## My Home Stay

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Since I had never been abroad, this was my first experience studying in a foreign country. I enjoyed my life in the USA very much. During this trip, I enjoyed my home stay most. I stayed with another girl. My host family was a big family. There were parents, five children, two dogs, a cat, several horses, and several chickens. They lived in a place rich with nature. What is more, we could see many stars from their house. I like the view very much.

My host parents love their children so much. They are very humorous and kind people. My host children, aged from 7 to 15 and a half, are very cheerful and friendly. When we returned from our school, they always asked us "How was your school today?" with a smile. In their house, we played tag, hide-and-seek, and badminton every day. Though they were so quiet in the beginning, we



got friendly right away through playing together. Thanks to them, I learned English easily.

My host family took us many places. Since they are Christian, they took us to church every Sunday. Since I had never been to church, this was a really new experience for me. At the beginning of the Mass, the congregation sang songs. I liked the songs. I was very surprised that the songs sounded like modern music. They also took us to San Francisco, Big Sur, the aquarium, and other places. I enjoyed these



places very much. What is more, they gave me a birthday party!!! I was very pleased by their hospitality.

I got many memories through my home stay. I could get to know American culture, life style, and my family. I love my host family. I appreciate that I got to meet and stay with them. I'm looking forward to seeing them again someday.