

MARÍA JOSÉ CHEW FLORES (MAJO) 8th GRADE SPEED
UP 4

Alphabetical Order:

- *Active*
- *Annoy*
- *Attitude*
- *Appearance*
- *Character*
- *Curiously*
- *Dressed*
- *Reliable*
- *Romantic*
- *Unfriendly*

Color-Code:

- *Active*-----*verb*
- *Annoy*-----*verb*
- *Attitude*-----*noun*
- *Appearance*-----*noun*
- *Character*-----*noun*
- *Curiously*-----*adverb*
- *Dressed*-----*verb*
- *Reliable*-----*adjective*
- *Romantic*-----*adjective/noun*
- *Unfriendly*-----*adjective*

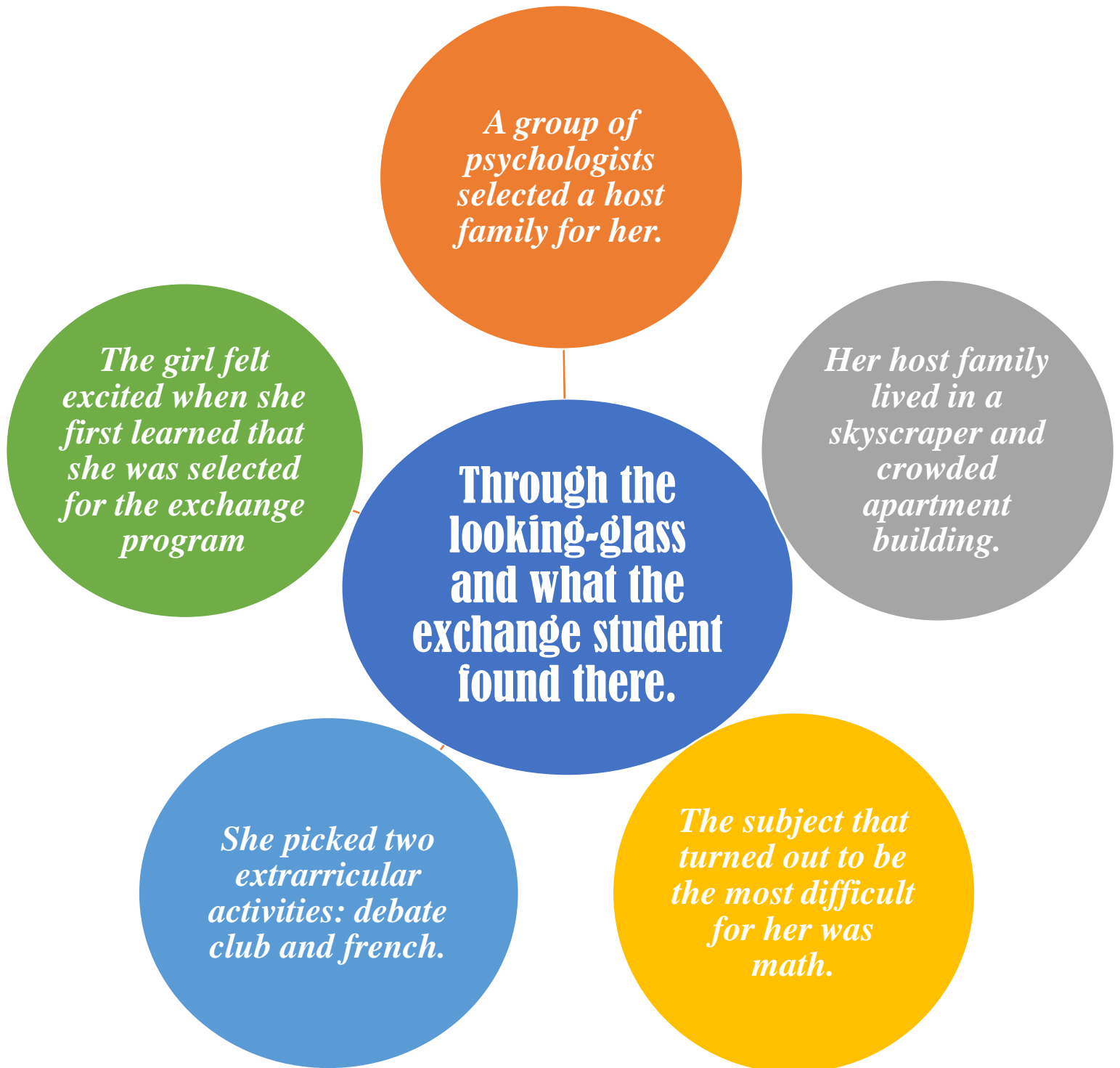
Synonyms:

