

Dear Sir/Madam,

I saw the information about international student buddies on your website and I am writing to apply for the role.

I am a Brazilian student at Birkbeck College, London, where I am studying international law. I am fluent in English, Spanish, French, and Portuguese, which would help me to communicate with students from different countries. I am also very sociable and good at communicating with people, which I am sure would help me to establish a good relationship with new students.

As a foreign student in London myself, I am in an excellent position to understand the needs of students coming from other countries. I have a thorough knowledge of the city and the student life here. I am confident that I would be able to help students to feel at home and find their way around.

I have always been very keen on learning about other cultures and my own circle of friends in London is completely international. I strongly believe we should encourage people from different cultures to come together to help promote intercultural understanding.

I would be more than happy to give up my free time to work as an international student buddy and I'm certain I could make a valuable contribution to your programme.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

Paulo Figueiredo

Paulo uses certain phrases to make a good impression. Underline the phrases in the text that have these meanings.

1. I speak English well.
2. I like being with other people.
3. I have no problem talking to people.
4. I am able to understand the needs of students.
5. I know the city well.
6. I have always been interested in learning about other countries.
7. I would be willing to give up my free time.
8. I could help your programme.

Paulo writes “I am sure this would help me...” instead of “I think...” in order to sound more confident. Find two more expressions like this in the email.

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Choose one volunteer job to apply to.

- A website is advertising for volunteers to work in an international summer camp and organize activities for teenagers.
- A volunteer organization wants helpers to make contact with English-speaking families in your country and help them adapt to your culture.
- A large secondary school in your area wants volunteers to give talks to students about different jobs and to help them decide on a future career.

Make a list of reasons you would be a good fit for the job.

Be sure to include the reason you are interested, your past experience, and any related skills or personal qualities you have.

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