

Introduction

My name is Mihály Gyuk, I'm 15 years old. I live in a small village –in Kőszegdoroszló - about 8km far from Kőszeg, but I don't have to live in the dormitory, because my parents can bring me to school by car every morning.

I'm learning at a bilingual class at Jurisich Miklós Secondary School in Kőszeg, so I'm learning chemistry, physics, math and geography in English, so I hope, my English will be almost perfect when I graduate.

I live with my parents and with my elder sister, Tünde. She is 19 years old, but we don't get on well with each other. My mother, Katalin works as a shop assistant in a mobile phone shop, and my father, András gives advice to farmers, when to harvest or which seeds to buy.

We have an old house, but I like living there, because we have a nice and big garden decorated by a lot of plants and trees. The other reason why I like living here is, that our area is very quiet and peaceful.

We have some animals at home, too, such as two cats, a guinea pig, a horse and a dog; but they don't live in the house, than in the stable and in the dog house outside our house.

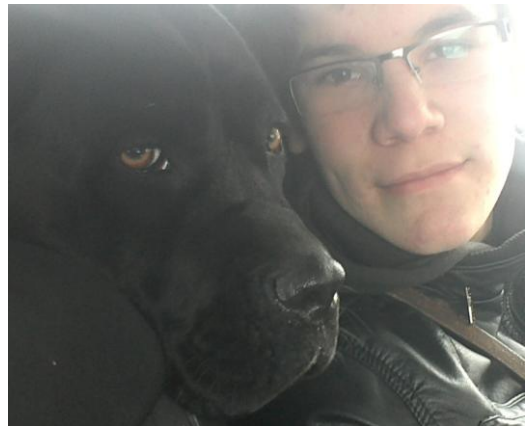
I spend a lot of time with my dog, Rozi; we play with balls, or we just go hiking.

I don't like sitting at home alone, so I often go out with my friends in afternoons, then we play billiards or table soccer and have a chat about our school day or about our last weekend. I like this afternoons, because then I can meet new friends. I think, I can make friends easily, so I am looking forward to our project very much.

My other hobby is taking photos. I don't mind, where I am or what I am doing, I take photos of my friends, of the landscape, of old buildings and of animals.

And what I'm really interested in are motorbikes and cars, especially old ones. Fortunately, my father is also interested in them, so we have some motorbikes from the '60s and '70s. I'm too young to get a driver license for bigger motorcycles, so I can ride only my small, and slow motorbike, but I don't mind it, I like going for short hikes on it with my father or with my friends.

I like also travelling, of course, that's why I want to take part in this project. I've been to a lot of countries around Europe, but I am interested in other places and cultures, too.



Isolation

If I hear the word: isolation, I immediately associate to Robinson Crusoe who lived on a separate island without any other people, completely alone. I think, he is the best example for isolation. He lived there long years alone, while he had only a lory to speak to and he had to make clothes and build his house for himself without any help. I think, his story is very imaginable, and nowadays there are also ship or plane accidents after which a lot of people disappear. They might survive the accident and live on an unknown island or they might die.

People who live in a cottage are also isolated from other people. They can't meet other people, they can't make friends or they can't communicate with anyone else at all.

And there are also very poor people for example in Africa who are absolutely separated from developed countries or also from water. They have sometimes go for long walks to get any water from a river.

But, if I live in a developed country, and I have a lot of friends, and I don't have to walk to get any water, and I can buy everything what I want, I can also feel separated or isolated. When I am on holiday far away from home, and I can't connect to the internet to have a chat with my friends, I feel very lonely. Or when I am on holiday abroad, and I don't speak the language of the country where I am staying, I can't speak to anyone, so I am isolated from them. And I think, it's the main reason why to learn languages.

And when somebody lives in a small village far away from the place where their friends, classmates or colleagues live, they can't meet them if they don't have a car, so it's also a great and frequent example for isolation. This example was a personally example for my own. I live in a small village 8 kilometres far from the town where I am studying, so I can't meet my friends at weekends or during my summer break very easily, because the bus traffic is very rare, and travelling by car is too expensive to often meet friends.

2 or 3 centuries ago, isolation was a quite bigger problem than nowadays, in the 21st century. About 200 years ago there weren't any cars, so people who lived in cottages couldn't meet their relatives or friends. And there weren't telephones, radios or computers, so people couldn't get any news from other towns or countries as easily as now.

I hope, isolation will disappear with the help of more modern tools and devices soon. It would be great, when everybody had the same chances to live cultural life and make friends.