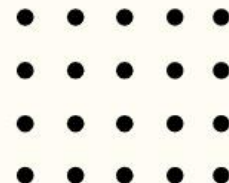


ANG-5105-1. WRITING SKILLS II



Applying to Be an Au Pair

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L.E.S Applying for Being an Au Pair

SCENARIO

You have applied for the position of an International Marketing Assistant and obtained it. Yet, after a few months in your workplace, you have realized that your level in English should be upgraded as well as your leadership skills. You resigned from your position. Eager to improve your skills, you decide to look for a stay in the United States. As you are still young, you have the opportunity to sign up to be an *Au Pair.

Thanks to your readings, your mind is made up and you decide to apply to be an Au Pair for a year in the United States. Write a cover letter to the Au Pair Organization.

TASKS

Task 1:

Read the “Au Pair Success Stories” from page 4 to 6

Read “The Career Benefits of being an Au Pair” pages 6 and 7

Use the information charts from page 8 to 9 to gather and organize information about the various texts and graphs.

Task 2:

Write a cover letter to the sponsor of the Au Pair Organization in order to apply to become an Au Pair. Draft: pages 11 and 12. Final: pages 13 and 14.

DURATION

- 120 minutes

FAMILIES OF LEARNING SITUATIONS AND LANGUAGE FUNCTIONS:

- Informing, expressing, persuading

AUTHORIZED MATERIALS/RESOURCES

- English dictionary, bilingual dictionary, grammar book
- Internet, magazines, newspapers, books
- Other relevant resources.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Read and interpret the different texts.
- Use the information charts to gather and organize information.

TASK 1 READ AND INTERPRET TEXTS



AU PAIR ORGANIZATION

APPLY: @ info@aupairexchange.org



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3 Au Pair Success Stories

Au Pair Organization has found the program to not only be a great cultural experience that creates meaningful memories, but a learning opportunity they can leverage for greater success once they've returned to their home countries with new skills.

Sophie became a cabin attendant for Qatar Airways.

"Living abroad, in a host family, helped me to become more confident, to take initiative, and to feel responsible for others. It helped improve my English and social skills. As an au pair, I learned patience and cultural awareness. I am using these skills every day in my job as a cabin attendant for an international airline. I love learning about new cultures, exchanging differences between my culture and others'."

"As an au pair I had to go towards other people I did not know. I am more confident in talking to people for the first time, I know how to start a conversation. I am using my English every day in my job but also with friends I made during my year in the USA and to watch TV or listen to the radio. Every time I can, I talk about my experience, to future au pairs or families who want to have an au pair. I tell them about my life in the U.S. and all the great times I had during that year."



"For my job, I get to travel around the world and I soon will be going back to the U.S. I cannot wait for it! In the meantime, I enjoy going to all sorts of different countries and parts of the world I could only have dreamt about. Thanks to my experience in the U.S. I got to work on an international level to help create a network about intellectual and mental disabilities."

—Sophie C., from France. Au pair for two years in Westfield, New Jersey.

Ana became an English teacher with CCSL.

"The program helped me to improve my English - that was my principal objective. When I came back home, big companies called me for interviews and I wish I could enjoy all the opportunities."

"I went to Canada and, after coming back, traveled around my state in Brazil. People are always interested in what the USA looks like. A lot of people also were jealous of me. Right now, I am back to the U.S., got married and I am teaching English to people of different countries and cultures."

—Ana D., from Brazil. Au pair for one year each in Huntington Woods, Michigan, and Chatham, New Jersey.



Luc became a student at Clarkson University.

"Today I am a more open-minded person with a life experience that not many people have the chance to live. I am going towards my last year of college in the U.S. now. I could manage in English before being an Au pair, but I was not fluent. It is amazing how much I've learned and keep learning. Being an au pair was life changing for me."

"I am someone I would never have expected to be five years ago."

—Luc P., from Spain. Au pair for one year each in Sinking Spring, Pennsylvania, and Eastchester, New York.



Originally from Sweden, Tove Meyer was a Cultural Care au pair in Chicago between 2002 and 2003. She is now a journalist and author, as well as a producer at a large Scandinavian talk show.

Being an au pair is a very good addition to your CV, because it shows that you work hard, take responsibility, and are brave enough to leave your country for a new culture. But I would also say that this experience is enriching at every level. It is an adventure and a challenge which cannot be compared to anything else: A cultural experience that, in some ways, will define you for the rest of your life.



Sponsor: Au Pair Organization (APO)
is proud to have an experienced team that is dedicated to international cultural exchange.

Spend an exciting year living in the U.S. as an au pair providing child care to an American family. Experience a new culture and create life-long memories along the way! We're here to help you apply for your visa and find a great host family, and provide support throughout your au pair year. Interested?

Contact us at Au Pair Organization

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The Career Benefits of Being an Au Pair

By James Bridge – Published March 10, 2017, updated July 13, 2018

Did you know that one in three mid-and large-size U.S. employers work with global clients and are looking for employees with foreign language and cultural competency skills?

Do you also know that 80 percent of 800 U.S. executives said that their business would increase if only their staff had more international experience?

It's a fact that more and more employers in the U.S.- and around the world- are looking to hire "global talent." And, believe it or not, being an au pair

abroad is a fantastic way to increase your own “global talent”. Even a stint as a short term au pair abroad can not only contribute to your personal growth, but also strengthen your professional skills, increase your qualifications for a variety of jobs, and set you apart from the pack.

In short, employers are looking for those who know how to work with people different than themselves. They want to hire employees with:

1. **Adaptability and flexibility**
2. **Foreign language capabilities and cross-cultural communication skills** (i.e., an ability to communicate effectively with people who have different cultural expectations and references)
3. **Leadership and management skills** to take on complex tasks and work with people from different backgrounds.

Au pair jobs abroad can provide you with valuable experiences in all of these areas, and more. Being an au pair involves complete immersion in a new family and way of life, in a new country, language, and culture. Each day can be an exciting challenge, providing new opportunities to grow your sense of responsibility and independence, and your ability to adapt, problem solve, and lead. If you choose to be an au pair abroad, you have the opportunity to become the “global talent” that so many employers are seeking.

These charts may be used to help you gather and organize information for the final task. The charts are optional and will not be evaluated.

INFORMATION CHART

Questions about “3 Au Pair Success Stories”	Answers
What kind of opportunities can an Au Pair get?	
What skills can be developed or improved as an Au Pair?	
Why do people decide to become Au Pair candidates?	
Services offered by the Au Pair Organization?	
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INFORMATION CHART

Questions about “The Career Benefit of Being an Au Pair”	Answers
What kind of employees companies are looking for?	
Why is it so important for companies to hire people having an international experience?	
What skills are relevant for these companies?	
Other notes: <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	

TASK 2 WRITE AND PRODUCE TEXTS

Scenario

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Instructions:

Write a cover letter to the sponsor of the Au Pair Organization in order to apply to become an Au Pair. Don't forget to include all the pertinent information.

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- The body of your cover letter will be between 150-250 words long.
- Write your draft on the page titled "Draft". Write your cover letter on the page titled "Final copy".
- Include the greetings.
- End with a polite sentence followed by your full name.
- Include the date, as well as opening and closing salutations.
- Introduce yourself and include everything you may think pertinent.
- Convince the Au Pair sponsor that you are the ideal candidate.
- Hand in this Learning Evaluation Situation.

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