed me around their neighbourhood. The houses are beautiful! Back home. Emina is studying her Latin because they have a test on Monday.

Good evening,
Simone.



Sunday, 25th March 2007

9:15pm

Dear Journal,

Today I woke up at 8am. For breakfast there was bread, eggs, sausages, butter, nutella, strawberries...

Anyway, after breakfast, the Malovcic family took me to a zoo in Hamm. It was great! Today the weather is nicer. It is sunny.



We ate at the zoo restaurant and when we got back home, we got to know that we had a little party for Annalisa's birthday. So we prepared and went to the 'Bowlhouse', not far from where I was staying. There I met my friends. We played bowling and then we had a little party at Kathrin's house. Kathrin is Annalisa's exchange partner. We ate pizza and sang karaoke. It was fun!! Tomorrow we are going to school! I guess it would be interesting.

Have to go to sleep,
Simone.



Monday, 26th March 2007

8:35pm

Dear Journal,

Today was an enjoyable day! The school is cool. We had activities in the assembly hall. They dealt with migration, children's rights and more.. We made charts, role-plays and things that had to do with the theme.



I made some great friends, too! ☺

Then my Maltese friends and I decided to go shopping before the Maximare park activity. Therefore, we went to a shopping centre in Hamm called 'Alee Centre'. Then, after, I went back home to prepare for swimming! Maximare is lovely! We really laughed and had fun! We went into the Jacuzzi, exciting slides and more.

Now I am very tired. I must go, eat, and then sleep. Tomorrow we are going around Hamm and to the Mayor's house!

Goodnight,
Simone.



Tuesday, 27th March 2007
7.50pm

Dear Journal,

Today we had two lessons with our partners! I joined Emina at her Biology and History lesson. Then we met on the bus stage, next to the school and caught the bus to the city.

The symbol of Hamm is an elephant, so as you go around Hamm, you see many elephant shapes.

We stopped at the Mayor's house and the Mayor spoke to us about Hamm. It was interesting. Afterwards we had some time to go shopping. Then we went



back to school and there we decided to go ice-skating together! It was a great idea! ☺ I asked Emina and she told me that she couldn't make it because she had to study and do her homework. She told me I could go if I wanted.

So later, we went to the ice-skating rink! It was great fun!! I have never ice-skated before.

Afterwards, Kathrin invited us to her house. So off we went. We chatted over a delicious serving of spaghetti.

Good evening,
Simone.



Wednesday, 28th March 2007

6.45pm

Dear Journal,

Today we went to Cologne! It is so big and interesting. We climbed a very high tower of 509 steps! We were exhausted by the time we went back down. Then we had some time to go shopping. There are many nice shops in Cologne.



Afterwards we had to meet again to go to the chocolate museum! It was very interesting. We tasted some chocolate, got to know some chocolate history and more. I bought loads of chocolate as souvenirs!

Nice day,
Simone.





Thursday, 29th March 2007
6:00pm

Dear Journal,

Today we went to Münster. Pretty nice! We had a sort of quiz. We went around the city and answered some questions.

Then we visited the shops and unfortunately, it started to rain. We decided to go shopping in Hamm for the last time. So we did.

When I got back home, the Malovcic family gave me a bag of presents. They were for my family and me! ☺



Then I started packing some things because tomorrow back to Malta!

Now we have a farewell party! I am sure it will be loads of fun! It is my last night here. ☹

Have to go...
Simone.



Friday, 30th March 2007
11.45am

Dear Journal,

I am now on the aeroplane back to Malta!
Yesterday the party couldn't have been better. We spoke to all the friends we had made there, for the last time and made new ones! We really enjoyed it.

This morning we had to wake up early. I was quite sad about leaving. At the train station, while we waited for the train, we made a big



hug all together- our exchange partners and us! Then the train arrived and we had to part. I hugged Emina several times. I thanked her for everything and she told me to phone her as soon as I arrive in Malta. I waved, as I got on the train. It was very sad. ☹ I am really going to miss her. I am also going to miss all the other people I met and much, much more!

I enjoyed every moment of this wonderful experience! I hope I will see Emina another time, and maybe some other friends I made over there. I will never forget this lovely week in Germany! I just cannot forget it.

Yours truly,
Simone.

MISS YOU ALL!

