

Hi new friend! My name is Elizabeth, it's nice to meet you! I'm 24 years old, 1st year student at Ventspils University of Applied Sciences, studying Intercultural Communication. What's your name?

Just to introduce myself - I enjoy running, going to gym, dancing Latvian folk dance, going to art museums, I love coffee and reading (right now my book of choice is Metamorphosis by Franz Kafka, Do you like to read?), in summer I like to go swimming, ride my bicycle, play beach volleyball and enjoy time with friends. I also like to knit, watch horror movies or TV shows and bake sweets. What are your hobbies? And which is your favourite season? Do you also like horror or do you prefer something calmer? By the way, I really love hiking, camping and just in general being outdoors, and I'm so glad that it's finally autumn, because it's gonna get so beautiful and sentimental, definitely elevating my runs or hikes. Which is your favourite season?

Alright, enough about me :D Let me tell you about my wonderful city Ventspils. Autumn here is treating us really well, as it's an coastal city, it's getting even windier than usual, it rains quite a lot, there are a lot of seagulls flying around - basically it's a moody town, with a lot of moody people. Also, we have a lot of cow statues scattered across all of Ventspils. I'll be honest, I have no idea why they are there, but at least they are very pretty :D But back to the moody people - most of the people here are really closed off, quite, won't get in to any small talk, but that's also how most of the Latvians are. It's in our nature to be quiet and awkward. But at least the students and my peers are really open, talkative and energetic. Oh, one funny thing about people from Ventspils - when talking, in Latvian, we tend to cut off some of the last letters from words, unintentionally. To make them shorter and to faster get on with our speech. Legend has it, it's because the strong, constant wind, so the other person could hear the core message when

talking in windy conditions... or we're just lazy
like that :D. What are people like in your city?
Do you also have some language or speaking quirks?
I already can't wait for your letter! Hope we can talk
again soon!

With warm regards,
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