

## A website

- 1 Read the website. Would any of the people make a good pen pal for you?  
Why / Why not?

# Pen Pals

Over 1 million members to choose from – from over 100 different countries!

Register now for an account and add your profile – it's free!

Search by age, gender, city, country and languages. Find the pen pal you want quickly!

A language exchange with a pen pal from Turkey is a great way to make a friend, learn about Turkish culture and improve your foreign language skills. Language learners of all levels can participate – even beginners. It's a great way to improve your writing, reading and grammar.

Hi, I'm Emre. I'm 25 years old and I come from Adana. I'm a medical student in my fourth year at Çukurova University. As part of my studies, I'm doing a work placement at a local hospital right now. When I finish my degree, I'd like to get a job in the UK or the US, so I particularly want to improve my English. Feel free to contact me via email or we can use Skype.



A

I'm looking for new friends of my age from all over the world! I would like to find out more about other countries and cultures. I'm a fun-loving teenager who is very friendly and talkative ... and my English is fantastic, LOL!! I'm really into football – my favourite team is Galatasaray. So if you're a soccer fan too, I'd love to hear about your local teams!



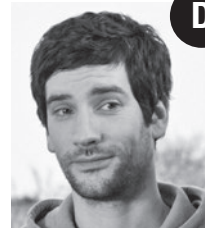
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Hey, I'm Ceren from Istanbul. I'm a mechanical engineer. I've been working in London for two months and I want to improve my English speaking skills for my work and to get to know people here. I'm fed up with being lonely and coming home each day to my empty flat. I want to make some new friends – can you help me? Please email. I also use WhatsApp and Twitter.



C

I'm a young guy from Bursa. Nice to meet you! I'm looking for friends from any country, but particularly Japan and the US. My English is pretty fluent because my mother is from the UK, and I know how to speak Japanese, but I can't read or write it well. I've recently really got into anime / manga and anything Japanese. I am studying for a degree in computer graphics and animation and I'm a big fan of computer games.



D

Hi! I'm Zeynep – a 22-year-old Turkish girl. I'm working in Ankara, and I live with my family. I'm looking for language exchange friends who can help me practise English. I can help you learn Turkish as well. I'm thinking about going abroad to study for a master's degree in business management. I love Turkish pop music, but I'm also crazy about KPop – it's a type of music from Korea!



E

**2** Read the website again. Match the sentences below with the people A–E.  
Some sentences match more than one of the people.

Who ... ?

- 1 is doing a university course at the moment
- 2 doesn't care where their pen pal comes from
- 3 suggests using different types of communication
- 4 has a particular interest in the Far East
- 5 says they speak English well

**3** Answer the questions about the text.

- 1 What do you have to do to find pen pals online through this website?

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- 2 According to the text, why is having a Turkish pen pal beneficial?

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- 3 What different reasons do the people give for wanting a pen pal?

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- 4 Which hobbies do people mention?

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- 5 What are the similarities and differences between Emre and Ceren?

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**4** Answer the questions with your own ideas.

- 1 Have you or anyone you know ever had a pen pal? If so, where were they from?

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- 3 What information would you include in your profile, if you were registering on a pen pal website?

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- 2 What kind of things do you think are important for making a good friend? Why?

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