

Hello,

My name is Lisa Geissler and I am 19 years old. I'm from Leutkirch which is in the very south of Germany. I would like to work as an au-pair because I love to take care of children and to play with them. In my home country I work as a babysitter for a family. They've got two sons named Paul and Luis. Paul is 7 years old and Luis 4. I have been taking care of them since Paul is 3 months old. I usually look after them at the weekend from the afternoon till the morning of the next day. We play a lot together and in summer we spend a lot of time outside. After dinner I usually read something to them out of some children's books or tell them a story. After brushing their teeth and putting on their pyjamas I bring them to bed. I always sleep in the room beside them, so I could hear it, if they cried and could look after them immediately. Normally the two boys wake up at half past seven in the morning and then we all go in the bathroom to get washed up and to put on our clothes. After that we go downstairs to make and have breakfast. Then we usually play something or go outside for a walk with their dog because Paul and Luis are very lively and so they can have fun and burn off some energy.

I also work as a babysitter for a single parent mother. Her son's name is Yassin and he is 3 years old. I usually look after him one time weekly, mostly at weekend.

Beside this I also coach a sports group of about 15 girls who are between 6 and 12 years old. We do gymnastics with parallel bars, trampoline or horizontal bars. We meet weekly in the sports hall to train for 1,5 hours. I coach them and look after them so that nothing dangerous can happen. I also coach an athletic group with another woman which consists of about 25- 30 boys and girls in the age of 6- 12 years.

You might have recognized that I'm very interested in sports. My hobbies are gymnastics, volleyball, athletics and trampoline. Since I was a little girl I have done many kinds of sports and that's why I want to study sports. In school I also took sports as a major. Surely I also like to talk with my friends or go out with them.

In April 2006 I received my A- levels and now I work as a waitress in a bar and as babysitter to earn some money. In February '07 I'm going to attend the qualifying examination for my studies. Before I will start studying in October '07 I'd like to go to a foreign country, especially to South Africa, in order to get to know a different culture and people and also to improve my English. I want to work as an au-pair because I like children and doing activities with them very much and I would like to be integrated in a foreign household. Since I have finished school I share a great amount of the housework with my mom.

My mother's name is Claudia and she is 46 years old. She is a professional dental assistant but now works at the firm of my father. My father's name is Georg and he is 53 years old. He has got his own firm where he produces pieces for furniture. My parents have been married since 1982. I've also got a brother whose name is Philipp. He is 22 years old and lives near Lake Konstanz where he is studying law. I've got a good relationship to my family. We have a lot of fun together and are always there for one another.

I hope I will find a nice host family in South Africa so that I can try to be a part of the family and their lives for 6 months.

Kind regards,

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