- *Active = alive*
- *Annoy = discomfort*
- *Attitude = pose*
- *Appearance = aspect*
- *Character = figure*
- *Curiously = interesting*
- *Dressed = put on*
- *Reliable = safe*
- *Romantic = in love*
- *Unfriendly = unpleasant*

Sentences:

- *My dog, Tarzan, passes active all day.*
- *Jose Andres annoys me.*
- *My attitude is very nice; but not for my brother.*
- *The people's appearance deceives.*
- *Sofia is a dramatic character in the school.*
- *It's curiously good for us.*
- *I'm dressed for the gala.*
- *Julio is a person reliable of my grandmother.*
- *99% of men are not romantic.*
- *Gustavo behaved unfriendly with his family.*

BRAINSTORMING IDEAS



A. Read the text and circle its main topic:

- a. The main rules of the exchange programs.
- b. An experience a student had on an exchange program.
- c. A description of the selection process for the exchange programs.

B. Read the text again. Complete the sentences with information from the text.

- The girl felt excited when she first learned that she was selected for the exchange program.
- A group of psychologists selected a host family for her.
- Her host family lived in a skyscraper and crowded apartment building.
- In her own school, bringing electronic equipment to school.
- She picked two extracurricular activities debate club and French.
- She fell asleep during 8 hours.
- The subject that turned out to be the most difficult for her was math.
- She learned from this trip that it could be more than one place in the world where you can be happy.

My experience in the exchange-program

(Personal short story)

On a normal day, they were distributing flyers at all doors, with information about what they offered for those who wanted to go as an exchange student, along with the number to call and to bring us; no exam is required to apply to the exchange program. My mom and me talked and we reached an agreement, to be good, to call her every night, don't have boyfriend and behave me as God commands.

I didn't know which state choose. California, Texas, Illinois, Indiana or Virginia. My family helped me and I decided to go to Illinois, because there I have two aunts, in case something happens to me. When they arrived to bring me, I said goodbye and went us to the airport. To arrive there, even a group of psychologists selected a host family for me; the exchange program people gave me an academic advisor. She helped me pick my classes and arrange my schedule and told me that I could pick some extracurricular activities, because I needed them for my cv to get a part-time. So, I took a music class and Hebrew. Another issue was that I cannot speak a lot English, but God will help me; indeed, I met people kindhearted. It was a new experience, I had never been away of my family; you will find unfriendly people, but if you going with God, you won't feel alone.

PRESENT SIMPLE

Repeated actions (habits, routines). Permanent situation.

Structure

+ Sub+ verb in present+ complement

— Sub+ do/does+ not+ verb in present+ complement

? Do/does+ sub+ verb in present+ complement+?

Examples

- I run all day.
- Mary jumps the rope.
- They don't eat hamburgers.
- Julio doesn't come here.
- Does Dasha annoy to Tarzan?
- Do you want to be my best friend?

PRESENT CONTINUOUS

Something that happens at the moment. A temporary situation.

Structure

+ Sub+ verb to be+ verb ing+ complement

— Sub+ verb to be+ not+ verb ing+ complement

? Verb to be + sub+ verb ing+ complement+?

Examples

- I am playing violin.
- She is eating ice cream.
- Arturo is not driving car.
- We are not swimming in the pool.
- Is Miguel sleeping?
- Am I running in the street?

C. Read the text. Circle the correct answer (a or b) from the box below to fill in the spaces.

Hi, Aline. What's up? I (1) _____ you (2) _____ great!

You wanted me to tell you about my friends here in the US. Well, I only (3) _____ a few friends right now, but they are very reliable and active. We (4) _____ everything together: go to the movies, practice sports, and join clubs. Right now they (5) _____ tennis. I (6) _____ in the game, because I'm really bad at it.

Anyway, every day after school we (7) _____ to play video games or (8) _____ to play soccer. We (9) _____ any of these activities today, unfortunately. A cousin (10) _____ at my best friend's house at the moment and he just (11) _____ tennis. So everyone (12) _____ and I (13) _____ bored. I (14) _____ I'll have to learn to enjoy watching others play.

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| 1. a. hope | b. am hoping | 8. a. go out | b. are going out |
| 2. a. do | a. are doing | 9. a. don't do | b. aren't doing |
| 3. a. have | b. am having | 10. a. stays | b. is staying |
| 4. a. do | b. are doing | 11. a. loves | b. is loving |
| 5. a. play | b. are playing | 12. a. plays | a. is playing |
| 6. a. don't participate | b. 'm not participating | 13. a. get | b. am getting |
| 7. a. meet | b. are meeting | 14. a. think | b. am thinking |